

Guide to the Underground House of Las Vegas Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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

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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 Mary's death in 1989. See "Underground Home Was Built As Cold War Hideaway," Las Vegas Review-Journal, 6.17.13.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Material is arranged alphabetically.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Aquisition Note

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

Processing Note

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.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Ian M. Baldwin to bring into compliance with DACS. June, 2014

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Names and Subjects

- History -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
 - Cold War -- United States -- Architecture
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Underground House: magazine articles, 1964-2003	box 01	folder 01
Underground House: movie script, undated	box 01	folder 02
Underground House: news articles, 1995-2003	box 01	folder 03
Underground House: notes and facts, 1996-2001	box 01	folder 04
Underground House: photographs, 2001-2002	box 01	folder 05
Underground World Home Corporation: articles and correspondence, 1964-1965	box 01	folder 06-07
Underground Gardens and Homes, 1980	box 01	
There's No Place Like Home, 2002	box 01	
Underground Buildings More Than Meets the Eye, 2004	box 01	
Las Vegas' Top 10 Bathrooms Featuring the Underground House, 2003 Physical Description: 01 VHS Tapes	box 01	
Underground House "Around Your Home," Host Bob Anderson, 2002 Physical Description: 01 VHS Tapes	box 01	
Underground House: Homes and Hide-a-ways Venues, undated Physical Description: 01 VHS Tapes	box 01	
Underground House Master Dub, 2001-2004 Physical Description: 01 VHS Tapes	box 01	
Travel Channel's Best of, 2003 Physical Description: 01 VHS Tapes	box 01	
Underground House: HGTV, 2004 Physical Description: 01 VHS Tapes	box 01	
Underground House Plans and Images on floppy disks, undated	box 01	

