



## Guide to the Clyde F. Merrick Photographic Slides

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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>	Merrick, Clyde F., 1943-2017
<b>Title:</b>	Clyde F. Merrick Photographic Slides
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00449
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1971 to 1979
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.19 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>The Clyde F. Merrick Photographic Slides (approximately 1971-1979) contain color photographic slides taken by Clyde F. Merrick, longtime resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. The majority of slides in this collection depict signs for different businesses around Las Vegas including the Las Vegas Strip and the Westside. Some of the businesses documented in this collection includes Fong's Garden, Leon's Shear Magic Beauty Salon, Lucas and Son's Antiques, Dick's Tricky Trikes, Mohan's Custom Tailors, the Twenty Grand Club, Owens TV Repair, and Caesars Palace. The collection also documents a variety of different types of businesses around Las Vegas including bars and nightclubs, beauty salons, car washes, gas stations, and restaurants. Merrick was also a car racing hobbyist and a number of slides in this collection depict what is presumed to be the Las Vegas Speedrome racetrack (later known the Las Vegas Motor Speedway). This collection also includes photographs of locations outside of Las Vegas and Southern Nevada.</p>

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Clyde F. Merrick, longtime resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, was born on July 8, 1943 to Clara Estah DeVoll Fosie. He graduated from Union High School in Tempe, Arizona in 1961 and entered the U.S. Air Force at the age of 19 and trained in electrical engineering and worked on a team that tracked the first Apollo mission from Enewetak Atoll in the Marshall Islands. After his military service, Merrick settled in Las Vegas, Nevada and worked for Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company (REECO) as an electronics technician at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) where he maintained computers as part of the nuclear weapon testing program.

Merrick eventually left his job at NTS and began a career as a taxi cab driver in Las Vegas in the 1970s and then later began working in real estate at the age of 70. Merrick was a photography hobbyist and it is presumed that he took photographs of businesses around the Las Vegas Valley as a way to help small businesses market and promote their businesses.

Clyde F. Merrick died from cancer on August 23, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sources:

Donna Hough, email message to author, April 2, 2023.

Find a Grave. "Clyde F. Merrick." Accessed March 31, 2023. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/199864535/clyde-f-merrick>.

"November rites to wed Miss Long, C. Merrick," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. October 26, 1971, NewsBank.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged loosely by topic.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Donna Michele Hough in 2023; accession number 2023-021.

### Appraisal Note

Acquired by Visual Materials Curator, Aaron Mayes, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings in Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

### Processing Note

In 2023, Tammi Kim organized and rehoused the collection and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- color slides

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Small business
- Signs and signboards
- photographs
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Southern Nevada

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Signs for local businesses around Las Vegas including Dick's Tricky Trikes, Lucas and Son's Antiques, Mohan's Custom Tailors, Rudy's Antiques, Twenty Grand Club, and Vegas Kartways: photographic slides, approximately 1971 to 1979	box 01
Interior and exteriors of local Las Vegas businesses including bars and nightclubs, beauty salons, restaurants, and retail stores: photographic slides, approximately 1971 to 1979 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01
Caesars Palace interiors and fountains and signs for different casinos located on Las Vegas Boulevard, approximately 1971 to 1979	box 01
Exterior shots of various locations including gas stations, car wash businesses, golf courses, and tennis courts; interior shots of individuals and groups photographed inside various bars, nightclubs, and local businesses: photographic slides, 1971 to 1976 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01
Drag race at what may be the Las Vegas Speedrome: photographic slides, approximately 1972 to 1974 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 01