



## Guide to the Florence McClure 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>	McClure, Florence
<b>Title:</b>	Florence McClure Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00477
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1969-2007
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9.31 Cubic Feet (10 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.96 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Florence McClure Papers (1969-2007) are comprised of writings, correspondence, newspaper clippings, handwritten notes, and assorted publications that focus on McClure's work with women's organizations, her efforts on behalf of the Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility, and her political advocacy work. It also contains a large number of reference clippings McClure collected on women's issues from local, national, and international publications.

### Preferred Citation

Florence McClure Papers, 1969-2007. MS-00477. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Florence McClure worked on behalf of women in Las Vegas, co-founding the organization Community Action Against Rape (CAAR) and advocating for incarcerated women. Born Florence Alberta Schilling in Centralia, Illinois on September 26, 1919, she attended MacMurray College for Women before transferring to Hardin Business College where she graduated in October 1941.

During World War II, she worked a series of jobs for the government supporting the US war effort. She met her husband, James McClure, a US Air Force officer, while working for the Security and Intelligence Division in Miami, Florida. The couple had two children, James and Carolyn.

Following her husband's retirement from the air force, the family moved to California and then to Las Vegas, Nevada. McClure began working as an assistant to Burton Cohen at the New Frontier Hotel and Casino. She later worked at the Desert Inn and as an office manager for Howard Hughes.

McClure joined women's organizations including the League of Women Voters and the Soroptimists. She also enrolled at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and earned her bachelor's degree in sociology in 1971.

She and Sandi Petta founded the Community Action Against Rape (CAAR) in 1973, in an effort to advocate for victims, including sensitivity training for police and medical professionals and funding for rape test kits.

After retiring from CAAR in 1984, McClure devoted her efforts to helping incarcerated women maintain ties with their children and to navigate the Nevada prison system. She lobbied the state to locate the women's prison near Las Vegas so the women imprisoned there would still be able to have their children visit. In April 2007 the Nevada State Senate passed a bill to rename the Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility as the Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center. McClure passed away in 2009.

Sources: Moor, Angela. "Florence McClure." *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*, Last modified February 4, 2009. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/florence-shilling-mcclure>

Blasky, Mike. "McClure, activist for women's rights, dies." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, November 10, 2009. <http://infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/12BEA69810887BA0?p=WORLDNEWS>.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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The papers are arranged in six series:

Series 1. Biographical, 1970-2007;

Series 2. Political Advocacy, 1969-1998;  
Series 3. Women's Correctional Facility, 1970-2001;  
Series 4. Women's Organizations, 1969-2003;  
Series 5. Women's Conferences, 1991-2000;  
Series 6; Subject Files on Women's Issues, 1969-2003.  
Material is in rough alphabetical order in each series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2001 and 2003 by Florence McClure; accession number 2003-023.

### Processing Note

Material was processed by Kelli Brockschmidt in 2007. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials

National and international newsletters from several womens organizations were removed as they are available in the National Archives of those organizations.

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in Florence McClure Photographs, 1985-1997. PH-00354. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

## Related Collections

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

McClure, Florence. Interview, 1996 January 24. OH-02673. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Victims of crimes
- Women's rights
- photographs
- Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility
- American Association of University Women. Las Vegas Branch
- League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley (Nev.)
- Soroptimist International of Greater Las Vegas
- Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center -- History

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1. Biographical, 1970-2007

Physical Description: 0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)

Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Biographical series (1970-2007) is comprised of materials that focus on Florence McClure's personal life and provide a broad portrait of her life and work. It includes biographical information in the form of newspaper and magazine articles, interviews, resumes, family documents, and genealogical research. Other important personal documents include awards and honors and general correspondence.

Arrangement: Material is in rough alphabetical order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Awards and honors, 1970-2005	box 1	folder 1
Biographical information (includes autobiography and interviews), undated	box 1	folder 2
Correspondence, 1978-2007		

	box 1	folder 3
Class syllabi and notes, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) coursework, 1975	box 1	folder 4
McClure family history notes and genealogy research, undated	box 1	folder 5
News clippings, biographical, 1980-2005	box 1	folder 6
News clippings, family, undated	box 1	folder 7
Personal daily appointment lists and notes, 1989-1991	box 1	folder 8
Personal invitations, 1972-2003	box 1	folder 9
Sketch of Florence McClure by Wolf Adler, undated	box 1	folder 10
Envelope of color photographs, undated Physical Description: 16 Photographic Prints	box 1	folder 11
Envelope unidentified color photographs, undated Physical Description: 7 Photographic Prints	box 1	folder 12

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## Series 2. Political Advocacy, 1969-1998

Physical Description: 0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)

Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The Political Advocacy series (1969-1998) provides documentation of Florence McClure's work as a political advocate for women's issues in Las Vegas, Nevada as well as at the state and national level. Included is her testimony before the U.S. Senate and summaries of her activities in the Nevada State Legislature regarding women's issues.

Arrangement: Material is in rough alphabetical order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Field Deputy Registrar work, Clark County Election Department, 1985-1986	box 2	folder 1
Female Genital Mutilation, paper by McClure, undated	box 2	folder 2
Gender Bias in the Courts Task Force (Nevada), 1989	box 2	folder 3
Immigration Issues, correspondence with Congressman James Bilbray, 1993	box 2	folder 4
Las Vegas Clark County Consolidation Information, includes a copy of the report "The Urban Puzzle", 1974	box 2	folder 5
Nevada Legislature, 1991-1992	box 2	folder 6
Summaries on Nevada State Legislatures activities regarding women, written by Florence McClure, 1969, 1987, 1995	box 2	folder 7
Nevada Summary Bill on women and children's issues, 1987	box 2	folder 8

Nevada statistics on women legislators, 1989	box 2	folder 9
Transcripts of oral histories at the Nevada Women's Conference, annotated by McClure, July 1977	box 2	folder 10
Testimony before U.S. Senate Subcommittee, regarding the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, 1979 February 28	box 2	folder 11
"Verbal rape" case, profiled in Nevada Trial Lawyers Association Newsletter, by Florence McClure, undated	box 2	folder 12
Ethics Issues in Local/State Government- Nevada, 1991, 1998	box 2	folder 13

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### Series 3. Women's Correctional Facility, 1970-2001

Physical Description: 1.51 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)

Physical Description: 1.29 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The Womens Correctional Facility papers (1970-2001) contains material documenting Florence McClure's work on behalf of the women's correctional facility that was constructed in North Las Vegas. It includes materials about the Southern Nevada Womens Correctional Facility (SNWCF) including correspondence, bids and proposals, and other site selection documents relating to the construction of the facility. The series also contains more general information on corrections and the rights of victims. Included are newspaper clippings, correspondence, reports and studies and drafts of Nevada legislation on corrections issues.

Arrangement: Material is arranged by topic.

Title/Description	Containers	
Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility (SNWCF)		
SNWCF: Blueprints (with annotations), 1996	box 3	folder 1
SNWCF: Community Relations Committee, 1998	box 3	folder 2
SNWCF: Corrections Corporation of America (proposal with cover letter to McClure), 1996	box 3	folder 3
SNWCF: Correspondence, Robert Bayer, Director Nevada Department of Prisons, 1995-1996	box 3	folder 4
SNWCF: Correspondence, Corrections Corporation of America, 1996-2001	box 3	folder 5
SNWCF: Correspondence, Jackie Crawford, 1989-1997	box 3	folder 6
SNWCF: Correspondence, Las Vegas Sun Editor, 1989-1996	box 3	folder 7
SNWCF: Correspondence, Nevada Governor Robert Miller, 1989-1996	box 3	folder 8
SNWCF: Correspondence, Larry Spitler (NV State Assemblyman), 1991-1995	box 3	folder 9
SNWCF: Correspondence, Local and State Government Entities in NV, 1989-1998	box 3	folder 10



SNWCF: Correspondence, Department of Prisons (NV) Department of Parole and Probation, 1984-1995	box 3	folder 11
SNWCF: Correspondence, Dina Titus (NV State Senator), 1989-1996	box 3	folder 12
SNWCF: Correspondence, General, 1989-1996	box 3	folder 13
SNWCF: Management and Training Corporation (company and bid information), undated	box 3	folder 14
SNWCF: Management and Training Corporation Official Proposal, 1996	box 3	folder 15
SNWCF: Miscellaneous Documents, 1984, 1998-2000	box 3	folder 16
SNWCF: Pioche Site (information, petitions against), 1991	box 3	folder 17
SNWCF: Site Selection Documents (includes reports, memos and papers by F. McClure), 1984-1996	box 3	folder 18
General Corrections Material		
Corrections and Correctional Facilities: newspaper clippings in NV and US, 1984-1996	box 3	folder 19
Juvenile delinquency and corrections issues (papers and reports), 1970, 1990, 1996	box 3	folder 20
Lovelock (NV) Correctional Center, 1995-1999	box 3	folder 21
Nevada Female Offenders: Profile, 1983-1990	box 3	folder 22
Nevada Division of Parole and Probation- Life Skills Project (documentation), with cover letter by F. McClure, 1994 December	box 3	folder 23
Nevada Legislature: Assembly bills on Prison Issues and Other Documents, 1991-1995	box 3	folder 24
Nevada: Department of Prisons, Department of Parole and Probation Documents, 1985, 2000	box 3	folder 25
Newspaper clippings on Nevada prison issues, 1994-1998	box 3	folder 26
Notes (handwritten) by McClure on corrections and women's prison issues, 1984-1996	box 3	folder 27
Prison Issues, Female Inmates: Church Women United Organization, 1989-1992	box 3	folder 28
Victims Services in Corrections, crime victims publications, 1984, 1995-1997	box 3	folder 29
Victims Services in Corrections: reports, projects and conference information, 1997	box 3	folder 30

Women's Prisons: unpublished papers (academic studies and reports), 1985-1996	box 3	folder 31
Correspondence and documents from prisoners; correspondence by McClure on behalf of prisoners, 1984-1992	box 10	
<p>Restricted: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2064.</p>		

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## Series 4. Women's Organizations, 1969-2003

Physical Description: 2.56 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.16 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Women's Organizations series (1969-2003) contains documents such as meeting minutes, fliers, notes, brochures, bylaws, event information, and general information that relate to Florence McClure's extensive involvement with women's groups that focused on political, health and social betterment efforts in Nevada. McClure often took a leadership or executive role in these organizations including the Soroptimists International of Greater Las Vegas and the American Association of University Women. McClure was also an active lobbyist for women's rights concerning sexual, domestic, and physical abuse. There are several folders that reflect this including: Community Action Against Rape; a copy of her scrapbook on the founding of CAAR; Community Coalition for Victim's Rights; Families of Murder Victims; Jean Nidetch Women's Center; National Association for Victim's Assistance; Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence; and Safenest.

Arrangement: Material is in rough alphabetical order.

Title/Description	Containers	
American Association of Women, general information, 1985-2003	box 4	folder 1
American Association of Women: Las Vegas Branch Newsletter, 1990-2003	box 4	folder 2
American Association of Women: Nevada Branch Newsletter, 1992-1999	box 4	folder 3
American Association of Women: National Publications, 1976-1988	box 4	folder 4
Community Action Against Rape, 1990-2003	box 4	folder 5
Community Action Against Rape scrapbook (photocopies of McClure's originals), 1972-2000	box 4	folder 6
Community Coalition for Victim's Rights, 1982-2000 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 4	folder 7
Families of Murder Victims, 1990-2001	box 4	folder 9
Jean Nidetch Women's Center, 1992-1998	box 4	folder 10
League of Women's Voters: Las Vegas Newsletter, 1993-2000	box 4	folder 11
League of Women's Voters: general information, 1971-2001	box 4	folder 12
League of Women's Voters: Nevada Newsletter, 1995-2001		

	box 4	folder 13
National Association for Victim's Assistance, 1990-2001	box 4	folder 14
National Conference for Christian and Jews, 1971-1993	box 4	folder 15
National Conference for Christian and Jews, 1994-1999	box 4	folder 16
Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, 1998-2003	box 4	folder 17
Nevada State Women's Conference, 1977, 1990	box 4	folder 18
National Organization for Women, 1992-2003	box 5	folder 1
Nevada Women's Political Caucus, 1983-1991	box 5	folder 2
Nevada Women's History Project, 1996-2003 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 5	folder 3
Nevada Women's Lobby, 1991-1996	box 5	folder 5
Safenet: Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence, 2002-2003	box 5	folder 6
Women's Democratic Club, 1988-1997	box 5	folder 7
Women's International Network, 1995	box 5	folder 8
Women in Military Service for America, 1990-1999	box 5	folder 9
Soroptimists Club: School for Girls Project, 1969-1970	box 5	folder 10
Soroptimists International, Club of California, 1971-1993	box 5	folder 11
Soroptimists International for the Americas, undated	box 5	folder 12
Soroptimists International of Greater Las Vegas, 1987-2001	box 5	folder 13
Soroptimists International of Greater Las Vegas, notes, undated	box 5	folder 14
Soroptimists: Sierra Nevada Region, 1985-1997	box 5	folder 15
Soroptimists Sierra Nevada Region: Newsletter, 1977-1995	box 5	folder 16
Index of Mentor Articles on Women's Issues, 1994-1995	box 5	folder 17
Soroptimists International of Greater Las Vegas newsletter: The Mentor, 1985-2002	box 5	folder 18

## Physical Description: 18 Files

Women's Issues in Nevada (WIN), 1991	box 5	folder 36
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## Series 5. Women's Conferences, 1991-2000

Physical Description: 1.28 Cubic Feet (1 box)

Physical Description: 1.08 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The Womens Conferences series (1991-2000) contains information on various women's conferences that Florence McClure attended; the folders are organized alphabetically by conference name. Documents include preparatory materials, conference materials, name tags, food and lodging information, event lists, papers presented, and personal notes. There are a number of folders documenting her work at the Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues hosted by the UN in Beijing, China in September 1995.

Arrangement: Material is in alphabetical order.

Title/Description	Containers	
American Nurses Association Convention, 1992	box 6	folder 1
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, Asian culture materials, 1995	box 6	folder 2
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, Declaration and Platform Action, 1995	box 6	folder 3
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, introduction and itinerary materials, 1995	box 6	folder 4
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, introduction and itinerary materials, 1995	box 6	folder 5
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, papers and topics presented, 1995	box 6	folder 6
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, personal notes, 1995	box 6	folder 7
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, report, 1995	box 6	folder 8
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, photographs, VHS tapes, and audio cassette tapes, 1995	box 6	folder 8a
Physical Description: 75 Photographic Prints		
Physical Description: 2 Audio Cassettes		
Physical Description: 2 VHS Tapes		
Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing China, souvenirs, undated	box 6	folder 9
Grassroots Lobby Conference, 1993	box 6	folder 10
Grassroots Lobby Conference, 1995		

	box 6	folder 11
The League of Women Voters of the Las Vegas Valley Conference, 1998	box 6	folder 12
National Conference of the State Legislatures, 1998	box 6	folder 13
Nevada Development Authority Conference, undated	box 6	folder 14
Nevada Women's Conference, 1996	box 6	folder 15
Nevada Women's Conference, 1998	box 6	folder 16
Southern Nevada Women's Conference, 1991	box 6	folder 17
Victim's Assistance Conference, 1993	box 6	folder 18
Women's Summit Conference, 2000	box 6	folder 19

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## Series 6. Files on Women's Issues, 1969-2003

Physical Description: 3.02 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.58 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Files on Women's Issues series (1969-2003) comprises the largest segment of the Florence McClure collection and contains newspaper and magazine clippings pertaining to women's issues in Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as national and international issues. The materials deal with a wide variety of topics pertaining to health, work, and education as well as topics such as physical and sexual abuse of women. There are also newspaper clippings about corrections and incarceration issues from the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, *Las Vegas Sun*; others are from national papers including the *New York Times*.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Clark County School District, 1972-2003	box 7	folder 1
Corrections issues, 1974-1999	box 7	folder 2
Corrections issues, 1971-1996	box 7	folder 3
Corrections issues, 1969-2000	box 7	folder 4
Corrections issues, 1971-2000	box 7	folder 5
Corrections issues, 1985-2000	box 7	folder 6
Corrections issues, 1971-2000	box 7	folder 7
Corrections issues, 1985-2003	box 7	folder 8

Crime, 1984-2003	box 7	folder 9
Desegregation, racism, Black rights, 1991-2002	box 7	folder 10
Domestic and physical abuse, national, 1990-2003	box 7	folder 11
Domestic and physical abuse, Nevada, 1990-2003	box 7	folder 12
Education, 1972-1996	box 7	folder 13
Family issues, 1984-2003	box 7	folder 14
Gaming, 1990-2000	box 7	folder 15
Gay and lesbian rights, 1993-2002	box 7	folder 16
Gender, 1970-2002	box 7	folder 17
Health, general, 1995-1996	box 7	folder 18
Health, women, 1990-2003	box 7	folder 19
Homeless issues, 1991-1998	box 7	folder 20
Immigration, 1992-2001	box 7	folder 21
Libraries, 1988-2003	box 7	folder 22
Men, awards and recognitions, 1989-1997	box 7	folder 23
Native Americans in Nevada, 1991-1996	box 8	folder 1
Politics and news, international, 1990-2002	box 8	folder 2
Politics and news, national, 1984-2001 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 8	folder 3
Politics and news, Nevada, 1990-2002	box 8	folder 5
Sexism, 1970-1996	box 8	folder 6
Sexual abuse, international, 1990-2003	box 8	folder 7
Sexual abuse, national, 1980-2003	box 8	folder 8
Sexual abuse, Nevada, 1987-2003	box 8	folder 9
Teen pregnancy and young mothers, 1993-2000		

	box 8	folder 10
United Nations 4th World Conference on Women, 1995-1996	box 8	folder 11
Veterans issues, 1994-1997	box 8	folder 12
Victims rights programs, 1992-2000	box 8	folder 13
Women and the arts, 1990-1994	box 8	folder 14
Women and equal rights, 1978-2002	box 8	folder 15
Nevada Women's History Project, 1996-2001	box 8	folder 16
Women and the military, 1989-2003 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 8	folder 17
Women's organizations, 1969-2001	box 8	folder 19
Women and politics, international, 1987-2003	box 8	folder 20
Women and politics, national, 1989-2003 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 8	folder 21
Women and politics, Nevada, 1972-2003	box 9	folder 2
Women, awards and recognitions, 1973-2003	box 9	folder 3
Women and religion, 1990-1996	box 9	folder 4
Women in sports, 1990-2003	box 9	folder 5
Working women, 1990-2002	box 9	folder 6

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