

## **Guide to the Historic Building Survey Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Roske, Ralph
<b>Title:</b>	Historic Building Survey Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00762
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1930-2001
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1973-1984
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6.44 Cubic Feet (14 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5.83 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Historic Building Survey Collection (1930-2001) contains materials on the preservation of historic buildings in Southern Nevada, Arizona, and Utah from Dr. Ralph Roske's History 117 course taught at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). The collection is comprised of surveys which include descriptions, photographs, blueprints, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and fliers related to historic houses, businesses, and public sites.

### Preferred Citation

Historic Building Survey Collection, 1930-2001. MS-00762. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Note

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Ralph Roske's History 117 course at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) focused on the history of Southern Nevada and surrounding areas. Students in the early-1970s through the mid-1980s created projects including oral history interviews, local business history tracings, and historic building surveys that collected the history of the region. The historic building surveys collected architectural histories of local sites that ranged from demolished cabins on public lands to businesses in the heart of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Historic Building Survey Collection (1930-2001) contains materials on the preservation of historic buildings in Southern Nevada, Arizona, and Utah. The materials come from Dr. Ralph Roske's History 117 course taught at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in the 1970s and 1980s, and are mostly comprised of surveys of buildings conducted by students during multiple semesters. The surveys include and typed information describing the size, material, and history of the buildings, as well as photographs and blueprints. Some files also contain pamphlets, business cards, event invitations, newspaper clippings, or fliers related to the buildings. Surveyed buildings include businesses, houses, and public sites. The collection also contains a name tracing project from multiple semesters of Dr. Roske's class, which had students compile a list of places individuals lived over the course of their lives.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged in two series:

Series I. Building surveys, 1930-2001;

Series II. Name tracings and reports, 1971-1979.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1974 and 1977 by Ralph Roske; accession numbers 1974-76 and 1977-223.

## Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Billy Marino rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Company Mobility Histories Papers, 1972-1977. MS-00763. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ralph Roske Papers, 1917-1989. MS-00313. Special Collections & Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ralph Roske Interviews. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Department of History
- Historic buildings -- Conservation and restoration
- Southern Nevada
- Historic preservation
- Architecture -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Twentieth century
- Single-family dwellings
- Photographs

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## Collection Inventory

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### **Building surveys, 1930-1987 (1973-1984)**

Physical Description: 5.98 Cubic Feet (13 boxes)

Physical Description: 5.42 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The building surveys series (1930-1987) contains historic building surveys created by students from multiple semesters of Ralph Roske's History 117 course. Locations include private homes, businesses, and government-owned sites. The materials compiled include histories provided by interviews with informants, building material types, blueprints, photographs, and fliers or pamphlets related to the sites.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically by location name.

Title/Description	Containers
Alamo-Lake Mead, 1973 February 25-1984 December 10 Physical Description: 62 Files	box 01 box 02
Las Vegas	
A-Ba, 1973 March 02-1982 February 24 Physical Description: 16 Files	box 02
Be-Col, 1970 May-1982 April 01 Physical Description: 51 Files	box 03
Col-E, 1976 May 17-1982 March 31 Physical Description: 44 Files	box 04
Fi-Ga, 1973 March 02-1982 April 02 Physical Description: 42 Files	box 05
Ge-H, 1973 March 02-1983 December Physical Description: 47 Files	box 06
I-Las, 1950-1987 Physical Description: 39 Files	box 07
Las-Mo, 1930-1987 Physical Description: 45 Files	box 08
Mo-Pa, 1973 May 04-1983 March 24 Physical Description: 41 Files	box 09
Pe-Se, 1978 May 04-1982 May 14 Physical Description: 50 Files	box 10
Sh-T, 1973 October 07-1982 March 26 Physical Description: 49 Files	box 11
U-Wo, 1973 October 09-1982 May 03 Physical Description: 45 Files	box 12
Wr-Y, 1979 May 01-1982 March 27 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 13
North Las Vegas-Yerington, 1973 March 02-1984 September Physical Description: 43 Files	box 13

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## Name tracings and reports, 1971-1979

Physical Description: 0.39 Cubic Feet (1 box)

Physical Description: 0.35 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The name tracing and reports series (1971-1979) contains students reports from a name tracing project and other incomplete reports. Name tracings are alphabetical by student name and include lists of names and the places those individuals lived over the course of their lives. Incomplete reports are mostly building survey information such as brief histories or biographies and photographs not included in the final reports but were collected by Ralph Roske.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers
Name Tracings, 1971 April-1972 May Physical Description: 3 Files	box 14
Incomplete Reports, 1973-1979	box 14

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