

Guide to the "Las Vegas: Snapshots of History" Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Collector:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Libraries. Special Collections and Archives
Title:	"Las Vegas: Snapshots of History" Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00425
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1960 to 2017
Physical Description:	159 Digital Files (15.650 GB) TIF
Physical Description:	0.05 Cubic Feet (1 folder (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.04 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The "Las Vegas: Snapshots of History" Photograph Collection is comprised of photographic prints and slides as well as digital surrogates of photographic prints and ephemera representing architecture and events in Las Vegas, Nevada from approximately 1960 to 2017. Materials were donated by members of the Las Vegas community as part of a community scanning day sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities' Common Heritage grant. The majority of the collection documents landmarks in Las Vegas including the Stardust Resort and Casino, The Mint Las Vegas, Fremont Street, and the Desert Inn.

Preferred Citation

"Las Vegas: Snapshots of History" Photograph Collection, approximately 1960-2017. PH-00425. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

In 2020, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), the Springs Preserve, and Vegas PBS partnered together to host a community scanning event, "Las Vegas: Snapshots of History." The event was made possible as a part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' Common Heritage Grant. Members of the Las Vegas community were invited to bring photographs, slides, and negatives representing life in Las Vegas from the 1960s to the 1990s to the event. The scanned images were donated for inclusion in UNLV Special Collections and Archives.

Source:

"Newsroom: Las Vegas: Snapshots of History Calls for Photos of 60s-90s Las Vegas for Archiving," Vegas PBS, February 26, 2020. <https://www.vegaspbs.org/blogs/newsroom-2020/newsroom-las-vegas-snapshots-of-history-calls-for-photos-of-60s90s-las-vegas-for-archiving/>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by donor.

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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 donated by members of the Las Vegas, Nevada community in 2020; accession numbers: 2020-029, 2020-041, 2020-042, 2020-043, 2020-044, 2020-045, 2020-046, 2020-047, 2020-048, 2020-049, 2020-050, and 2020-085.

Processing Note

In 2020, Tammi Kim transferred digital files off of a hard drive, rehoused photographic slides and prints, and wrote the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. No other work has been performed on the materials.

Existence and Location of Originals

The majority of accessions in this collection are digital surrogates. The donors retained the original items.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Hotels
- Entertainers
- Casino exteriors
- Stardust Resort and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- The Mint (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Dunes Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Thunderbird Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)

- MGM Grand Hotel (1973-1986)
- Las Vegas Convention Center (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
<p>Dino's Lounge, Dunes Hotel, MGM Reno, Fremont Street, the Stardust Resort and Casino, and The Mint: photographs, approximately 1961 to 1979, 2013</p> <p>Contributor: Uruchurtu-Jimenez, Denise</p> <p>Physical Description: 9 Digital Files (0.044 GB) TIF</p> <p>Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Denise Uruchurtu-Jimenez in 2020; accession number 2020-029.</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Ron Manaigre at various bars, clubs, and casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada including the Peppermill, Riviera Hotel and Casino, and the Stardust Resort and Casino: photographs, approximately 1963 to 1976</p> <p>Contributor: Manaigre, Ron (Ronald)</p> <p>Physical Description: 9 Digital Files (0.122 GB) TIF</p> <p>Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Ron Manaigre in 2020; accession number 2020-041.</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Flamingo Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas Strip, Sands Hotel and Casino; entertainers in Las Vegas including Della Reese and Jack Carter: photographs, approximately 1960 to 1966</p> <p>Creator: Las Vegas News Bureau</p> <p>Contributor: Cobb, Celeste</p> <p>Physical Description: 7 Digital Files (0.596 GB) TIF</p> <p>Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Celeste Cobb; accession number 2020-042.</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Hoover Dam, various hotel casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographs, approximately 1970 to 1989</p> <p>Contributor: Puckett, Terry W.</p> <p>Physical Description: 7 Digital Files (0.123 GB) TIF</p> <p>Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Terry W. Puckett in 2020; accession number 2020-043.</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>The Sweet Inspirations band with Elvis Presley: photographs; scan of page from <i>Caught in a Trap</i> photograph book, approximately 1972 to 1980, 2017</p> <p>Contributor: Monroe, Stump</p> <p>Physical Description: 5 Digital Files (0.461 GB) TIF</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>

Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Jerome "Stump" Monroe in 2020; accession number 2020-044.

Las Vegas Convention Center during a hot air balloon festival: photograph, approximately 1970 to 1980 digital
file 00

Contributor: Norman, John

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.0241 GB) TIF

Acquisition Note: Digital surrogate was created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by John Norman in 2020; accession number 2020-045.

Bates family children building a snowman in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1974 January digital
file 00

Contributor: Bates, Niki (Dominica)

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.0148 GB) TIF

Acquisition Note: Digital surrogate was created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Niki Bates in 2020; accession number 2020-046.

Fremont Street hotels including The Mint Las Vegas and Golden Nugget: photographs, 1971 digital
file 00

Contributor: Brunacci, Tom

Physical Description: 5 Digital Files (0.0699 GB) TIF

Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Tom Brunacci in 2020; accession number 2020-047.

Catering menus from the Landmark Hotel, Chapel of Love brochure, Barrett family photographs, Las Vegas Valley Water District oil derricks photographs, events and landmarks in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographs, 1985-1992, 2016-2018 digital
file 00

Contributor: Barrett, Christine Khan, 1955-

Physical Description: 16 Digital Files (0.74 GB) TIF

Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Christine Khan Barrett in 2020; accession number 2020-048.

Wedding chapel next to the Thunderbird Motel, residential homes in Las Vegas off of Cactus Avenue and Jones Boulevard, Kathy Werstein and her parents at the Desert Inn Hotel, Luxor Hotel and Casino building site: photographs, approximately 1989 to 1999 digital
file 00

Contributor: Werstein, Kathy

Physical Description: 10 Digital Files (0.833 GB) TIF

Acquisition Note: Digital surrogates were created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Kathy Werstein in 2020; accession number 2020-049.

Freddie Jean Peil at a slot machine at the Lady Luck Casino, approximately 1960 digital
file 00

Contributor: McNeal, Barbara

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.021 GB) TIF

Acquisition Note: Digital surrogate was created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives and donated by Barbara McNeal in 2020; accession number 220-050.

Hotels and casinos on Las Vegas Boulevard and Fremont Street: photographic prints and slides, approximately 1964 to 1990 box
SH-049

Contributor: Kula, Dennis

Physical Description: 85 Photographic Slides

Physical Description: 3 Photographic Prints

Acquisition Note: Materials were donated by Dennis Kula in 2020; accession number 2020-085.