



Guide to the History of Nursing in Southern Nevada Oral History Project Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Kendall, Margaret
Contributor:	Van Betten, Patricia T.
Contributor:	Matteson-Kane, Maureen
Title:	History of Nursing in Southern Nevada Oral History Project Records
ID:	MS-00784
Date [inclusive]:	1965 to 2014
Date [bulk]:	1995-2005
Physical Description:	0.985 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.3 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	617 Digital Files (11.54 GB) MP3, MP4, M4A, JPG, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The History of Nursing in Southern Nevada Oral History Project Records (1965-2014) are comprised of material related to a volunteer project initiative at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Nursing to conduct oral history interviews with nurses who have practiced in Southern Nevada. The collection contains subject files related to the project, as well as audio, video, and transcript files for the interviews. The collection also includes general information on nursing in Southern Nevada such as research papers and documents from the Nevada Nurses Association.

Preferred Citation

History of Nursing in Southern Nevada Oral History Project Records, 1965-2014. MS-00784. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Note

In 2004 faculty members from the School of Nursing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas began an initiative to preserve the history of nursing and nurses in Southern Nevada. The project was primarily led by faculty member Dr. Margaret Louis with assistance from Maureen Matteson-Kane, Patricia Van Betten, and other volunteers. Oral history interviews were conducted with nurses who have practiced in Southern Nevada. UNLV School of Nursing faculty members and former students were also interviewed.

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Scope and Content Note

The History of Nursing in Southern Nevada Oral History Project Records (1965-2014) are comprised of material related to a volunteer project initiative at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Nursing to conduct oral history interviews with nurses who have practiced in Southern Nevada. The collection contains subject files related to the project, as well as audio, video, and transcript files for the interviews. In addition, there are photographs, news clippings, event programs, and certificates from nurses in the region, many of whom were also interviewed. The collection also includes general information on nursing in Southern Nevada such as research papers and documents from the Nevada Nurses Association.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Advance notice and arrangements are required for access to digital files; please contact Special Collections for more information. Oral histories in this collection have been assigned oral history collection numbers (OH-#####). If requesting access to oral history digital files, please provide the oral history collection number(s) to Special Collections and Archives staff.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 by Maureen Matteson-Kane; accession number 2015-102.

Processing Note

Processing of the UNLV School of Nursing records was funded in part by the Zeta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

Materials were processed by Karla Irwin in 2016 and in 2017. Analog audiovisual materials, including audiocassettes and digital videocassettes, were outsourced for digitization.

Transcriptions for oral history interviews without corresponding transcripts were transcribed and edited in UNLV Special Collections and Archives from July 2017 to June 2018. In 2022, Melise Leech updated the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Source files, including use agreements and biographical questionnaires, were removed from files associated with oral history interviews due to the presence of personally identifiable information. Items were placed in a "History of Nursing in Southern Nevada" folder and moved to the oral history vertical filing cabinet.

Related Collections

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

Patricia van Betten Healthcare and Nursing Papers, 1985-2009. MS-00098. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nevada Nurses Association Records, 1945-1995. MS-00240. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Nursing Records, 1950-2015. UA-00011. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Nursing
- Public health -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Oral histories (document genres)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas. School of Nursing

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Documentation	
Processing Note: Access copies were created for born-digital files. Word document and PowerPoint files found on flash drives were converted to PDF/A. Duplicates were deleted. Video files found on DVDs were BUP, IFO, and VOB file formats. Because the BUP and IFO files did not contain significant interview content, only the VOB files were converted to MP4 for access. JVC digital videocassettes were digitized in 2018.	
Oral history project planning documents, guidelines, research, 1994-2004	box 01
Evaluation of Distance Learning questionnaires, 1995	box 01
Consumers League of Nevada Petitions to the President of the United States for price controls, 1973	box 01
Correspondence from "Nurse Educator", 1993 November 04	box 01
Nursing paper research by Margaret Kendall, 1995, undated	box SH-041
Access Note: Contents in this collection are closed for seventy-two years from the latest date found on an individual record to protect	

privacy and confidentiality. Access is restricted under provisions of state or federal law. This file is open for research use on January 1, 2067.	box 01
"Organized Nursing in the Silver State: A History of the Nevada Nurses Association" by Ellen Suzanne Fried, 1991 May	box 01
"A History of the Associate Degree" article on nursing, 1985	box 01
"Using Oral Histories to Bring Nursing's Past to Life" and "Relationship of Nursing History to Career Commitment and Pride" articles, 1994, undated	box 01
Nevada Nurses Association (NNA) news clipping, 2006	box 01
NNA correspondence and conference planning documents, 2006	box 01
NNA digital photographs, 2006 October 01 Physical Description: 592 Digital Files (0.406 GB) JPG	box 03 digital file 00
NNA powerpoint presentations, syllabus pieces, and fliers, 2006 October 01 Physical Description: 28 Digital Files (0.0441 GB) PDF/A	box 03 digital file 00
NNA conference programs, 2003-2004	box 01
NNA yearbooks, 2010-2012	box 01
NNA calendar, 1990	box 01
History of NNA and UNLV nursing notes and articles, 2005-2006	box 01
Nevada nursing history digital files, 2006, 2012 Physical Description: 11 Digital Files (3.14 GB) PDF/A, MP4	digital file 00
Patricia Van Betten correspondence regarding oral history project, 2004 April 20	box 01
Oral history correspondence and planning documentation, 2003-2004	box 01
Interviewee list, undated	box 01
Sigma Theta Tau events: photographic slides, 1989 November-1990 January	box 01
Elder Project nursing research, 1987-1989	box 01
Bill signing to establish nursing program at UNLV: photographic print, 1971	box 01
Nurse and probation officer Helen Holly: ceremonial program and news clipping, 2009 March-April	box 01
Ethelda Thelan correspondence, 2001, 2004	box 01
Ethelda Thelan articles on nursing, 1981, 2002-2003	box 01
Beth Francis correspondence, news clipping, 1965-1990, undated	box 01
Rosemary Witt interview notes, 2006 June	

	box 01
Mary Ann Michel interview notes, retirement party notice, obituary, 2005-2006, 2013	box 01
Jean Rambo appointment letter and certificate for the State Health Coordinating Council, 1981 October	box 01
Jean Rambo interview notes, obituary, 2005	box 01
Margaret Simon interview notes, 2005 June	box 01
Betty Neuman: photographic prints and news clippings, 1987, 2005	box 01
12th International Biennial Neuman Systems Model Symposium: program, 2009	box 01
Mary Jane Watson: photographic prints, obituary, 1999-2014	box 01
Mary Jane Watson outstanding teaching award from UNLV College of Health Sciences, 1987	box 02
Mary Jane Watson retirement party, 1997 June Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.988 GB) MP4	digital file 00

Interviews

Processing Note: In 2016 access copies were created for born-digital files. Floppy disks contained multiple drafts of the same transcript. Files determined to be the final version were converted to PDF/A for access. Video files found on DVDs were BUP, IFO, and VOB file formats. Because the BUP and IFO files did not contain significant interview content, only the VOB files were converted to MP4 for access. Audiocassettes were digitized and MP3 files are provided for access. Microcassettes were assumed to be duplicates and were not digitized. JVC digital videocassettes were also digitized. In July 2017 UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives began transcribing interviews without corresponding transcripts. This work concluded in June 2018.

Access Note: Oral histories in this collection have been assigned oral history collection numbers (OH-#####). If requesting access to oral history digital files, please provide the oral history collection number(s) to Special Collections and Archives staff. Transcripts with use agreement have been made available online and is [available online](#).

Barbara Barrett oral history interview (OH-02495), 1997 July 08 Physical Description: 4 Digital Files (0.100 GB) MP3, PDF/A Physical Description: 1 Files (print transcript)	box 01 digital file 00
Vonna Bajoneta oral history interview (OH-02496), 1995 July Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.063 GB) MP3, PDF/A	box 01 digital file 00
Andrea Chrestensen oral history interview (OH-02497), 1995 July 11 Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.077 GB) MP3, PDF/A	digital file 00
Sylvia Elexpuru oral history interview (OH-02498), 1995 July 11 Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.076 GB) MP3, PDF/A	box 01

Physical Description: 1 Files (print transcript)	digital file 00
Mary Fitzgerald oral interview, "Nursing in Las Vegas 1940-1960", 1977 May 11 Bound Transcript Availability: A bound transcript is available for use in UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives. See call number: RT5.N3 F58	box 01
Mary Fitzgerald oral history interview (OH-02500), 2006 June 28 Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (1.30 GB) MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00
Pamela Gale oral history interview (OH-02499), 1995 July 10 Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.048 GB) MP3, PDF/A	box 01 digital file 00
Elizabeth "Beth" Francis oral history interview (OH-02502), 2004 May 31 Physical Description: 4 Digital Files (0.099 GB) MP3, PDF/A	digital file 00
Helen Holly interview transcript (OH-02507), undated	box 01
Mary Ann Michel oral history interview (OH-02504), 2005 March 16 Physical Description: 7 Digital Files (0.878 GB) MP3, MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00
Gladys Neville oral history interview (OH-02775), 2004 June 02 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.000327 GB) PDF/A Bound Transcript Availability: A bound transcript is available for use in UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives. See call number: R154.N48 A3 2009.	box 01 digital file 00
Dorothea Overleese oral history interview (OH-01421), 2005 February 13 Physical Description: 6 Digital Files (0.083 GB) MP3, JPG	digital file 00
Jean Rambo oral history interview (OH-02504), 2005 February 18 Physical Description: 13 Digital Files (2.21 GB) MP3, MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00
Margaret Simon oral history interview (OH-02506), 2005 May 06 Physical Description: 6 Digital Files (1.50 GB) MP3, MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00
Ethelda Thelan oral history interview (OH-02501), 2004 August 20 Physical Description: 2 Digital Files (0.062 GB) MP3, PDF/A	box 01 digital file 00
Rosemary Witt oral history interview (OH-02503), 2005 March 11 Physical Description: 9 Digital Files (0.986 GB) MP3, MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00