



Guide to the Irving Hirshon Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Hirshon, Irving, 1921-1999
Title:	Irving Hirshon Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00408
Date:	approximately 1971
Physical Description:	0.07 Cubic Feet (1 folder (1 shared box))
Physical Description:	0.98 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Irving Hirshon Photograph Collection is comprised of 55 color slide photographs taken by Irving Hirshon in 1971 of Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, downtown Las Vegas, and the Las Vegas Strip. Hirshon is believed to have taken the slides in the summer of 1971 on a West Coast trip to celebrate his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Irving Hirshon was born April 25, 1921. In a 1993 oral history interview conducted by his grandson, Nicholas Hirshon, Irving Hirshon said that he was born on Liberty Avenue in East New York, Brooklyn, and attended Public School 183 and Samuel J. Tilden High School. He said he started playing clarinet at age 16 and briefly performed with symphony orchestras based in Dallas and Cleveland before attending the Juilliard School and enlisting in the Fort Jay Army Band on Governors Island during World War II. He married Elaine Lipshie, honeymooned at Lake Placid, and settled in North Merrick on Long Island, where the couple raised two sons, Arnold and Elliot. Irving became a professional photographer and operated Hirshon Studios in Merrick, New York.

Hirshon died on August 2, 1999. The Hirshon family's papers and ephemera are housed in the Queens Borough Public Library Archives in New York. Other slides taken by Irving Hirshon are located at the Binghamton University Special Collections and Archives, the City of Toronto Archives, the Dearborn Historical Museum, the New York State Library, and the San Francisco Public Library.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2018 by Nicholas Hirshon; accession number 2018-003.

Processing Note

The collection was minimally processed by Tammi Kim in 2018 at the time of accessioning. The materials were quickly reviewed to provide a general description of the contents and an estimate of dates represented in the material. No further work was performed on the materials.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)