



Guide to the Elizabeth Harrington Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Harrington, Elizabeth, 1898-1992
Title:	Elizabeth Harrington Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00291
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1910 to 1959
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (2 hanging folders and 1 shared box of negatives)
Physical Description:	0.67 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Elizabeth Harrington Photograph Collection (approximately 1910-1959) is comprised of black-and-white and color photographic prints and negatives. The images primarily depict the Kiwanis Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as the Potosi mine in Nevada. Other images depict early Helldorado parades, airplanes at Anderson Field (Rockwell Field), and First State Bank employees. Also included are images of locations in Las Vegas, including Las Vegas grammar schools, the El Portal Theater, El Rancho Vegas, Fremont Street, Overland Hotel, and the Old Arizona Club. Additional images include portraits of Maude Frazier, Ray Lyman, and Arthur Harrington.

Preferred Citation

Elizabeth Harrington Photograph Collection, approximately 1910-1959. PH-00291. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Elizabeth Harrington was born January 25, 1898 in Salida, Colorado. She married Arthur Harrington, a bookkeeper with the Empire Zinc Company of New Jersey. In 1916, they moved to Southern Nevada, as the Empire Zinc Company owned the Potosi Mine just outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. After the Potosi mine closed around 1920, the Harrington family moved to Hanover,

New Mexico. They later returned to Las Vegas where Arthur Harrington started the Harrington Insurance Company. He also was a founding member of the Las Vegas chapter of the Kiwanis Club, a fraternal organization for businessmen, and the Bank of Nevada in February 1926 and May 1941, respectively. He served as the Kiwanis Club's first secretary and was named secretary of the board for the Bank of Nevada.

In 1946, the Harrington family moved to Santa Monica, California due to Elizabeth Harrington's declining health. Arthur Harrington died in California in 1961. From 1975 to 1979, Elizabeth wrote a series of historical articles from her personal knowledge and experience living in Southern Nevada. These articles were published in the *Nevadan*, the former Sunday supplement magazine to the *Las Vegas-Review Journal*. Her articles described life in early Las Vegas and at the Potosi mine, detailing aviation, Helldorado parades, banking, hotels, and medicine.

Elizabeth Harrington died in 1992.

Source:

Elizabeth Harrington Collection of Essays, 1975-1979. MS-00220. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1984 by Elizabeth Harrington; accession numbers T-165 and 84-42.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Ryan DiPaolo wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Potosi (Nev.) -- History
- Fremont Street (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Aviation
- Las Vegas Grammar School
- Frazier, Maude, 1881-1963
- First National Bank of Nevada

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1910 to 1959 (0291_0001-0291_0054) Physical Description: 55 Photographic Prints	folder 01

Physical Description: 15 Photographic Negatives

folder
02

box
SH-032