



Guide to the Charles A. Hendel Notebook

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Hendel, Charles August, 1886-1976
Title:	Charles A. Hendel Notebook
ID:	MS-00157
Date [inclusive]:	1960-1976
Physical Description:	0.2 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Charles A. Hendel Notebook is comprised of one notebook of poetry and prose written by Charlie Hendel between 1960 and 1976. Topics include the state of Nevada, World War II, American nationalism, and biographical materials about Charles Hendel.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Charles A. "Charlie" Hendel was a well-known civic leader in Mineral County, Nevada and the Poet Laureate of the 45th Nevada State Legislature (1949-1951). Many of his writings were created under the pen name "Cinnabar Ike." He was born on December 23, 1886 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to Smith Valley, Nevada in 1913 after four years in the U.S. Navy. He later moved to Weepah, Nevada where he mined and served as postmaster from 1927-1929. He moved to Hawthorne, Nevada in 1929 to take a job as an inspector of construction at the Naval Ammunition Depot. During the Second World War, Hendel organized the Seabee unit to train recruits for the United States Navy Construction Battallions. Following the war, Hendel was involved in community organizations and government. He founded the Hawthorne Lions Club and was elected to the State Assembly to represent Mineral County in 1950, serving eight years in office. In 1951, Hendel was named the Poet Laureate of the 45th session of the Nevada State Legislature. He officially retired in 1973 and moved to Orlando, Florida. He died in October 1976.

Source: "Death Takes Two Well Known Former Officials Of Mineral County," *Mineral County Independent News*, October 6, 1976.

Chronology	
1886 December 23	Charles A. "Charlie" Hendel born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1909	Enlists in the U.S. Navy.
1913	End of naval career. Moves to Smith Valley, Nevada.
1927-1929	Serves as the first postmaster for Weepah, Nevada.
1929	Moves to Hawthorne, Nevada. Becomes an inspector of construction for the the Naval Ammunition Depot.
1947	Retires from Civil Service Inspector of Construction of Navy.
1950	Elected Assemblyman from Mineral County; Serves 8 years in the Legislature.
1951 February 28	Named Poet Laureate of the 45th Session of the Nevada State Legislature.
1968 February 12	Receives commendation from State Legislative Assembly for years of service.
1973	Retires. Moves to Orlando, Florida.
October 1976	Dies in Orlando, Florida.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Charles A. Hendel Notebook consists of one notebook of poetry and prose created by Charles A. "Charlie" Hendel between 1960 and 1976. All of the materials were written under Hendel's pen name, "Cinnabar Ike." The topics of the materials include Nevada history and culture, comparisons between democratic and authoritarian governments, twentieth-century progress, World War II, American nationalism, and support for labor movements. The last 14 pages of the notebook are dedicated to biographical information about Hendel collected for use during his funeral services.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

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Processing Note

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Revision Description

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Names and Subjects

- Poets laureate -- Nevada

- Weepah (Nev.) -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
One notebook "Some Writings and A Bit of Verse", 1960-1976	box 01