



Guide to the Lorelle Nelson Collection on Atomic Testing

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Nelson, Lorelle, 1941-
Title:	Lorelle Nelson Collection on Atomic Testing
ID:	MS-00998
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1980 to 2009
Physical Description:	1.38 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.25 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Lorelle Nelson Collection on Atomic Testing is comprised of newspaper clippings, magazine and journal articles, correspondence, press releases, fact sheets, fliers, informational handouts and booklets, and newsletters from approximately 1980 to 2009 concerning nuclear weapons testing at the Nevada Test Site, throughout the United States, and internationally. The collection includes information about anti-nuclear groups, committees, and associations, as well as information on the effects of radiation, nuclear fallout, lawsuits and court cases, events and protests, conferences, and local news coverage.

Preferred Citation

Lorelle Nelson Collection on Atomic Testing, approximately 1980-2009. MS-00998. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Lorelle Nelson was born on April 29, 1941. She did extensive research into atomic testing and co-edited the 1987 book, *The Mushroom Cloud and the Downwinders*. As of 2020, Lorelle Nelson still resides in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

Genealogy files about "Lorelle J. Nelson." Accessed January 8, 2020. Accessed from Familysearch.org

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Scope and Contents Note

The Lorelle Nelson Collection on Atomic Testing (approximately 1980 to 2009) contains materials related to anti-nuclear weapons testing. It includes newspaper clippings describing covering nuclear testing, effects of radiation, protests at the Nevada Test Site and other United States and international locations, local and national anti-nuclear groups, and related issues. The collection also contains newsletters, fliers, and membership information from anti-nuclear testing groups and associations, campaign and conference notes directly related to the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, United States Department of Energy (DOE) materials, and radiation studies. Other materials in this collection include magazine and journal articles, photocopies of literature and and publications focused on nuclear testing and war, and transcriptions of individual personal accounts of atomic testing and its effects. The collection contains a small amount of Lorelle Nelson's personal correspondence and notes.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically and topically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives; accession number 2019-143.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Nicole Batten processed, reboxed, and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Corbin Harney Nevada Test Site Protest Photograph Albums, 1995-1997, undated. MS-00308. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

George Knox Roth Collection, 1959-1980. MS-00238, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Greenpeace Pacific Southwest Records, 1962-1994. MS-00363. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nevada Desert Experience Records, 1951-2009. MS-00524. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sister Klaryta Antoszewska Photograph Collection, 1977-1991. PH-00352. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sister Rosemary Lynch Photograph Collection, approximately 1980-2002. PH-00176. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

U.S. Department of Energy Photograph Collection on the Nevada Test Site, 1945-1982. PH-00282. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Antinuclear movement
- Nuclear weapons -- Testing
- Radiation exposure

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Newspaper clippings referencing atomic testing, approximately 1980 to 2000 Physical Description: 10 Files	box 01
Magazine and journal articles and publications referencing atomic testing and radiation, approximately 1984 to 2009 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
Literature and book reviews referencing atomic testing and radiation, approximately 1980 to 1995	box 02
Transcriptions of interviews, individual personal accounts, and speeches referencing atomic testing, approximately 1980 to 1995	box 02
Anti-nuclear testing group newsletters, memoranda, mailers, and protest information, approximately 1983 to 1996 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 02
Anti-nuclear testing group and radiation victims newsletters, memoranda, mailers, and protest information, approximately 1980 to 2000 Physical Description: 8 Files	box 03
Nevada Test Site, radiation, U.S. Department of Energy, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty documents, approximately 1980 to 1995 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 03
Lorelle Nelson personal correspondence, research, and notes, approximately 1980 to 2005	box 03
Junior League of Las Vegas, Nevada invoices, correspondence, agreements, and fliers, approximately 1993 to 1994	box 03