

Nolan Preece: The Carson Sink
Collection CAE1413

Introduction/Abstract

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Biographical Note: Nolan Preece

A photographer for over forty years, Nolan Preece has devoted his work to understanding and mastering the challenging techniques of early photography, but also conceiving of new processes such as the chemogram (1980) and an experimental process he originated in the late nineteen-seventies using cliché-verre. His portfolios include platinum, silver gelatin, cibachrome and digital prints. His distinctive work is in many collections including the Nevada Museum of Art, the Norra Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Logan, UT and the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City. He has lived in Nevada since 1993, and worked as both an industrial photographer for Morton-Thiokol, and as an environmental photographer in Utah. From 2003-2011 he was a professor of photography at the Truckee Meadows Community College.

Scope and Content

Preece took a rare flight with military trainers over the Bravo 20 and Bravo 17 bombing ranges, as well as much of the Carson Sink, and was able to obtain rare views of aerial targets used in bombing practice by pilots based at the nearby Fallon Naval Air Base. The suite of images include ones of Sand Mountain, the Stillwater Refuge, the private wild horse holding facility, and contemporary geoglyphs along the local highway. Overall, the project provides a literal overview of life in and near the old emigrant route through the Twenty-Mile Desert and Dixie Valley. Materials include photographs, maps, and a flight narrative.

Inclusive Dates

2013 – 2016

Bulk Dates

2013

Quantity / Extent

.25 cubic feet

Language

English

Arrangement

Nolan Preece: *The Carson Sink* is organized into two folders: Flight Narrative and Maps; and, Photographic Images.

Related Publications

Collins, Douglas. *Nolan Preece – Currents in Photography* - . New York, NY: Walter Wickiser Gallery, Inc., 2016.

Mackedon, Michon. *Bombast: Spinning Atoms in the Desert*. Reno, NV: Black Rock Institute Press, 2010.

Misrach, Richard. *Bravo 20: The Bombing of the American West*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1990.

Container Listing:

CAE1413: Folders 1-2, 2013

CAE Box 5

- 1-1 Flight Narrative, Maps, Exhibition Ephemera, 2013 – 2016
- 1-2 Photographic Images, April 20, 2013

CAE Flat File F16: Oversized Items

- 1#1 *Flight Plan Map*, April 20, 2013
- 1#2 *Carson Sink Flight Map*, April 20, 2013
- 2#1 *Take Off – Fallon Airport, NV (Indian Lakes Rd.)*, 1:05 pm
- 2#2 *Ancient Streambeds – Carson Sink Area near Fallon, NV*, 1:07 pm
- 2#3 *Salt Wells Basin Landscape near Fallon, NV*, 1:14 pm
- 2#4 *Black Rock Graffiti - Salt Wells Basin, NV (Hwy 50)*, 1:15 pm
- 2#5 *Sand Springs Pony Express Station near Sand Mountain, NV*, 1:18 pm
- 2#6 *Sand Mountain Recreation Area, NV (near Fallon)*, 1:20 pm
- 2#7 *Sand Mountain Recreation, NV*, 1:21 pm
- 2#8 *Sand Mountain Recreation Area Campground, NV*, 1:21 pm
- 2#9 *Army Base Target #2, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:28 pm
- 2#10 *Army Base Target, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:28 pm
- 2#11 *Target Maintenance Area, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:28 pm
- 2#12 *Target Storage Area, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:28 pm
- 2#13 *Target Storage Area Overview, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:28 pm
- 2#14 *Sitting Duck Targets #1, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:31 pm
- 2#15 *Sitting Duck Targets #2, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:33 pm
- 2#16 *Sitting Duck Targets #3, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:33 pm
- 2#17 *Targets and Hangars, Bravo 17 – Fairview Valley, NV*, 1:33 pm
- 2#18 *Volcanic Tuft near LaPlata Canyon. - Stillwater Range, NV*, 1:50 pm
- 2#19 *LaPlata Courthouse Remains w/Monument – Stillwater Range, NV*, 1:53 pm
- 2#20 *Targets, Bravo 20 – Carson Sink, NV*, 2:08 pm
- 2#21 *Lone Rock Overview, Bravo 20 – Carson Sink, NV*, 2:09 pm
- 2#22 *Lone Rock, Bravo 20 – Carson Sink, NV*, 2:09 pm
- 2#23 *Submarine Target #1, Bravo 20 – Carson Sink, NV*, 2:11 pm

- 2#24 *Submarine Target #2, Bravo 20 – Carson Sink, NV, 2:11 pm*
- 2#25 *Target, Bravo 20 – Carson Sink, NV, 2:14 pm*
- 2#26 *Bravo 20, Fallon Naval Air Station Bombing Range – Carson Sink, NV, 2:15 pm*
- 2#27 *Willow Lake, Carson Sink - Stillwater Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, NV, 2:23 pm*
- 2#28 *Stillwater Nat'l Wildlife Refuge – Carson Sink, NV (Lead Bypass Canal), 2:25 pm*
- 2#29 *Big Indian Lake – Carson Sink, NV, 2:27 pm*
- 2#30 *Likes & Papoose Lakes – Carson Sink, NV, 2:28 pm*
- 2#31 *Wild Horse Containment Area – Fallon, NV (Broken Arrow), 2:29 pm*
- 2#32 *Wild Horse Containment Area Overview – Fallon, NV, 2:29 pm*
- 2#33 *Vacated Feedlot – Fallon, NV, 2:32 pm*