



Guide to the McGriff and DeVinney Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	De Vinney Family
Title:	McGriff and DeVinney Family Papers
ID:	MS-01152
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1900 to 1959
Physical Description:	1.31 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	1.89 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The McGriff and DeVinney Family Papers (approximately 1900-1959) contain papers and photographs documenting Francis De Vinney and his wife, Della, who lived in Las Vegas, Nevada in the early- to mid- 20th century. The collection also includes documentation about Della's father, Edwin Guy "E. G." McGriff, an early Las Vegas resident. Materials include photographic prints and albums, business and personal correspondence, and 16mm film.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

Edwin Guy "E. G." McGriff (1868-1938) was an early Las Vegas resident and farmer. With the purchase of land and water rights adjacent to the Yonema "Bill" Tomiyasu family farm, the 40-acre McGriff Ranch was developed as a fruit producing farm. McGriff married Olive Higgins (1872-1962) in 1893, and had one daughter, Della. In addition to being a farmer on his ranch, McGriff served as Chairman of the Clark County Commission and was an entrepreneur. His daughter, Della, married Francis DeVinney in approximately 1920. DeVinney worked as the Clark

County Tax Assessor from 1926 to 1946, and the couple lived at 516 Bridger Avenue in Las Vegas where they raised their daughter, Florence.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Where use copies do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Advanced notice is required.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2023 by Vicki Carnes; accession number 2023-038.

Accruals

Further additions to this collection are anticipated.

Appraisal

Acquired by Visual Materials Curator, Aaron Mayes, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings on early Las Vegas history. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

Processing Note

In 2023, Sarah Jones arranged and described the collection at the folder-level, entered the data into ArchivesSpace, and wrote the front matter description.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Florence DeVinney Krolak Photograph Collection, approximately 1930-1979. PH-00065. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f14h28>

Betty Ham Dokter Photograph Collection, 1850-1976. PH-00012. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1sg83>

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Names and Subjects

- black-and-white photographs
- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Krolak, Florence DeVinney, 1931-2009
- McGriff, E. G. (Edwin Guy), 1860-1938
- McGriff, Olive Higgins, 1872-1962
- DeVinney, Della McGriff, 1895-1973

- DeVinney, Francis, 1887-1944

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Francis "Frank" Cockrill DeVinney as railroad engineer and Clark County assessor: photographic prints, 1920 to 1949	box 01
Southern Nevada Telephone Company telephone directory, 1944	box 01
Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints and postcards, 1900 to 1925	box 01
E. G. McGriff bank book and cancelled checks, 1912 to 1915	box 01
Methodist Episcopal Church 25th Anniversary (1906-1931) program, 1931 October	box 01
Brochure advertising Moapa, Nevada and booklet of sewing advertisements, 1905 to 1939	box 01
Women's Missionary Society cookbook (Mrs. William McGriff contributed), 1915	box 01
McGriff and DeVinney family photograph album, 1920 to 1939	box 01
Business correspondence to E. G. McGriff and Frank DeVinney, 1920 to 1939 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Correspondence to Della DeVinney, 1945 to 1947	box 01
Lease agreements for Della DeVinney's property in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1947 to 1950	box 01
Peach orchard at McGriff property in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, 1912 July 17	box 01
First mail plane in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, 1926 April	box 01
7th Annual Convention for Nevada Clark County Commissioner's Association in Reno, Nevada: photographic print, 1931 January 29 to 1931 January 30	box 01
"H. F. M. & M. Tract and Garden Acres" brochure, 1926 March 08	box 01
Portrait of an unidentified Tomiyasu child in traditional clothing: photographic print, 1920 to 1949	box 01
DeVinney and McGriff family 16mm black-and-white films, approximately 1950 to 1959 Physical Description: 2 Reels (16mm film)	oversized box 02