

Guide to the Celesta Lowe Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lowe, Celesta, 1917-2004
Title:	Celesta Lowe Papers
ID:	MS-00360
Date [inclusive]:	1943 to 1995
Date [bulk]:	1967 to 1981
Physical Description:	1.50 Linear Feet (1 box and 1 oversized box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Celesta Lowe Papers (1943-1995) consist of clippings, published writings ("Echoes from the Archives" and "Southwestern Bookshelf" columns), correspondence, and photographs related to Southern Nevada history. Also included are National League of American Pen Women and Pen Hens material.

Preferred Citation Note

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Biographical Note

Writer and long time Las Vegas, Nevada resident Celesta Lowe grew up in Goodsprings in the Moapa Valley, Nevada before the family moved to El Monte, California, where she attended high school and business college before returning to Las Vegas area. The first Helldorado celebration in 1935 was the site of her marriage to Deke Lowe. As a mother of four children, she returned to school in 1955 to take home economic classes at Nevada Southern University (NSU), now University of Nevada, Las Vegas UNLV). She became the first secretary to James Dickinson in the NSU library and took charge of the Special Collections Department in 1967. Lowe played a large part in developing the Special Collections Division of the library.

A prolific writer, she wrote the column "Echoes from the Archives" in the Nevadan section of the Las Vegas Review Journal, and followed that with a column entitled "Southwestern Bookshelf." She was an active member of the National League of Pen Women beginning in 1958, and also served as

book review editor for Maverick Publications. Celesta Lowe died at age 87 on December 9, 2004 in Las Vegas.

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Scope and Contents

Celesta Lowe Papers (1943-1995) include copies of Lowe's column "Echoes from the Archives" from 1967 to 1974. The years 1967, 1968 and 1969 are complete while the subsequent years are incomplete. Copies of "Southwestern Bookshelf" in 1980 and 1981 are included and complete. There is correspondence and newsletters from the Pen-Hens from 1958 to 1976, and from the National League of Pen Women from 1976 through 1995, including a copy of the bylaws. One folder contains copies of newspaper articles pertaining to various family members and civic events.

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Arrangement of the Records

Papers remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1995 by Celesta Lowe; accession number 1995-048.

Processed by

Material was processed in 1996 by Joyce Marshall. In 2017 Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Three of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in Celesta Lowe Photographs, PH-0059. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Library employees -- Nevada
- Journalists -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
- Lowe family
- Nevada Southern University
- University of Nevada. Southern Regional Division
- Las Vegas Review-Journal

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Newspaper clippings, family, 1943-1995 Physical Description: (copies)	box 1	folder 1
Newspaper clippings, 1955-1968	box 1	folder 2
"Pen-Hens": Correspondence and newsletters, 1958-1968	box 1	folder 3
Bylaws, UNLV Commencements, miscellaneous forms, undated	box 1	folder 4
National League of American Pen Women, 1985-1995	box 1	folder 5

Physical Description: (papers)

"Echoes from the Archives" newspaper column, 1967-1974 Physical Description: (complete)	oversized box 2	folder 1
"Echoes from the Archives" newspaper column, 1975-1979 Physical Description: (incomplete)	oversized box 2	folder 2
Las Vegas Review Journal, 1980	oversized box 2	folder 3
Las Vegas Review Journal, 1981	oversized box 2	folder 4
