

Guide to the Corbin Harney Nevada Test Site Protest Photograph Albums

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Harney, Corbin, 1920-2007
Title:	Corbin Harney Nevada Test Site Protest Photograph Albums
ID:	MS-00308
Date [inclusive]:	1995-1997, undated
Physical Description:	0.65 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.54 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Corbin Harney Nevada Test Site Protest Photograph Albums (1995-1997, undated) are comprised of three photograph albums documenting the life and spiritual, environmental, and political activism work of Corbin Harney, elder and spiritual leader of the Newe ("the People") Western Shoshoni Indians. The majority of the photographs are focused on the anti-nuclear protest demonstrations by the Shundahai Network at the Nevada Test Site during the 1990s.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Leader of the Newe ("the People") Western Shoshone Indians, Corbin Harney was internationally known as an indigenous rights and anti-nuclear weapons activist. He participated in demonstrations from the Nevada Test Site to the Russian Nuclear Bombing Range in Kazakhstan. He was a featured speaker at anti-nuclear conferences around the world and led thousands past the front gates of the Nevada Test Site, which historically belongs to the Shoshone people.

In 1994, Harney founded the Shundahai Network, an organization of international activists that worked for environmental justice and land rights for indigenous communities. Shundahai is the Newe (Shoshone) word for "peace and harmony with all creation." He worked with people and organizations to respond to pressing environmental, nuclear, and Native issues. He wanted to ensure that Native voices were heard, and headed

a movement to shape national and international policy. Corbin Harney passed away on July 10, 2007 near Santa Rosa, California.

Source:

"Biography: The Bear Goes Hungry," PBS: Circle of Stories. Accessed December 12, 2018. www.pbs.org/circleofstories/storytellers/corbin_harney.html

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Material was donated in 2008 by Dixie van der Kamp; accession number 2008-25.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore in 2015. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Douglas Emery rehoused the materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Demonstrations
- Land use
- Indians of North America
- Nuclear weapons -- Testing
- Nevada Test Site (Nev.)
- Nuclear weapons -- Nevada -- Testing
- Political activism -- Nevada -- History
- Photographs
- Shoshoni Indians

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Anti-nuclear protest at the Nevada Test Site and Nuclear Fool's Day parade: photograph album, 1997, undated Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Spiritual, environmental, and protest activism activities: photograph album, 1996-1997 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01
Personal photographs, speaking engagements, and activism: photograph album, 1995-1997	box 01