



## Guide to the Cork Proctor Photograph Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Proctor, Cork, 1932-
<b>Collector:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Arnold Shaw Popular Music Research Center
<b>Title:</b>	Cork Proctor Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00349
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1960s-1980s
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1980s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.06 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.06 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Cork Proctor Photograph Collection (1960s-1980s) primarily contains black-and-white photographic reproductions of early Las Vegas, Nevada; the Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe, Nevada; and various celebrities. The collection also includes black-and-white photographic prints of the Helldorado Parade. Cork Proctor was a comedian who performed throughout Nevada and the United States.

### Preferred Citation

Cork Proctor Photograph Collection, 1960s-1980s. PH-00349. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Cork Proctor was born on July 22, 1932 in Wisconsin. His family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in the 1940s, where he attended Las Vegas High School. During the 1950s he worked as a valet at the El Rancho Vegas, and then as a lifeguard at the Sahara Hotel and Casino. He later worked as a musician, traveling with several bands until the 1970s, when he first performed his stand-up

comedy act. His career as a comedian, which spanned over 40 years, took him to various venues across the United States. Cork Proctor currently resides in Ecuador.

Source:

Proctor, Cork. *My Mind Is An Open Mouth: A Life Behind the Mic*. Las Vegas, NV: Stephens Press, 2014.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2002 by Cork Proctor; accession number 2002-012. Materials were collected by the director of the Arnold Shaw Popular Music Research Center and transferred to Special Collections and Archives.

## Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Cork Proctor Papers, 1942-2012. MS-00445. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

Proctor, Cork. Interview. 2006 February 03. OH-01516. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Proctor, Cork. Interview. 2006 February 03. OH-01682. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- Hotels -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Casinos -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Comedy -- Las Vegas
- Celebrities
- Fremont Street (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Entertainers

- Tahoe, Lake (Calif. and Nev.)

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Las Vegas, Nevada train depot during the 1920s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
U.S. mail airplane and horse with rider in the 1920s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Fremont Street during the 1920s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Car race on Fremont Street during the 1900s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0004) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Parade on Fremont Street during the 1900s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0005) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Gilcrease Ranch in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1920s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0006)	folder 01
Gilcrease Ranch in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1920s. Leonard Gilcrease is on the left, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0007) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Unidentified man in a cowboy hat holding a baby burro during the 1920s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0008) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Entrance to the Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, Nevada during the 1940s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0009) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Poolside at the Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, Nevada during the 1950s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0010) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bar inside Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, Nevada in 1945, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0011) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
The California-Nevada stateline inside the Cal-Neva Lodge Indian Room, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, Nevada in 1939, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0012) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, Nevada in 1937, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0013) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Thunderbird Hotel marquee featuring Rodgers & Hammerstein's South Pacific in the 1960s. Joe Wells is in the center, photographic reproduction., 1980s (0349_0014) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Mickey Rooney and the Riviera showgirls during the 1960s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0015) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Publicity stunt featuring a floating craps table at the Sands in the 1950s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0016) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Cork Proctor performing in "Giggles and Yocks" at the Marina Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1985 (0349_0017) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01

Cork Proctor and JAWS prop performing in "Giggles and Yocks" at the Marina Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1985 (0349_0018) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
From left to right: Elizabeth Taylor, Eddie Fisher, and Debbie Reynolds in 1958, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0019) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Thunderbird Hotel float at the Helldorado Parade in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1960s (0349_0020) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Thunderbird Hotel float at the Helldorado Parade in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1960s (0349_0021) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Little girls in cowgirl outfits performing on a float in the Helldorado Parade in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1950s, photographic reproduction, 1980s (0349_0022) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01