



Guide to the Maggi Coleman Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Coleman, Maggi
Title:	Maggi Coleman Papers
ID:	MS-00499
Date [inclusive]:	1956-1988
Physical Description:	0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Maggi Coleman Papers (1956-1988) consist of clippings, correspondence, and photographs pertaining to the career of former Las Vegas, Nevada singer and social activist Maggi Coleman.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Singer, performer, and activist Margaret Phelan appeared in several popular venues in New York City, New York and Paris, France. Phelan traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada and headlined at the Desert Inn Hotel in 1951 and the Thunderbird Hotel in 1953. During her time at the Thunderbird, Phelan met and married Nellis Air Force Base Commander Clark Coleman.

After her marriage, she changed her name to Maggi Coleman. In the 1960s and 1970s Coleman devoted her energies to civic causes in Las Vegas. In 1972 she became the first woman to serve on the Las Vegas City Planning Commission. She served in this capacity into the 1980s. While on the commission, Coleman focused on the concerns of women and senior citizens. In 1988 Coleman was recognized for her civic activism when Coleman Park was named in her honor in North Las Vegas.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by subject.

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Administrative Information

Access

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2005; accession number 2005-004.

Processing Note

Material was processed by UNLV Special Collections staff in 2005. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently, Ian M. Baldwin entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Women in politics -- Nevada
- Entertainers
- photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Newsclippings: Margaret Phelan, 1956-1973	box 01	folder 01
Newsclippings: Maggi Coleman, 1970-1988	box 01	folder 02
Correspondence: Maggi Coleman, 1974-1987	box 01	folder 03
Photographs: Coleman Park dedication, 1988 March 25	box 01	folder 03
Margaret Phelan poster, 1950-1959	flat file 02	