The Reno Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) was formed in 1910 and the first building was dedicated on November 12, 1911 at 32 East First Street in downtown Reno. A. W. Plummer was the first president of the YMCA. Some of the original officers of the organization included Gordon H. True, Robert Price, H. J. Darling, C. R. Carter, R. L. Moeller, C. G. Titus and Joseph E. Stubbs, longtime president of the University of Nevada. George Wingfield and George Nixon were among those on the Advisory Board. Prominent early members of the Association included Charles W. Mapes, George W. Mapes, B. D. Billinghurst, Richard Kirman, Jr. and Fred Delongchamps.

The organization remained at the original location until 1953 when the boiler exploded, causing severe damage to the building. In 1956, the facility moved into a newly constructed building at 1300 Foster Drive near Reno High School. Beginning in 1964, the YMCA began accepting memberships from women as well as men. In 1981, the Reno YMCA and the Sparks YMCA merged into one corporate entity in order to better provide YMCA services in both locations. The principle office was at Foster Drive in Reno, and the name of the organization was changed to **YMCA of The Sierra**.

After 100 years, the YMCA of The Sierra closed amid declining membership and increased competition from private fitness centers. The building was demolished in January 2013.
SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

This collection comprises a large array of incomplete records and many photographs of YMCA activities at the Reno, Nevada facility over a period of 100 years of operation. The only complete set of records are bound volumes of Board of Directors Minutes from May 1910 through December 1986. There are three folders containing portraits of YMCA officials from 1907-1974, most of who were presidents of the organization. There is a smattering of early correspondence and printed materials from the 1930s and 1940s, along with numerous binders containing information regarding budget data, personnel lists, correspondence and printed materials kept by various officials from 1949 through 1964.

There is an abundance of photographs, mostly undated, which are divided into broad categories of activities. Most of the photographs appear to be from the 1970s to 1990s. There is one folder containing historic photographs. The slides are not categorized and few are labeled. There are several photo albums and scrapbooks, some containing articles and pictures dating back to the 1930s. Box 9 contains information concerning the Sparks, Nevada YMCA, its articles of incorporation, historical materials and other data prior to its merger with the Reno YMCA. Box 9 also contains six folders of records pertaining to the Carson City YMCA during the mid-1960s through 1971. It is not immediately clear why these data were in the possession of the Reno organization.
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1 Carson City YMCA Financial
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4 Carson City YMCA Financial Statement 1971
5 Carson City YMCA Extension
6 Carson City YMCA Bank Checks
7 YMCA Historical Materials (Sparks)
8 Sparks YMCA Articles of Incorporation
9 YMCA Guest Book 1958
10 Binder: Pictorial Review of Reno YMCA Physical Dept (photos, no dates)
11 Scrapbooks, 1949-50; 1954

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1 Large 11 x 14” photo of YMCA during Reno flood
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3 Scrapbook, YMCA news clippings 1930s – 1950

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