Underground House of Las Vegas Collection

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Summary Information

Creator: Underground World Homes, Inc.
Contributor: Henderson, Jerry (Girard B.)
Title: Underground House of Las Vegas Collection
ID: MS-00594
Date [inclusive]: 1964-2004
Physical Description: 1.25 Linear Feet 1 box
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Underground House of Las Vegas Collection (1964-2004) is comprised of news articles, photographs, books, and media items detailing the construction and history of Girard "Jerry" B. Henderson’s "Underground House," a Las Vegas, Nevada home constructed in 1978 and designed to withstand the aftermath of nuclear war.

Preferred Citation Note


Historical Note

Constructed in 1978, the "Underground House" of Las Vegas, Nevada was the vision of Girard "Jerry" B. Henderson. Believing that the Cold War would ultimately result in a destructive nuclear war, Henderson designed a lavish home underground that would be both luxurious and efficient. A wealthy corporate executive, Henderson founded Underground World Homes in 1964. At the New York World’s Fair of 1964, Henderson and Underground World Homes were boosters for the expansive construction of underground homes in preparation for the impending nuclear fallout of the Cold War. The Las Vegas Underground House, located at 3970 Spencer Street, was the personal home of Henderson and his wife, Mary. The couple lived full-time in the underground structure until Henderson’s death in 1983, and

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Arrangement

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Revision Description

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2012 by Karen Gordon; accession number 2012-16.

Access

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Material was processed by Christina Molina in 2012. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently, Ian M. Baldwin uploaded this information into ArchiveSpace.

Controlled Access Headings

- Las Vegas (Nev.) – History.
- Underground World Homes, Inc.
- Henderson, Jerry (Girard B.)

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