



Guide to the Murl Emery Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Emery, Murl, 1903-1981
Title:	Murl Emery Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00126
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1970 to 2004
Physical Description:	0.04 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder)
Physical Description:	0.04 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Murl Emery Photograph Collection consists of seventeen black-and-white photographic reprints of ferries and recreational activities near Searchlight, Nevada on the Colorado River taken from approximately 1910 to 1946, and reprinted from approximately 1970 to 2004.

Preferred Citation

Murl Emery Photograph Collection, approximately 1970-2004. PH-00126. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Murl Emery was born June 07, 1903 in Colton, California. In the 1930s and 1940s, Emery wandered and boated in previously unexplored areas of the Colorado River. During this time, he started a ferry company that brought Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) workers to construction sites and also gave tours of Cottonwood Cove, a recreation area which he helped develop. Murl Emery passed away in March 1981 at his home in Boulder City, Nevada.

Source:

Murl Emery oral history interview, 1976 March 26, 1976 April 02. OH-00539. Transcript. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Murl Emery Photograph Collection consists of seventeen photographic reprints of ferries and recreational activities near Cottonwood Cove on the Colorado River taken from approximately 1910 to 1946, and reprinted from approximately 1970 to 2004.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Special Collections and Archives in 1981; accession number 1981-127.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Joseph Puentes created the finding aid and entered finding aid data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Murl Emery oral history interview, 1974 October 18. OH-00538. Audio recording. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Murl Emery oral history interview, 1976 March 26, 1976 April 02. OH-00539. Transcript. 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

- Nevada -- History
- North America -- Colorado River
- photographs
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
"Emery Falls at lower end of Grand Canyon": photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0001)	folder 01
"Murl Emery boat dock": photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0002)	folder 01
Men from Quartette Mining Co. in front of locomotive: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0003)	folder 01
"Murl Emery Airboat": photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0004)	folder 01
"Arivada Ferry": photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0005)	

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Emery Homestead at Cottonwood Island: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0006)	folder 01
Cottonwood Aerial Ferry: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2007 (0126_0007)	folder 01
Cottonwood Landing: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0008)	folder 01
Murl Emery work dock: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0009)	folder 01
Emery Airboat at Boulder Dam site: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_00010)	folder 01
Motion picture recording at the Boulder Dam site: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0011)	folder 01
Murl Emery boat dock: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0012)	folder 01
Ferry <i>Mud Hen I</i> with passengers: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0013)	folder 01
Hesse boat, left: Rod Cotton, right: Murl Emery, on bank: unidentified: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0014)	folder 01
Hesse boat going upriver: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0015)	folder 01
"Gravel pit on Arizona side above Vegas wash": photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0016)	folder 01
"Bureau of Reclamation cook shack on barge at Dam site": photographic print, approximately 1970 to 2004 (0126_0017)	folder 01