



Guide to the Southern Nevada Neon Survey Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Libraries
Creator:	Neon Museum
Creator:	Mayes, Aaron, 1968-
Creator:	Mercado-Rosas, Cindi
Creator:	Cannaday, Joshua
Creator:	Simmons, Pamela
Creator:	Soto, Nicole
Contributor:	Schwartz, David G., 1973-
Title:	Southern Nevada Neon Survey Records
ID:	PH-00401
Date [inclusive]:	2002-2003, 2016-2018
Physical Description:	2932 Digital Files (37.101 GB) TIFF
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Southern Nevada Neon Survey Records (2002-2003, 2016-2018) are comprised of digital photographs and survey forms documenting neon signs in Las Vegas, Nevada. The records represent work done for the Neon Survey, which was a collaborative project conducted by the Neon Museum and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries Special Collections and Archives. The survey forms document information on each sign such as the name and address associated with the signs, physical condition, artistic significance, and general history. The collection represents the efforts of two cultural heritage organizations in Las Vegas to document and preserve the artistic and historical significance of Nevada's neon heritage.

Preferred Citation

Southern Nevada Neon Survey Records, 2002-2018. PH-00401. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

The Neon Survey was a collaboration between UNLV University Libraries Special Collections and Archives and the Neon Museum to photograph and collect information about neon signs in Las Vegas, Nevada. The survey was designed to capture the artistic and historical significance of the neon art form. The first phase of the project was undertaken in 2002 and the second phase took place from 2016 to 2018. The 2002 survey includes survey forms and photographs that were created by David G. Schwartz and Josh Cannaday that were published online. The survey forms from the 2016 to 2018 survey were conducted by the Neon Museum and the digital photographs were created by Aaron Mayes and student interns. The project was significant in documenting and preserving Nevada's neon heritage.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were formally transferred to University of Nevada, Las Vegas Special Collections and Archives in 2017 and 2018; accession numbers 2017-148, 2018-017, and 2018-018.

Processing Note

In 2019, Tammi Kim transferred digital files from Google Drive and a networked drive to accession the collection. A virus scan was conducted and checksums and metadata manifest were created during accessioning. Descriptive summaries of the collection files were created during accessioning and a finding aid was created in ArchivesSpace. No further work has been performed on the materials.

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Names and Subjects

- Neon signs
- Bars
- Casinos
- Restaurants
- Motels
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
2016-2018 photographs, 2016-2018	

Creator: Mayes, Aaron, 1968-

digital
file 00

Creator: Mercado-Rosas, Cindi

Creator: Simmons, Pamela

Creator: Soto, Nicole

Physical Description: 625 Digital Files (36.6 GB) TIFF

Scope and Contents: The 2016-2018 photographs series is comprised of digital photographs of neon signs around Las Vegas, Nevada as a part of the Neon Survey. Photographs are available in TIFF file format.

Completed survey forms, 2017

digital
file 00

Physical Description: 288 Digital Files (0.068 GB) DOC

Scope and Contents Note: This series is comprised of forms (2017) completed for each neon sign that was surveyed. Each form contains information such as the name of business associated with the neon sign, location address, and other specific notes such as the physical description of the sign, the type of display, and site location details. Forms are available in Microsoft Word file format.

Neon Survey forms, 2002-2003

digital
file 00

Creator: Cannaday, Joshua

Contributor: Schwartz, David G., 1973-

Physical Description: 2316 Digital Files (0.421 GB) DOC, JPG, PSD

Scope and Contents Note: The files in this series are primarily comprised of digital images of neon signs around Las Vegas, Nevada and survey forms from the Neon Survey project conducted from 2002 to 2003. The files in this series are available in Microsoft Word, JPEG, and PSD file formats.