



Guide to the Castaways Hotel and Casino Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Castaways Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Title:	Castaways Hotel and Casino Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00270
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1963 to 1987
Physical Description:	0.03 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder, 1 shared box of negatives)
Physical Description:	1.1 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Castaways Hotel and Casino Photograph Collection, approximately 1963 to 1987, consists of black-and-white and color photographic prints and negatives. Images depict the exterior of the entrance to the property, the mega-pylon sign, the pool area, and the "Gateway to Luck" replica temple in the courtyard area. The interior images depict various hotel rooms and suites, a couple dining, and a performance by Rusty Isabel, an entertainer in the Kon Tiki Lounge inside the property.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

Castaways Hotel and Casino operated from 1963 to 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada, with its casino closing and re-opening numerous times throughout its tenure. In the late 1960s, Howard Hughes purchased the property along with several others on the Strip, and in 1987 Steve Wynn bought it with the purpose of demolishing all existing structures to make way for the Mirage, which would open in 1989. Prior to the opening of Castaways, the property was the site of San Souci Hotel and Casino.

Source:

"Castaways Hotel," *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*, accessed March 10, 2020, <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/castaways-hotel>.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1987; accession numbers 87-109, 1981-146.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of a backlog elimination project, Nicole Batten wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Hotels -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Entertainment -- Nevada -- Las Vegas

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints, approximately 1963 to 1987 Physical Description: 15 Photographic Prints	folder 01
Photographic negatives, approximately 1963 to 1987 Physical Description: 3 Photographic Negatives	box SH-031