



## Guide to the James D. O'Brien Photographs

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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>Collector:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Libraries. Special Collections and Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	O'Brien, James D.
<b>Title:</b>	James D. O'Brien Photographs
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00378
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1900 to 1929
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.58 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.41 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The James D. O'Brien Photographs (approximately 1900-1929) are comprised of photograph albums and scrapbooks created by James D. O'Brien, surveyor, mining engineer and prospector. O'Brien's photographs feature locations throughout Central and Southern Nevada and Death Valley, California. Photographs depict life and work in mining camps; miners and their families; local Shoshone Indians; mining company financiers; landscape and mining towns. Locations include but are not limited to Pahrump, Nevada; Pioneer, Nevada; Rhyolite, Nevada; Wahmonie, Nevada; and Death Valley, California.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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local Shoshone Indians; mining company financiers; landscape and mining towns. Some albums also include images of O'Brien and his family. Locations include but are not limited to Pahrump, Nevada; Pioneer, Nevada; Rhyolite, Nevada; Wahmonie, Nevada; and Death Valley, California.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain as they were received.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

This is an artificial collection. Materials were gathered or purchased by the Director of Special Collections starting in the late 1970s; accession numbers MS11, MS11A, MS11B, MS11C, MS11D, MS11E, and 2022-039.

### Processing Note

In 2022, Sarah Jones and Peter Michel separated this material out of its former collection, UNLV University Libraries Collection on Nevada Mining (MS-00011).

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## Names and Subjects

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- black-and-white photographs

- Mining camps
- Death Valley (Calif. and Nev.)
- Rhyolite (Nev.)
- Pahrump Valley (Nev. and Calif.)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers	
Pahrump, Nevada mining site landscapes; carbonite vein at the Pahruneah Mine; mining camps and prospectors; Shoshone Indian workers; Butte site near Bare Mountains owned by Pacific Quarries Incorporated: photograph album, approximately 1920 to 1929	box 01	album 01
Nevada mines including Sierra Blanca, Yellow Jacket, and Liberator; mining engineering works, mining claim owners and workers; and landscapes: photograph album, approximately 1910 to 1919	box 01	album 02
James D. O'Brien and family; landscape and mines near Pioneer, Nevada: photograph album, approximately 1910 to 1919	box 01	album 03
James D. O'Brien and family in various California locations; Shoshone Indian camp; Yellow Jacket mine engineering; Holland Hotel staff; hot springs near Pioneer, Nevada: photograph album, approximately 1910 to 1919	box 01	album 04
Aerial views of towns and various mining sites including Yellow Jacket Mine; Mayflower Mine; Shoshone Mine in Rhyolite, Nevada; James D. O'Brien; Cresone, Colorado; Virginia City, Nevada; families and ranches; Pioneer, Nevada: photograph album, approximately 1900 to 1910	box 02	album 05
Death Valley, California; people; mineral veins; Beatty and Wahmonie, Nevada; and financiers and miners: photograph album, approximately 1910 to 1929	box 02	album 06
Newspaper articles and a small amount of photographs of the Wahmonie, Nevada gold rush: scrapbook, approximately 1920 to 1929	box 02	album 07
Scotty's Camp site; Pioneer, Nevada; Shoshone miners and Shoshone families; Death Valley, California crater "tumbite-a-mosa": photograph album, approximately 1910 to 1919	box 03	album 08
Death Valley, California; Carrara, Nevada; Rawhide, Nevada; American Indian families, families of miners; miners; landscapes; mining camps; towns: photograph album, approximately 1910 to 1929	box 03	album 09