Administrative History

In 1989, the Nevada Legislature passed AB 409, which created the Nevada 125th Anniversary Commission. According to the legislation the Commission's purpose was to organize and support the celebration of the 125th anniversary of Nevada's statehood, and encourage cities and counties to do the same.

Commission activities included a competition for a logo design and motto, which were also used as a commemorative license plate. The commission awarded grants to sixty public agencies, non-profit groups, and individuals for projects that promoted the goals of the celebration. Special emphasis was placed on statewide projects and geographical distribution of funds, on projects with matching funds, and those that had lasting value. A representative number of cultural programs and events were also funded. After all obligations were met, the remaining funds were granted to the Nevada Division of Forestry for statewide tree planting.

Records 1989-1991 5.3 cubic feet

Correspondence 1989-1991 2.3 c.f.
Two records boxes and one document box constitute the Correspondence files, and are arranged alphabetically. They include newspaper clippings pertinent to the celebrations, as well as commemorative publications.

Project Files 1989-1991 2 c.f.
Applications and proposals to obtain funding for various projects to commemorate the historic event, ranging from socio-cultural activities, restoration and enhancement of historic sites and structures, and education and statehood celebrations. Special emphasis was placed on statewide projects and geographical distribution of funds. Through three rounds of funding, sixty grants were awarded. The decisions were made during the commission meetings, hence this series includes the minutes of commission meetings.

Project Products 1989-1991 1 c.f.
Consists of audio cassettes, video tapes, and publications which were the final products of a some of the projects.