



Guide to the Erle A. Taylor Collection on Aviation

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Taylor, Erle A., 1919-1996
Title:	Erle A. Taylor Collection on Aviation
ID:	MS-00186
Date [inclusive]:	1940 to 1976
Physical Description:	0.78 Cubic Feet (2 boxes, 1 oversize flat file)
Physical Description:	3.77 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Erle A. Taylor Collection on Aviation (1940-1976) is comprised of materials collected by Erle A. Taylor, former director of aviation for Clark County, Nevada, relating to airports and aviation. It includes many slides of McCarran Airport and airshows held at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada. Other materials include publications on airports and aircraft, information on the dedication of the Riverside, California airport, and promotional materials for the United States Air Force Thunderbirds.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Erle A. Taylor (1919-1996) served as the aviation director of Clark County, Nevada in the 1970s and oversaw operations at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, as well as small airports in Searchlight, Jean, and Overton, Nevada.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1977 by Erle A. Taylor; accession numbers T108 and 77-228.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Angela Moor revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2018, Angela Moor processed additional materials and revised the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in Erle A. Taylor Photographs. PH-00237. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Unites States, Air Force. Thunderbirds
- Airplanes
- photographs
- McCarran International Airport (Nev.) -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographs and slides: promotional photographs from North American Aviation Inc. of airplanes and helicopters; slides of Riverside and Vancouver airports; images of first landing on Runway 25 at McCarran Airport, approximately 1975	box 01
Publications: brief of the Cities of Midland and Odessa to the Civil Aeronautics Board; brochure about the Hughes Airwest Sundance; program for appreciation dinner for Howard W. Cannon; program for Las Vegas Rotary Club meeting with Erle Taylor as guest speaker; dedication of City of Riverside municipal airport terminal building; article on McCarran carpeting; article on McCarran Airport, 1962-1975	box 01
Report to the County Commissioners on the Montreal Rail and Mini Rail Systems by Erle A. Taylor, 1967	box 01
Western Airlines Fiftieth Anniversary souvenir photograph, 1976 April 17	box 01
US Air Force Thunderbirds promotional materials, approximately 1955	box 01
Photographs and slides: images of snow at McCarran Airport; negatives, 1974-1975	box 01

Plaque commemorating opening of London Bridge, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 1970	box 01
Slides: Nellis Air Show Thunderbirds, 1969	box 01
Slides: Twin Cessna accident, 1974	box 01
Slides: Vancouver Terminal, 1968	box 01
Slides: Old terminal picture, 1968	box 01
Slides: Cal State first flight; 727 take off, 1968	box 01
Slides: Bob Hoover flying Shrike F-S1 at Nellis Air Force Base, 1969	box 01
Slides: Dedication of Riverside Airport, 1968	box 01
Slides: Snow at McCarran, 1974 January 01	box 01
Slides: Airplanes, 1975	box 01
Slides: Nellis Air Show, Bearcats, Bob Hoover (pilot) in Shrike, Hoover in Mustang, Sky Knights, RAF Vulcan, 1969	box 01
Slide: Runway System, undated	box 01
Slides: Airplane take offs, ticket counter, terminal, paving runway at McCarran, 1968-1969	box 01
Thunderbird two-minute film clip reel, 1968	box 01
Color photos of air show; two black-and-white photos of airport terminal reflooring, 1967	box 01
Curtiss NC-4 commemorative poster, undated	oversized box 02
Fokker T-2 commemorative poster, undated	oversized box 02
McCarran airport with Thunderbirds flying over, color photograph, undated	oversized box 02
Pacific Airlines plane color photograph, 1963	oversized box 02
Lone Star Brewing certificate, 1956 October	oversized box 02
Signed black and white photograph to Erle Taylor from Billy Parker, undated	oversized box 02
Passenger airplane color photograph, number one signed by Erle A. Taylor, undated	oversized box 02
Department of Commerce, Policy Regarding Use of Intermediate Landing Fields poster, 1951	oversized box 02
Thunderbirds, color photograph signed by Erle A. Taylor, undated	flat file 03
Alamo Airways: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1955	

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Certification for Erle A. Taylor at first flight of the Southwest Division of
Varney Speed Lines, the birth of Continental Airlines, 1964 July 12

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Royal Canadian Air Force Golden Hawks photograph signed to Erle A. Taylor,
1963

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