



Guide to the Ray Tutaj Jr. and Harv Kahn Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Tutaj, Ray, Jr.
Creator:	Kahn, Harv (Harvey)
Title:	Ray Tutaj Jr. and Harv Kahn Photographs
ID:	PH-00456
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1990 to 2009
Physical Description:	0.73 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.17 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	4864 Digital Files (13.937 GB) JPG, MP4, PDF/A, GIF
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Ray Tutaj Jr. and Harv Kahn Photographs (approximately 1990-2009) contain photographs and videos taken by Ray Tutaj Jr. and Harv Kahn of the Union Pacific Railroad and trains throughout Las Vegas, Nevada and the southwest region. Tutaj and Kahn were friends who were railroad enthusiasts and hobbyist photographers. Materials include photographic negatives and prints as well as digitized photographs.

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Arrangement

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Ray Tutaj Jr. in 2023; accession number 2023-073.

Appraisal

Acquired by Visual Materials Curator, Aaron Mayes, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives' holdings on visual documentation of the region's growth and development. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

Processing Information

In 2023, Tammi Kim accessioned the collection. In 2024, Sarah Jones and Ray Aramburo created the inventory and updated the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. The description for Ray Tutaj Jr.'s photographs was taken directly from the donor-provided inventory and appears in quotation marks in this finding aid. Sarah Jones organized the digital files and created access copies.

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- Railroads
- photographs
- Las Vegas Strip (Nev.)
- Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Landmark Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Stardust Resort and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Ray Tutaj Jr. photographs Creator: Tutaj, Ray, Jr.	
Hotel advertisements and ticket stubs (digitized): photographs, 2009 (PH_00456_017)	digital file 00
1980s menu and advertisements from the Celebrity Room at MGM Grand: photographs, 2009 (PH_00456_017) Physical Description: 42 Digital Files (0.374 GB) JPG	digital file 00
Bally's ticket stubs, postcards, and ash tray: photographs, approximately 1990 to 1999 (PH_00456_010) Physical Description: 65 Digital Files (0.83 GB) JPG	digital file 00
Trains and scenes throughout Las Vegas and California: photographs, approximately 1990 to 1999 (PH_00456_017) Physical Description: 6861 Digital Files (1.720 GB) JPG	digital file 00
Union Pacific video, photographs, and working files: digital files, approximately 1990 to 2009 (PH_00456_010) Physical Description: 727 Digital Files (0.424 GB) MP4, JPG, PDF/A	digital file 00
Trainspotting videos taken by Ray Tutaj Jr.: videos, approximately 1990 to 2009 (PH_00456_001-009, 015-016) Physical Description: 11 Digital Files (4.211 GB) MP4	digital file 00
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