



## Guide to the Mildred Mann Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Mann, Mildred
<b>Title:</b>	Mildred Mann Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00369
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1915-1995
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1960-1985
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.45 Cubic Feet (12 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Mildred Mann Papers (1915-1995) contain documents related to her involvement in teaching ceramics and her work with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Included are correspondence, newspaper clippings, magazines, certificates, childhood school materials, manuals, photographs, a scrapbook, and newsletters. There are also Clark County Community College (CCCC) class schedules, real estate papers, and membership lists.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Ceramist and community activist Mildred Mann was born on May 20, 1910 in St. Joseph, Missouri, where she spent her youth and early adulthood. After WWII, she and her husband Arthur moved to Nevada and settled in North Las Vegas. They homesteaded property on Bassler Avenue in North Las Vegas, Nevada and Mildred became active in community affairs. She lobbied for paved streets and street lights, worked to increase voter registration, and served on various committees related to city government. Mann was a member of the Ground Observer Corps, Home League, Ladies of the Salvation Army, Eastern Star, and Rebekahs. The activities that she held most dear, however,

were in the ceramics industry. Mann was a founding member of the Nevada State Ceramic Association and instrumental in getting Nevada affiliated with the National Ceramic Association. Her love of teaching led her to set up a ceramics program at the Las Vegas Blind Center. She served as the director of that program for more than thirty years, devoting countless hours to teaching the vision impaired, including a very successful children's program. In addition, she operated Mil-Art Studio in her home and also taught porcelain art at the Clark County Community College (CCCC) in Las Vegas, Nevada from 1976 to 1989. She was such a popular teacher that the wait to get into one of her classes was sometimes as long as three years.

Mann was involved in many craft programs for the Parks and Recreation Department and in 1978 designed craft projects for Sears Department Store. She became a pilot teacher of the handicapped and disabled at the National Ceramic Association Education Foundation headquarters in Cosby, Tennessee. After attaining master status in all facets of the ceramic industry, she was instrumental in designing and administering tests for future teachers and judges of earthenware and porcelain.

Mann was honored with a lifetime achievement award by the National Ceramic Association and a ceramic program for the visually impaired was named for her in Cosby, Tennessee. Her involvement in the fired arts spanned over thirty-four years and remained constant until her death in March of 1996.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Mildred Mann Papers (1915-1995) contains material from her involvement in ceramics, the Blind Center of Southern Nevada, local and international activities. Included are manuals, teaching aids, judging booklets, and ceramics magazines and newsletters produced locally and nationally. Also included are correspondence, convention material, trade journals, programs, Community College schedules and rosters.

The material from her involvement in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) women's auxiliary includes membership lists, newsletters, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous memorabilia.

There are family photographs, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia from Mann's childhood, as well as post cards and letters from her husband and sisters. Materials also include real estate papers, membership cards, newspaper clippings, a scrapbook devoted to her son Arthur Dennis (who died as a young boy), her early school material, and Mann's many awards, certificates and merits of service.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is divided into three series:

Series I. Ceramics;

Series II. International Order of Odd Fellows-the Rebekahs;

Series III. Personal.

Material is arranged alphabetically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

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### Acquisition Note

Material was donated in 1996 by the family of Mildred Mann; accession number 96-10.

### Processing Note

Material was processed in 1994 by Joyce Marshall Moore. In 2016 Joyce Moore revised the collection description to be compliant with current professional standards.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Ceramics – United States – Nevada
- Women potters
- Women art teachers
- Teachers of the blind

- Community activists -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- photographs
- International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, IOOF
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1. Ceramics, 1958-1992

Physical Description: 2.22 Cubic Feet (6 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: The ceramic papers contain material on the Las Vegas, Nevada Blind Center, Mildred Mann's local and international activities involving ceramic art, and the classes she taught at Clark County Community College. Included are correspondence, awards, class schedules, meeting notes and reports, newsletters, and magazine articles.

Arrangement: Material is arranged alphabetically.

#### Subseries 1.1. Ceramics- Blind Center of Southern Nevada, 1961-1990

Physical Description: (1 box)

Title/Description	Containers	
Bulletins, Magazines, and Newsletters, 1961-1985	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, 1962-1990	box 1	folder 2
Guide for Manual Alphabet, undated	box 1	folder 3
History: Federation of the Blind, undated	box 1	folder 4
Newsletter: Las Vegas Blind Center, undated	box 1	folder 5
Newspaper articles, 1963-1985	box 1	folder 6
Occupational therapy, undated	box 1	folder 7
The Optacon, 1988	box 1	folder 8
Poems, undated	box 1	folder 9
Status of Services for the Blind, 1971	box 1	folder 10

#### Subseries 1.2. Ceramics- Local Activities, 1964-1993

Physical Description: (4 boxes)

Title/Description	Containers	
Ceramics show programs, 1964-1986	box 2	
China painters, correspondence and miscellaneous, 1980-1982	box 3	folder 1
Clark County Community College schedules, 1977-1984	box 3	folder 2
Clark County Community College teaching information, 1976-1989	box 3	folder 3

Copyright information, 1976-1978	box 3	folder 4
Incoming Correspondence, 1966-1989	box 3	folder 5
Outgoing Correspondence, 1972-1983	box 3	folder 6
Financial report, 1974	box 3	folder 7
Instructional project sheets, 1973-1984	box 3	folder 8
Judging and show awards, 1971-1985	box 3	folder 9
Lifetime membership recommendations, 1981-1982	box 4	folder 1
Magazine articles, 1964-1993	box 4	folder 2
Membership rosters and by-laws, Nevada State Ceramic Association, 1972-1983	box 4	folder 3
Newsletters: Nevada State Ceramic Association, 1966-1985	box 4	folder 4
Newspaper clippings, show promotions, 1966-1985	box 4	folder 5
Photographs	box 13	
Publicity, miscellaneous, 1969-1975	box 4	folder 6
Show correspondence, 1966-1975	box 5	folder 1
Show information, 1969	box 5	folder 2
Show information, 1970	box 5	folder 3
Show information, 1971	box 5	folder 4
Show information, 1972	box 5	folder 5
Show information, 1975	box 5	folder 6
Show rules and regulations, 1975-1992	box 5	folder 7

### **Subseries 1.3. Ceramics- International Activities, 1958-1991**

Physical Description: (1 box)

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Containers</b>	
Board Meeting Minutes, 1991	box 6	folder 1
Convention Materials, 1992	box 6	folder 2
Correspondence, 1958-1983	box 6	folder 3
Humanitarian Award, 1982-1989	box 6	folder 4
Seminar modules, 1958-1984	box 6	folder 5
Teacher certification, 1958-1983	box 6	folder 6
Trade journals, 1973-1992	box 6	folder 7
National Ceramic Business Seminar, 1965	box 6	folder 8

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## Series 2. Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Women's Auxiliary-The Rebekahs, 1961-1972

Physical Description: 1.11 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: The Rebekahs' material includes correspondence, membership lists, newsletters, newspaper clippings, programs, and laws and instructions from the local Order of Rebekahs in Southern Nevada.

Arrangement: Material is arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Correspondence, 1961-1972	box 7	folder 1
Membership lists, undated	box 7	folder 2
Miscellaneous memorabilia, undated	box 7	folder 3
Newsletters, International Rebekah News, 1964-1968	box 8	folder 1
Newspaper clippings, 1961-1969	box 8	folder 2
Photographs	box 13	
Programs, 1948-1979	box 8	folder 3
Laws and Instructions, 1960-1979	box 9	

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## Series 3. Personal, 1929-1984

Physical Description: 1.11 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: The Mildred Mann personal papers include biographical information, scrapbooks, North Las Vegas, Nevada water issues, correspondence, awards and certificates, and house papers.

Arrangement: Material is arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
American Business Women's Association, 1971-1972	box 10	folder 1
Arthur Dennis, son, memorial book, undated	box 10	folder 2
Arthur Dennis, son, photo album, 1936	box 10	folder 3
Arthur Mann, memorial book, 1975	box 10	folder 4
Biographical information, 1977-1988	box 10	folder 5
Eastern Star, 1965-1989	box 10	folder 6
Ground Observer Corps, 1957-1969	box 10	folder 7
House papers, 1957	box 10	folder 8



Local government involvement, 1956-1957	box 10	folder 9
Membership cards, miscellaneous, 1958-1971	box 10	folder 10
Mish-Mash, a book of poetry, undated	box 10	folder 11
North Las Vegas water issues, 1951-1957	box 10	folder 12
Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, 1962-1969	box 10	folder 13
Spiritual material, 1957-1982	box 10	folder 14
Theta Rho Assembly programs, 1970-1972	box 10	folder 15
United Fund, 1977	box 10	folder 16
Voter Registration and candidate material, 1953-1960	box 10	folder 17
Correspondence, 1929-1984	box 11	folder 1
Scrapbook, 1939-1945	box 11	folder 2
Scrapbook, 1939-1945	box 11	folder 3
Scrapbook, 1939-1945	box 11	folder 4
Certificates and awards, 1959--1991	box 12	
1 oversized envelope containing additional award certificates, 1965-1979	flat file	14

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