

Clockwise from left:

Menu from Wigwam Coffee Shop, Reno, Nevada featuring Meyer-Kassel's painting, *Dance of the Paiute Indians in Moonlight*
Private collection

Pyramid Lake, Nevada, 1947
Collection of Craig Cunningham

Paiute dancer photographs, Nixon, Nevada, circa 1940
Nevada Historical Society, Gift of H. William Brooks

Illustrated envelopes with first-day issue Centennial stamps, 1951
Nevada Historical Society, Gift of H. William Brooks

Pyramid Lake, Nevada, Not dated
Collection of Craig Cunningham

In September 1950, the Reno Stamp Club announced it was seeking the public's support to urge the U.S. Postmaster General to issue a Nevada stamp to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the state's first settlement in Genoa in 1851. The Postal Department agreed, and Nevada Governor Charles Russell appointed a selection committee to choose the design. At least three artists submitted proposals, including Meyer-Kassel, who composed a pioneer scene with a log cabin set in Genoa, Nevada. Meyer-Kassel won the competition. To honor the occasion, Nevada Governor Charles Russell issued a proclamation designating July 14, 1951 as Nevada First Settlement Centennial Day.