



Guide to the Frank Williams Papers on Early Nevada

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Williams, Frank, 1871-1947
Title:	Frank Williams Papers on Early Nevada
ID:	MS-00053
Date [inclusive]:	1892 to 1946
Physical Description:	0.08 Cubic Feet (13 folders (1 shared box))
Physical Description:	0.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Frank Williams Papers on Early Nevada (1892-1946) consists of manuscripts written for the most part by Frank Williams, an early resident of Southern Nevada. The collection includes Williams' autobiography as well as histories of Goodsprings, Potosi Mine, Mesquite Valley, and the Yellow Pine Mining districts. Finally, this collection contains reports and material reflecting Frank Williams' two terms as University Regent (1909-1912 and 1923-1942) at the University of Nevada, Reno, and his four terms in the Nevada State Assembly.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Frank Williams was born February 15, 1871, and at the age of twenty-one he left Kansas for Nevada and arrived on December 13, 1892. He made his home in Goodsprings, Nevada as a miner and prospector. He also served as a University Regent from 1909 to 1912, then again from 1923 to 1942. Williams also served four terms in the state assembly. He died December 19, 1947.

Source:

"Frank Williams." Find A Grave. January 27, 2007. Accessed June 10, 2020. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17659814/frank-williams>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Frank Williams Papers on Early Nevada (1892-1946) consists of manuscripts written for the most part by Frank Williams, an early resident of Southern Nevada. The manuscripts document his life, local histories, various speeches, and articles regarding mining and gambling. The collection also contains information regarding miners and prospectors in the Goodsprings, Nevada area. It includes Williams' autobiography as well as histories of Goodsprings, Potosi Mine, Mesquite Valley, and the Yellow Pine Mining districts. Finally, this collection contains reports and material reflecting Frank Williams' two terms as University Regent (1909-1912 and 1923-1942) at the University of Nevada, Reno, and his four terms in the Nevada State Assembly.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1968 by Mrs. Vaughn Holt; accession number Mss x33.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Christine Marin in 1985. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Gambling -- Nevada -- History
- Yellow Pine Mining District
- Mesquite Valley (Nev.) -- History
- Goodsprings (Nev.)
- Potosi (Nev.) -- History
- Clark County (Nev.) -- Politics and government
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Mines and mineral resources
- Williams, Edith J. Crawford, 1888-1967
- University of Nevada System. Board of Regents

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Typewritten autobiography with handwritten notations, 1892-1910	box SH-003	folder 1
Handwritten biography of Frank Williams by his wife Edith C. Williams, undated	box SH-003	folder 2
Report to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, Reno, 1911 October 02	box SH-003	folder 3
Articles concerning gambling in Goodsprings, Nevada, 1945-1946	box SH-003	folder 4
Address honoring George Washington's birthday delivered in Kingston, California, 1932 February 22	box SH-003	folder 5
Typewritten address by Regent Frank Williams given at Nevada State University, Reno, concerning the importance of education, 1910 May 25	box SH-003	folder 6

Handwritten history of Goodsprings, Nevada, approximately 1928	box SH-003	folder 7
Description of Yellow Pine mine and Goodsprings, Nevada mining district and production vanadium ore, undated	box SH-003	folder 8
Report of Tests by Ore-dressing Section, Metallurgical Division: Project 373, Vanadium Ore from the Valley Forge Mine, Nevada, undated	box SH-003	folder 9
Report of Tests by Ore-testing Section, Metallurgical Division: Project 149, Lead-Vanadate Ore from the Kansas-Nevada Mine, Nevada, undated	box SH-003	folder 10
History of the Potosi mine in Goodsprings, Nevada, 1945	box SH-003	folder 11
History of the Mesquite Valley by Frank Williams, concerning mines, towns, and prominent individuals, 1935	box SH-003	folder 12
Newspaper clipping from Carson News, "Frank Williams enters a denial of charges", 1923-1924	box SH-003	folder 13