

Guide to the Boulder City 31ers Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Abstract:	The Boulder City 31ers Photograph Collection depicts the construction of the Hoover (Boulder) Dam and the development of Boulder City, Nevada from 1930 to 1987. The photographs primarily depict construction of the Hoover Dam, but they also depict workers, dormitories, the Colorado River, stores, and Black Canyon.

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Historical Background

The Hoover Dam, also known as the Boulder Dam, was constructed on the Colorado River in Black Canyon near Las Vegas, Nevada from 1931 to 1936 during the Great Depression. The dam impounds Lake Mead, the country's largest reservoir, and it provides hydroelectric power to Nevada, Arizona, and California. The dam was built by workers employed by the joint venture of construction companies called Six Companies, Inc. Six Companies was chosen by the Bureau of Reclamation after winning a bid to construct the dam. The Hoover Dam was dedicated in 1935 and began operations in 1936.

The Boulder City 31ers are a club comprised of Boulder City, Nevada residents who have ties to the founding of what became Boulder City in 1931. The original 31ers were people who moved to Boulder City during construction of the Boulder Dam. Over time, eligibility to become

a 31er evolved to include anyone who has lived in Boulder City for more than 31 years and the descendants of anyone who lived in Boulder City during construction of the dam. The club supports the preservation of Boulder City's history.

Source:

"Keeping Boulder City History Alive: Boulder City 31ers." *Boulder Dam 31ers*. <http://www.boulderdam31ers.com/about-the-31ers.html>

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

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Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

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

Virginia "Teddy" Fenton Photograph Collection on the Hoover Dam and Boulder City, Nevada, 1920-1985. PH-00022. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Burrell Lawton Photograph Collection on the Hoover Dam, 1931-1934. PH-00120. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jamey Stillings Photographs of the Hoover Dam, 2009-2011. PH-00380. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Elbert Edwards Photograph Collection, 1852-1991. PH-00214. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)
- photographs
- Civil engineering

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