



## Guide to the Gue Gim Wah 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>	Wah, Gue Gim, 1900-1988
<b>Title:</b>	Gue Gim Wah Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00918
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1940 to 1985
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.19 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Chinese
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Gue Gim Wah Papers (approximately 1940-1985) consist primarily of incoming correspondence (largely written in Chinese) to Gue Gim Wah at the Prince Mine in Pioche, Nevada. Also included are Wah's naturalization certificate, a map of the Prince Mine Bunkhouse, brochure of the Lincoln County Civic Association, and a small amount of photographs including a black-and-white photograph of Gue Gim circa 1940s.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Born in 1900, Gue Gim immigrated from China in 1912 and later married Tom Fook Wah, who managed the boarding house and restaurant at the Prince Mine near Pioche, Nevada. After her husband died, Gue Gim continued to run the restaurant and was well known throughout Nevada for her Chinese cooking. Former President Herbert Hoover was a fan of her cooking and invited her to the opening of his presidential library. She was the first woman of Asian ancestry to lead the Nevada Day parade in Carson City, Nevada in 1980. Gue Gim Wah passed away in 1988 near Pioche, Nevada.

Source:

"Gue Gim 'Missy' Wah," Nevada Women's History Project website, accessed September 18, 2024.  
<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/gue-gim-missy-wah/>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain as they were received.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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## Appraisal

Acquired by Su Kim Chung, curator, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings in women's history. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

## Processing Information

A rough box-level inventory of the accession was created by Sarah Jones in 2024. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information about materials in this collection:

Gue Gim Wah oral history interviews, 1981 September 23, 1981 September 24. OH-01890.

[Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Pioche (Nev.)
- photographs
- Cooks
- Chinese
- Immigrants

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Gue Gim Wah correspondence, photographs, certificates, and documents, approximately 1940 to 1985	box 01