Guide to the L. F. Manis Papers on Boulder Dam

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Summary Information

Creator: Manis, L. F.
Title: L. F. Manis Papers on Boulder Dam
ID: MS-00288
Date [inclusive]: 1936-1957
Physical Description: 0.75 Linear Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description: 2.5 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The L. F. Manis Papers on Boulder Dam, 1936-1957, contain material and publications relating to Boulder (Hoover) Dam and the Boulder Canyon Project. Included are brochures, pamphlets, postcards, a scrapbook, and newspaper clippings.

Preferred Citation


Historical Background

The Hoover Dam, now known as the Boulder Dam, was constructed on the Colorado River in Black Canyon near Las Vegas, Nevada from 1931 to 1936 during the Great Depression. The dam created Lake Mead and provides hydroelectric power to Nevada, Arizona, and California. The dam was built by workers employed by the joint venture of construction companies called Six Companies, Inc. Six Companies submitted the winning bid and was chosen by the Bureau of Reclamation to construct the dam. Workers for Six Companies also built Boulder City, Nevada for housing during the dam's construction. The Hoover Dam was dedicated in 1935 and began operations in 1936.

Lake Mead is the largest reservoir in the United States and was created by the Hoover Dam. The lake and its surrounding areas are administered by the National Park Service as the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the first national recreation area in the country. Because of fair weather, Lake Mead has a year-round season that attracts nearly nine million visitors each year.

Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Material is arranged alphabetically.

Administrative Information

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Processing Note
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Names and Subjects

- Dam construction -- Nevada -- Boulder City -- 1930-1940
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. And Nev.) – History.
- Southwestern States
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)

Collection Inventory

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