Nevada Executive Branch Agencies

State Climatologist Office

Agency History

Government meteorological observations in Nevada date back to 1870 when the National Weather S

In Carson City, a local jeweler named Charles Friend had a weather observatory located a block from

In February of 1885 Friend submitted his reports to Secretary of State John M. Dormer, and stated in

Charles Friend was successful in expanding weather observations in Nevada through an act passed

The establishment of a weather service station being necessary to secure as complete a history of th

The act then allowed for the appointment of the Director by the Governor of Nevada, and directed the

The Director, according to the act, would compile an annual report and receive a salary of $600 a yea

Charles Friend was appointed as Director of the Nevada State Weather Service by Governor C.C. St

Many difficulties beset the work of organizing the State Weather Service, and the outlook at first was

Friend wrote:

The Weather Service would help bring prosperity to Nevada's agricultural concerns and the weather

Meteorologists assigned by the U.S. Army Signal Corps until 1890 assisted the Nevada State Weath

During the time of the Nevada State Weather Service its reporting emphasized the importance of wea

The Nevada State Weather Service lasted through 1904; the last report of Charles Friend was dated

After 1905 the weather stations around the state reported their observations to the National Weather

In 1940 the National Weather Service was moved from the Department of Agriculture to the Departm

In 1954 the National Weather Bureau Climatological Service Division, headed by Dr. Helmut Landsbe

In January 1958 the first Nevada State Climatologist made a report. He was Merle J. Brown of Salt La

In 1970 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was created within the Depart

Even though the Nevada State Climatologist was no longer being paid by the federal government and

Many other states established state climate programs but Nevada did not until 1985. In that year the

http://www.climate.unr.edu/

Records 1877-1979 98 volumes and 81 cubic feet of paper files

U.S. Weather Bureau (USWB) Records 1897-1948

Climate and Crop Service, Nevada section Monthly Bulletins, 1897-1909, 1925-48.

Reno Weather Station 1905-1970

Monthly record of observations, 1905-1915, 1917-1948. USWB Forms 1001,1002, 1014.
Climatological record monthly compilations, 1888-1930.
Memoranda, 1905-1916, 1937-42.
Hubbard Field, record of business and personnel, 1931-48.

Substation salaries, 1920-70.

Carson City Weather Station 1881-1905

Meteorological reports of Charles Friend from the Carson City weather station, 1881-95.
Monthly record of observations, 1892-1904 USWB Forms 1001, 1002.
Daily journal, 1887-1906.
Designated forms and annual and tabulated, reports 1899-1905.
Climatological record monthly compilations, 1888-1905.
Means book monthly compilations, 1887-1905.

Other Weather Stations 1888-1972

Elko weather station voluntary observers' meteorological records, 1888-1950.
Meteorological observations from closed stations, 1908-62.
USWB meteorological observations statewide weather stations, 1888-1972.

U.S. War Department, Signal Service 1887-1892

Forms 113, 101 Monthly meteorological reports at the Carson City weather station, 1887-92

Paper Files 81 cubic feet 1877-1979

These records contain voluntary meteorological observations, 1877-1979, from all Nevada weather s