

Guide to the Arlene Mathews Smith Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Smith, Arlene Mathews, 1910-2004
Title:	Arlene Mathews Smith Papers
ID:	MS-00069
Date [inclusive]:	1917-1978
Date [bulk]:	1920s
Physical Description:	0.42 Linear Feet (1 box, 6 folders (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box, 6 folders (shared box))
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Arlene Mathews Smith Papers are comprised of materials pertaining to the area around Panaca, Nevada, dating from 1917 to 1978, with a bulk of the items from the 1920s. The papers were collected while she lived in Panaca and consist of records and booklets from the 4-H Boys and Girls Club, two copies of the "Lincoln Lantern" dated 1927, and memorabilia.

Preferred Citation

Arlene Mathews Smith Papers, 1917-1978. MS-00069. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Arlene Mathews Smith was born September 12, 1910 in Panaca, Nevada to David Charles Matthews and Carrie Lee. Smith was educated in Panaca and graduated from high school in Panaca in an area now known as Lincoln County. In the winter of 1927 Arlene and her entire family contracted smallpox; the family was quarantined for weeks. In 1929 Arlene started her first job working for a drug store in Pioche, Nevada.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by format.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1980 by Arlene Mathews Smith; accession numbers T-51, 1980-084, and 1981-55.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Christine Marin. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Kayla McDuffie revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised and enhanced by Kayla McDuffie to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. June 2015

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the Arlene Mathews Smith Photographs, 1910-1945. PH-00129. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Related Collections Note

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

Smith, Arlene Mathews. Interview, 1981 March 26. OH-01710. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Junior Farm Bureau Camp, University Farm
- Panaca (Nev.)
- Lincoln County (Nev.)
- photographs
- Memorabilia
- 4-H Youth Development Program (U.S.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Text: transcript (with holograph notations), instructions and record booklet for 4-H for third year clothing construction and care, consists of U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers' Bulletin, compiled by University of Nevada Agriculture Extension Division, 1926-1928	box 01

Pamphlet: typescript (with holograph notation), publication from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Treasury Department, titled "Take Care of Your Clothing", Approx. 1917	box 01
Papers: typescript (some mimeograph, some handwritten), school bulletin for Lincoln County High School, Panaca, Nevada, volume 1, number 1-3, and letter from Lorraine to Arlene, 1925-1928, 1978	box 01
Memorabilia: ribbons from Nevada Fairs, Lincoln County High School Letter "L" and sample of hand-sewing mending by Arlene, 1923-1926	box 01
Newsclippings: typescript (photo-copy), includes two articles, an automobile accident and store number 54 in Las Vegas, undated	box 01
Photos: photocopies of photos, undated	box 01
