



Guide to the L. Paul Mercer Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Mercer, L. Paul, 1903-1972
Title:	L. Paul Mercer Papers
ID:	MS-00066
Date [inclusive]:	1939 to 1970
Date [bulk]:	approximately 1965 to 1967
Physical Description:	0.9 Linear Feet (6 folders (shared box))
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The L. Paul Mercer Papers date from 1939-1970 and consist of personal correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and textile samples dyed in the Native American tradition.

Preferred Citation

L. Paul Mercer Papers, 1939-1970. MS-00066. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Author L. (Leslie) Paul Mercer was an enthusiast of spinning, dyeing, and weaving in the Native American tradition. Born October 2, 1903, Mercer was a former resident of Boulder City, Nevada where he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for 16 years. Mercer was a former president of The Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild. He lived with a Navajo family in Arizona for three years to learn techniques in spinning, dyeing, and loom operation. Leslie Paul Mercer passed away on April 16, 1972 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

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Scope and Contents Note

The L. Paul Mercer Papers contains materials dated 1939-1970 relating to Paul Mercer's interest in the arts of textile spinning, dyeing, and weaving. Collection includes both typewritten and some handwritten letters from a fellow spinning and weaving enthusiast, Fred A. Pennington, and his wife, Lulu. Also included is a manuscript of *Dye Formulas and Color Representations* from the notes of Paul Mercer, which contain samples of wool dyed various colors. Other materials include photographs and newspaper articles.

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Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order. Scrapbook housed separately.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1976 by Hal Erickson; accession number 1976-085.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Christine Marin in [undated]. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Kathleen Marx[your name] revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Nevada
- Pennington, Fred A.
- Pennington, Lulu
- Southern Nevada Weavers and Spinners

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Biography, undated	box SH-005
Letters, approximately 1965-1967	box SH-005
Publication, approximately 1939	box SH-005
Newsclippings, 1968-1970	box SH-005
Manuscript, undated	box SH-005
Photos, approximately 1965	box SH-005
Scrapbook, approximately 1942 to 1971, 1964 to 1969	oversized box 02