



Guide to the Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Historical Sites and Museums

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Contributor:	Brooks, Sheilagh
Creator:	Nevada State Museum
Creator:	Nevada. Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
Title:	Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Historical Sites and Museums
ID:	MS-00280
Date [inclusive]:	1977 to 1983
Physical Description:	1.53 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.29 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Historical Sites and Museums dates from 1977 to 1983. It contains materials including budgets, planning proposals, agenda, and minutes related to the Nevada State Museum, including proposals to build a state museum in Southern Nevada. The collection also contains National Register of Historic Places nomination forms for sites throughout Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Historical Sites and Museums, 1977-1983. MS-00280. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Sheilagh Thompson was born on December 10, 1923 to Robert and Leah Thompson. She grew up in Southern California and graduated from San Pedro High School. She earned her BA in 1944, her MA in 1947, and her PhD in 1951 all in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley.

She married Richard Brooks on November 10, 1951, and the couple had two children, Kathleen and Carolyn.

During her time at Berkeley, Brooks held several positions including museum curator and research anthropologist. She also worked as an instructor in anthropology. She taught part-time at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) beginning in 1960. She relocated to Las Vegas permanently in 1966, and became the first full-time anthropology professor at UNLV. In 1973, she became a full professor and chair of the Anthropology-Ethnic Studies Department at UNLV. The Sheilagh Brooks Osteology Research Laboratory at UNLV is named in her honor for her many contributions to the University and to the study of anthropology and archaeology.

In addition to her teaching career, Brooks authored several articles on anthropology and was recognized as an expert in forensic anthropology. She also served in local and statewide organizations devoted to Nevada history and archaeology. She oversaw the excavation of Kiel Ranch in North Las Vegas, Nevada.

After suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Brooks passed away in 2008.

Source:

Sheilagh Brooks Biographical File, Richard and Sheilagh Brooks Papers, 1919-2003. MS-00885. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1987 by Sheilagh Brooks; accession number 1987-048.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Richard and Sheilagh Brooks Papers, 1919-2003. MS-00885. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology Records, 1967-1991. MS-00743. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Title/Description	Containers
Nevada State Museum	
Reports, agenda, and correspondence, 1977-1981 Physical Description: 7 Files	box 01
Economic Evaluation and Planning for Southern Nevada Cultural Arts Center report, 1978	box 02
Feasibility Study to Create a Department of Cultural Affairs and Alternative Proposals, 1978 February 01	box 02
Feasibility Study to Create a Department of Cultural Affairs and Alternative Proposals, revised, 1978 July 01	box 02
Unidentified black-and-white photographs, undated	box 02
National Trust for Historic Preservation	
Nomination Forms: Carson City County, 1980-1981	box 02
Inventory Forms: Carson City County, 1980	box 02
Nomination Forms: Churchill County, 1980	box 02
Nomination Forms: Clark County, 1978-1983	box 02
Inventory Forms: Boulder City Historic District, 1983	box 02
Nomination Forms: Douglas County, 1979-1983	box 02
Nomination Forms: Elko County, 1983	box 02
Nomination Forms: Esmeralda County, 1981	box 02
Nomination Forms: Eureka County, 1979	box 02
Nomination Forms: Humboldt County, 1980-1983	box 02
Nomination Forms: Lander County, 1982	box 02
Nomination Forms: Lyon County, 1982-1983	box 02
Nomination Forms: Mineral County, 1981	box 02
Nomination Forms: Nye County, 1979-1980	box 02
Inventory Forms: Tonopah, Nye County, 1980	box 02
Nomination Forms: Pershing County, 1980-1983	box 02
Nomination Forms: Washoe County, 1979-1983	box 03
Inventory Forms: Ely, White Pine County, 1983	box 03
Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology	

Inventory Forms: Carson City County, 1980

box 03

Inventory Forms: Washoe County, 1980-1982

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