

Guide to the Collection on Repeal of Nevada's Anti-Sodomy Law

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Title:	Collection on Repeal of Nevada's Anti-Sodomy Law
ID:	MS-00726
Date [inclusive]:	1899-1993
Physical Description:	0.64 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.58 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection on Repeal of Nevada's Anti-Sodomy Law (1899-1993), was compiled during the Nevada State Legislature's debate on whether to repeal Nevada's anti-sodomy law in 1993. The bulk of the records are photocopied, Nevada State Prison Records for the twenty-five individuals prosecuted for sodomy between 1899 and 1953. Included with these records is an inventory. Other photocopied records include: Senate Bill 466 Legislative History Sodomy Law Repeal, 1993; LH-93-1 S.B. 466 of the 67th Session of the Nevada Legislation SEXUAL CONDUCT, 1993 and a number of affidavits from medical practitioners and religious leaders. Included with the affidavits is an inventory.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2003; accession number 2003-026.

Processing Note

In 2017 as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Chris Bruce rehoused some materials and created a collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Homophobia -- Nevada
- Sodomy--Law and legislation
- Trials (Sodomy)
- Homosexuality--Law and legislation--United States
- Homosexuality--History
- Nevada State Prison

- Nevada. Legislature. Assembly

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Nevada State Prison Records: Sodomy Prosecutions in Nevada - Index, 1899-1953	box 01
Senate Bill 466 of the 67th Session of the Nevada Legislature SEXUAL CONDUCT, 1993	box 01
Senate Bill 466, Repeal of Sodomy Law - Documents for the Record - Affidavits, 1993	box 01
Armistead, James V. [4437/NSP.0091] - Infamous crime against nature, [Washoe County], 1941	box 01
Baldea, John [4360/NSP-0089] Infamous crime against nature [Battle Mountain, Lander County (with William Chaffin)], 1941	box 01
Bantz, Fred [6171] Infamous crime against nature, [Yerington, Lyon County (with Seth Guinn)], 1952	box 01
Benites, Frank [NPS 1677], 1914	box 01
Bronk, Leonard [3622/NSP-0077] Infamous crime against nature, [Montello, Elko Country], 1936	box 01
Campbell, Lee [NPS-1801 (with Gorsuch)], 1915	box 01
Carey, John "Jack" [NPS-1419] - File Folder 1 of 3, 1911-1912	box 01
Carey, John "Jack" [NPS-1419] - File Folder 2 of 3, 1911-1912	box 01
Carey, John "Jack" [NPS-1419] - File Folder 3 of 3, 1911-1912	box 01
Chaffin, William [4361/NSP-0089] Infamous crime against nature [Battle Mountain, Lander County (with John Baldea)], 1941	box 01
De Wilk, Joseph E. [6114] Infamous crime against nature, [Ely, White Pine County], 1951	box 01
Gonzales, Martin [3885/NSP-0081] Infamous crime against nature [bestiality] [Washoe County], 1938	box 01
Gorsuch, Llewyn [NPS 1800 (with Campbell)], 1915	box 01
Guinn, Seth [6163/NSP-?] Infamous crime against nature [Yerington, Lyon County, (with Fred Bantz)], 1952	box 01
Hammel, Jess [4040/NSP-0084] Infamous crime against nature [Las Vegas, Clark County], 1939	box 01
Janusz, Emil [6249] Infamous crime against nature [Washoe County], 1952	box 01
Jones, Walter [6507] Infamous crime against nature, [Las Vegas, Clark County], 1953	box 01
Martin, Frank [First Sodomy Conviction], 1899-1903	box 01

Montoya, Andy Silva [6483] Infamous crime against nature, [Las Vegas, Clark County], 1953	box 01
Moyer, Arthur S. [4471/NSP-0091] Sodomy, [Las Vegas, Clark County], 1942	box 01
Owens, Thomas G. [4039/NSP-0084] Infamous crime against nature; Lewdness, [McGill, White Pine County; Las Vegas, Clark County], 1939-1944	box 01
Panos, Christ [NSP 1263], 1909-1912	box 01
Schick, Herman Carl [NPS 2628] , 1926	box 01
Stocks, Frank [5922] Infamous crime against nature, [Boulder City, Clark County], 1952	box 01
Thomas, Maxwell J. [4532/NSP-0093] Sodomy, [Hawthorne, Mineral County], 1942	box 01