Guide to the Houssels Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Creator: Houssels, J. Kell, Jr.
Title: Houssels Photograph Collection
ID: PH-00216
Date [inclusive]: 1983
Physical Description: 0.2 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder and 1 shared binder of slides)
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Houssels Photograph Collection contains color and black-and-white photographs and slides of the Houssels House from 1983. The photographs document the house's original location on Sixth Street in Las Vegas, Nevada, and its subsequent transportation to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus.

Preferred Citation


Historical Background

The J. Kell Houssels House, nicknamed "The Pines" by its designer, architect Harrison S. Stocks, was built in 1933 at 1012 S. Sixth Street, near Charleston Boulevard, in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was commissioned by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon and was hailed as the most modern building in Las Vegas at the time of its construction. When the house was threatened by the commercialization of its neighborhood, it was purchased by casino magnate J. Kell Houssels and donated to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Special Collections Curator Anna Dean Kepper led the preservation effort. In 1983, the Houssels House was transported from Sixth Street to the campus of UNLV, where it is the oldest building on campus. It originally served as an architecture studio, and it has also housed faculty members. The Houssels House currently contains the UNLV Center for Social Justice and the Multicultural Center/Centro Multiculturál.

Sources:
Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by media type.

Administrative Information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.
Related Materials

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

Names and Subjects

- Historic preservation
- Photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Historic buildings -- Conservation and restoration
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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