



## Guide to the Merle Frehner Map of St. Thomas, Nevada

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Frehner, Merle, 1905-1994
<b>Title:</b>	Merle Frehner Map of St. Thomas, Nevada
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00047
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1981
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.02 Cubic Feet (1 folder (1 shared box))
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.02 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Merle Frehner Map of St. Thomas, Nevada (1981) consists of a hand-drawn map by Frehner of St. Thomas, Nevada who lived there from 1914 to 1932. The town was abandoned in 1933 due to the construction of Hoover Dam and is now beneath the waters of Lake Mead. Also included are instructions to the Geography 135 class at University of Nevada, Las Vegas to reproduce the map, which became a student project.

### Preferred Citation

Merle Frehner Map of St. Thomas, Nevada, 1981. MS-00047. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Former St. Thomas, Nevada resident Merle Frehner was born in Littlefield, Arizona on July 20, 1905. He and his family were residents of St. Thomas, Nevada when it was purchased by the U. S. Federal Government in the early 1930s to make way for Lake Mead, which submerged the town. The Frehner's left in 1933 and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where he was a Marine store retailer. Merle Frehner passed away in Las Vegas on January 10, 1994 at the age of 88.

Source:

"Merle Frehner," genealogy record, accessed July 24, 2018, <https://www.geni.com/people/Merle-Frehner-1905-1994/6000000034891552847>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Merle Frehner Map of St. Thomas, Nevada (1981) consists of a hand-drawn map by Frehner who lived in St. Thomas, Nevada from 1904 to 1932. The town was abandoned in 1933 due to the construction of Hoover Dam and is now beneath the waters of Lake Mead. Also included are instructions to the Geography 135 class at University of Nevada, Las Vegas to reproduce the map, which became a student project.

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Accession numbers 1985-03, Mss x26.

### Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Joyce Moore wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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

Frehner, Merle. Interview, 1981 January 17. OH-02062. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frehner, Merle. Interview, 1975 July 5. OH-00625. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

### Separated Materials

The photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in Merle and Beulah Frehner Photograph Collection, 1905-1955. PH-00026. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Saint Thomas (Nev.)
- Maps
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Ariz. and Nev.)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Hand-drawn map of St. Thomas, Nevada by Merle Frehner, undated	box SH-002
UNLV Geography 135 assignment sheet to re-draft the St. Thomas map, 1981 March 31	box SH-002
Comments by a student on the drawing by Frehner, undated	box SH-002