



## Guide to the Linda Miller 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>	Miller, Linda Karen
<b>Title:</b>	Linda Miller Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00591
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	2008 to 2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.84 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.67 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	49 Digital Files (2.295 GB) M4V
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Linda Miller Papers (2008 to 2023) document Dr. Linda Miller's historic preservation work in Las Vegas, Nevada including her work portraying early Las Vegas resident, Helen J. Stewart, at historical events across Southern Nevada. The collection documents Miller's efforts to erect a statue of Helen Stewart at the Las Vegas, Nevada Old Mormon Fort, as well as her contributions to the programming for Sarah Winnemucca Day in 2018. The collection documents Miller's appearances as Helen J. Stewart through photographs, pamphlets, video recordings, digital files, and curriculum used for her outreach work. The collection also documents Dr. Miller's activities as chair for the Nevada State Society chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

### Preferred Citation

Linda Miller Papers, 2008-2023. MS-00591. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Dr. Linda Karen Miller has helped keep the legacy of Helen Stewart, early Las Vegas, Nevada pioneer, alive since 2003.

Linda Miller was born in Kansas and started teaching in the K-12 school system in both Kansas and Virginia during the 1970s. Miller focused on social studies and often wore costumes to emphasize her lessons. Miller moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2002 and discovered the letters of Helen Stewart in 2003 and soon began performing as Helen Stewart. In 2010, Dr. Miller was in charge of fundraising the remaining money necessary for building a statue of Helen J. Stewart at the Old Mormon Fort in Nevada. By 2012, she had completed the project and the statue of Stewart was erected. As of 2020, Miller continues to appear as Stewart in her educational outreach program, *Reflections of Early Las Vegas as told by Helen J. Stewart*, across Southern Nevada.

Sources:

"Woman finishes busy run portraying key Las Vegas figure Helen J. Stewart." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, December 13, 2016. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/woman-finishes-busy-run-portraying-key-las-vegas-figure-helen-j-stewart/>.

"Chautauqua celebrates Helen Stewart," *Nevada Appeal*. July 27, 2011. <https://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/local/chautauqua-celebrates-helen-stewart/>

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2012, 2018, 2020 to 2024 by Linda Miller; accession numbers 2012-009, 2018-002, 2020-098, 2021-149, 2022-059, 2023-009, and 2024-004.

### Additions

Further additions to this collection are anticipated.

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### Processing Note

Material was minimally processed by Su Kim Chung in 2012. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hana Gutierrez created the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Hana Gutierrez entered the data into ArchivesSpace. Tammi Kim minimally processed later additions to the collection during accessioning in 2019 and updated the finding aid. In 2020, Sarah Jones transferred the digital files from optical discs and updated the finding aid. In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2020 addition and updated the finding aid. In 2022, Sarah Jones processed the 2021 addition and transferred material off three optical discs. In 2022, Tammi Kim rehoused the 2022 addition, transferred material off of one optical disc, and updated the finding aid. In 2023, Tammi Kim

reboxed the 2023 addition and updated the finding aid. In 2024, Tammi Kim reboxed the 2024 addition and updated the finding aid.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Women
- Historical reenactments
- Chautauquas
- Stewart, Helen Jane Wiser, 1854-1926

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Helen J. Stewart statue dedication binder pages, 2008 to 2012 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01
Helen J. Stewart scrapbook documenting Linda Miller's appearances as Helen Stewart, video recordings on optical discs, and unbound scrapbook pages, 2012 to 2016 Physical Description: 7 Files Physical Description: 36 Digital Files (1.68 GB) M4V	box 01 box 02 digital file 00
Sarah Winnemucca Day 2018 programs, photographs, optical discs of videos and curriculum, and unbound scrapbook pages, 2018	box 02
NSDAR state conference and Tonopah DAR photograph album, 2016	box 02
Historic Preservation Medal application for Dr. Linda Miller, 2015 to 2016	box 03
Nevada State Society NSDAR Historic Preservation records, event photographs, and digital files, 2015 to 2021 Physical Description: 5 Digital Files (0.578 GB) M4V	box 03 box 04 digital file 00
NSDAR Old Spanish Trail state commemorative events, 2018 to 2020	box 03
USS Nevada reunion in Las Vegas and Carson City, 2016	box 03
Helen Stewart marker dedication, 2015	box 03
Sun City Anthem Television (SCA-TV) segment on Helen Stewart and the Old Mormon Fort featuring Dr. Linda Miller, 2015	digital file 00

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.0327 GB) M4V

Clark County Museum Guild's general meeting program and photographs, 2021 March 22	box 04
"Honoring Civil War Heroes - Dr. Linda Miller Interview" KSNV Channel 3, 2019 May 30	digital file 00
Physical Description: 5 Digital Files (0.698 GB) VOB	
Memorial Day at Woodlawn Ceremony program, photographs, and article written by Dr. Miller for <i>Veterans Reporter News</i> , 2022	box 04
Dr. Linda Miller interview for Women's History Month, Channel 13 News, 2022 March 30	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.033 GB) M4V	
Helen J. Stewart School 50th anniversary, UNLV Special Collections and Archives Linda K. Miller table dedication, Peter Michel retirement party flier, 2022	box 04
Memorial Day ceremony and Nevada Day celebration at the Nevada State Museum, 2023	box 04