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Overview:
UNLV Special Collections house approximately 5,000 lin. feet of
manuscripts in over 500 discrete collections. They include govern-
ment records such as the original Las Vegas City Council minute
books, business records from the Union Pacific Railroad, the papers
of political figures such as Nevada senators Howard Cannon and
Chic Hecht, Las Vegas mayor Oran Gragson, as well as state legisla-
tors, and city and county commissioners. Other collections include
the files and drawings of prominent hotel architect Martin Stern, Jr.;
the papers, maps, photograph and monograph collection of eminent
geologist Chester Longwell; and the files of William Hannah, public
relations representative for Howard Hughes. The papers of numerous
Las Vegas pioneers including notables such as Helen Stewart, “Pop”
Squires, and Leon Rockwell also figure prominently. As a whole, the
UNLV manuscript collections document the history and develop-
ment of the city of Las Vegas and its region—from the perspectives
of engineering to real estate, the U.S. Senate to local church and civic
organizations, journalism and the arts to political and environmental
activist groups, and from the construction of Hoover Dam to the
explosions at the Nevada Test Site.
Noteworthy collections:

  Collection is comprised of the files of William Hannah, public relations director for Howard Hughes. Primarily newspaper clippings, magazines, and photographs. Clippings focus on subjects such as organized crime, gaming, Spruce Goose, Hughes’s RKO Studios, and the Flying Boat.

  Contains the operational records for this salt mining company, including the financial records, tax documents, CPA reports, and records of stockholder shares and dividends, and general mining reports on evaporation rates and mineral grades. There are also several books of stock certificates listing stock holders.

- Mines and Mining (Coll # MS11) (1870–1980). 23 boxes (15 document boxes, 7 slim document boxes, 1 record storage box) and miscellaneous scrapbooks and newspaper clippings.
  Consists of business and legal documents from a number of mines in Southern and Central Nevada. Types of documentation include prospectuses, stock certificates, correspondence, invoices, employee lists, purchasing records and mill foreman reports. The records also include the histories of the Nevada mines—location, operation dates, mineral being mined, and production amount. This information is related in correspondence, brochures, reports, and newspaper clippings. Mines in the collection include Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company, Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation, Techatticup Mine, Bulen Mining Company, Bullfrog-Red Oak Mining Company, Pioche Mines Company, Tonopah Mining Company, Yellow Pine Mining Company, Esmeralda County, White Pine, Lincoln County, Nye County, Goodsprings Mining District.

  Collection is comprised of film scripts from the Motion Picture and Television Division of the Nevada Commission on Economic Development. All film and television scripts were set around Las Vegas or in the Nevada desert. Notable titles include Vegas Vacation, Honeymoon in Vegas, and Leaving Las Vegas.

Documents the history of YESCO, and is comprised of numerous visual materials such as photographs, negatives, slides, transparencies, and videotapes. Also contains correspondence, price books, drawings, calculation, newspaper and trade magazine articles on YESCO, and oral history interviews and audio recordings of YESCO designers and executives.

- Hotels and Casino index may be found at http://library.nevada.edu/speccol/ms_subj/casinos.html

**Reno, NV**

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**Overview:**  
Our manuscript holdings, which focus on Nevada and the West, consist of over 2,700 collections, ranging in size from a single folder to several hundred cu. feet. The bulk of the materials date from the 1850s to the present. Included are personal papers, topical collections, records of business, churches, local governments and schools, as well as civic, educational, charitable, professional, labor, and social organizations. All collections have brief guide descriptions; individual registers or indexes are available for the larger collections.

**Noteworthy collections:**
- Russell McDonald (index to biographical files)  
- US Senator William M. Stewart  
- US Senator Patrick A. McCarran  
- George Wingfield  
- Virginia & Gold Hill Water Co.  
- Malone Engineers
Manuscript materials in Special Collections include correspondence, diaries, financial records, reports, membership rosters, bylaws, minutes, subject files, architectural drawings, and legal papers that document an individual’s life or career; environmental, cultural, social, and fraternal organizations; and businesses. Subjects represented in the collection include agriculture and land use, education, ethnicity and race, gaming, Native Americans, Lake Tahoe, literary manuscripts of Nevada authors, lumbering, and mining, in the geographic areas of Nevada north of Goldfield, the Great Basin region, Lake Tahoe, and California east of the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.