



## Guide to the John C. Olsen Photograph 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>	Griffis, Gina
<b>Title:</b>	John C. Olsen Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00320
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1950 to 1969
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.82 Cubic Feet (3 hanging folders and one shared box of negatives)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.80 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The John C. Olsen Photograph Collection, approximately 1950 to 1969, consists of black-and-white photographic prints and negatives. Images depict scenes from the annual Helldorado Celebration in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Shriners' Parade in downtown Las Vegas, various hotels along the Las Vegas Strip, the Last Frontier Village at the Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, natural landscapes at Mount Charleston and Rhyolite, Nevada, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead, Twin Lakes, and petroglyphs in Valley of Fire Nevada State Park.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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John Charles Olsen (1923-1982) was a Las Vegas, Nevada resident for thirty-two years. During this time he worked as an assistant manager of a souvenir store in downtown Las Vegas. Olsen died in Las Vegas on April 16, 1982.

Source: Obituaries. "John Olsen," *Las Vegas Review Journal*, April 18, 1982. Accessed June 29, 2020.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Gina Griffis on May 5, 1982-05-03; accession number 82-86.

### Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Nicole Batten wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
  - Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
  - Rhyolite (Nev.)
  - Mount Charleston (Nev.)
  - Las Vegas Strip (Nev.)
  - Entertainment -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
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## Collection Inventory

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Photograph Collection	
Helldorado Celebration	
Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320_0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01  box SH-032
Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade cowboys on horseback: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320_0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01  box SH-032
Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, 1951 May 10 (0320_0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01  box SH-032
Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade Stagecoach drawn by horses is seen in front of Las Vegas Club: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320_0004) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01  box SH-032
Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade Showgirls riding in trolley car drawn by horses: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320_0005) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01  box SH-032
Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320_0006) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0007) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade Open carriage drawn by horses on Fremont Street in front of the Las Vegas Club: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0008) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, 1951 May 10 (0320\_0009) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, 1951 May 10 (0320\_0010) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration View of Main Street, Cashman Cadillac, and Overland Hotel: photographic print and negative, 1951 May 12 (0320\_0011) ([view online](#))

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Old cars parked in front of Sal Sagev Hotel during the Helldorado Parade: photographic print and negative, 1951 May 12 (0320\_0012) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Parade: photographic print and negative, 1951 May 13 (0320\_0013) ([view online](#))

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Bathing beauties on float in Helldorado Parade: photographic print and negative, 1951 May 13 (0320\_0014) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0015) ([view online](#))

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Moapa Band of Paiute Indians marching in the Helldorado Parade: photographic print and negative, 1952 May 15 (0320\_0016) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0017) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0018) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Celebration Old Timers' Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0019) ([view online](#))

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Float entitled "Bonanza Queen" in the Beauty parade during Helldorado. Float was sponsored by North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0020) ([view online](#))

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An elephant marches in the Helldorado Parade: photographic print and negative, 1952 May 18 (0320\_0021) ([view online](#))

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Parade Marshall, Helldorado Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0022) ([view online](#))

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Beauty Parade Helldorado celebration, "Treasure Island" float: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0023) ([view online](#))

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Float sponsored by El Rancho Vegas Opera House in the Beauty Parade, Helldorado celebration: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0024) ([view online](#))

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Horseshoe Club float entry in the Helldorado Beauty Parade entitled "Jack and the Beanstalk": photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0025) ([view online](#))

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Pioneer Club float entry in the Helldorado Beauty Parade entitled "A Tale of Two Cities": photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0026) ([view online](#))

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Ronzone Department Store's float entry in the Helldorado Beauty Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0027) ([view online](#))

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Helldorado Beauty Parade: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0028) ([view online](#))

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## Hotels

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Flamingo Hotel and pool: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0029) ([view online](#))

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Flamingo Hotel and pool: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0030) ([view online](#))

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Desert Inn Hotel and Casino: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0031) ([view online](#))

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Rear view of Flamingo Hotel: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0032)

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Flamingo Hotel: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0033) ([view online](#))

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Thunderbird Hotel: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0034) ([view online](#))

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## Last Frontier Village

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Sign at entrance to Last Frontier Village at the Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0035) ([view online](#))

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General Store at the Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0036) ([view online](#))



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Museum and Saloon at the Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0037) ([view online](#))

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The Rifle Range store at the Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0038) ([view online](#))

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Mother Logan's Roominghouse in the Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0039) ([view online](#))

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Mother Logan's Roominghouse in the Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0040) ([view online](#))

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Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0041) ([view online](#))

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Engine and railroad car at Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0042) ([view online](#))

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Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0043) ([view online](#))

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Wagon at Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0044) ([view online](#))

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Prospector at the Last Frontier Village: photographic print and negative, approximately 1951 (0320\_0045) ([view online](#))

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Road to Mount Charleston Lodge: photographic print and negative, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0057) ([view online](#))

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Ski run at Mount Charleston: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0058) ([view online](#))

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Mount Charleston covered in snow: photographic print and negative, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0059) ([view online](#))

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Red Rock Recreational Area: photographic print and negative, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0060) ([view online](#))

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Desert around Red Rock Recreational Area: photographic print and negative, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0061) ([view online](#))

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Red Rock Recreational Area: photographic print and negative, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0062) ([view online](#))

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Red Rock Recreational Area: photographic print and negative, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0063) ([view online](#))

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Hoover Dam, Lake Mead

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Hoover Dam: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0064) ([view online](#))

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Power stations at the Hoover Dam: photographic print and negative, approximately 1952 (0320\_0065) ([view online](#))

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Entertainment

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Group of entertainers called "Polly Possum, Joe Wolverton and the Dogpatch County Band" performing at the Golden Nugget Saloon in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0076) ([view online](#))

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Performers in the Golden Nugget Saloon in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0320\_0077) ([view online](#))

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