



## Guide to the Kenneth Giles Professional 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>	Giles, Kenneth
<b>Title:</b>	Kenneth Giles Professional Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-01111
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1964 to 2001
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.29 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.17 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1580 Digital Files (3.651 GB) JPG
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>The Kenneth Giles Professional Papers (1964-2001) contain documents and visual material related to Giles's time as an Environmental Radiation Monitor for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the Nevada Test Site (NTS). Photographic slides, film, and digital images depict the general flora and fauna throughout the tri-state area surrounding the NTS (California, Utah, and Nevada). Visual materials also document specific mule deer and steer surveillance and testing at the EPA Farm located within the NTS. The collection also contains environmental reports written or collected by Giles, government documents, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings related to environmental monitoring and Giles's work at NTS. A small portion of the collection documents his brief role providing monitoring support at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania in 1979. Note: Some images may be of a graphic or disturbing nature and may not be suitable for some users. Photographs may contain scenes of animal testing or other objectionable imagery.</p>

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Kenneth Richard Giles was born February 26, 1942 in Oregon and later graduated from Arcadia High School in Nebraska. He attended the Naval Hospital Corps School in San Diego, California and the Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory in San Francisco, California and served as a United States Navy medic until 1962. In 1964, Giles began a 37-year career with the EPA as an Environmental Radiation Monitor. During his time at the EPA, Giles was assigned to the Field Monitoring Branch, where he coordinated surveillance and testing activities for wildlife in the northern half of the tri-state area (Nevada, Utah, and California) surrounding the Nevada Test Site. He left the EPA in 2001 and began working as a Field Monitor for the Desert Research Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada until he retired.

Giles married Joanne Elizabeth Meyer on February 19, 1966 and together they had one son, Robert. He was a member of the Elk's Lodge and a charter member of Community Lutheran Church. Kenneth Giles passed away August 26, 2021 in Henderson, Nevada.

### Sources:

Kenneth Giles Professional Papers, 1964-2001. MS-01111. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Kenneth R. Giles" DignityMemorial.com. Accessed July 21, 2022. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/henderson-nv/kenneth-r-giles-10327184>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research. Where use copies do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Advanced notice is required.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2022 by Robert Giles; accession number 2022-017.

### Processing Note

In 2022, Tammi Kim ingested digital files off a flash drive. In 2022, Sarah Jones reboxed the materials, processed the digital files, and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- color slides
- photographs

- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Environmental monitoring
- Wildlife monitoring
- United States. Environmental Protection Agency

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
<i>Desert Bighorn Council 1968 Transactions</i> compilation of papers presented at 12th Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1968 April 10 to 1968 April 12	box 01
<i>Springs on the Nevada Test Site and Their Use by Wildlife</i> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency NERC-LV-539-26, by K. R. Giles, 1976 April	box 01
<i>A Summer Trapping Method for Mule Deer</i> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ESML-LV-0539-27, by K. R. Giles, 1979 July	box 01
<i>Freshwater Algae of the Nevada Test Site</i> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ESML-LV-0539-25, by W. D. Tayler and K. R. Giles, 1979 June	box 01
<i>Animal Investigation Program 1979 Annual Report: Nevada Test Site and vicinity</i> prepared for the Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1981 May	box 01
<i>Characteristics and Migration Patterns of Mule Deer on the Nevada Test Site</i> prepared for the U.S. Department of Energy, 1985 April	box 01
<i>U.S.E.P.A. Radiation Sciences Branch: Excellence in Radiation Monitoring and Site Characterization</i> booklet, 1990 to 1999	box 01
<i>Animal Investigation Program (AIP) Summary Report On and Around the Nevada Test Site from 1982-1995</i> prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1996 October	box 01
<i>Nevada Test Site Guide</i> prepared by the Nevada Nuclear Security Administration, 2001 January	box 01
<i>Guide to Frenchman Flat</i> prepared by the Nevada Nuclear Security Administration, 1999 September	box 01
<i>Storied Rocks: American Indian Inventory and Interpretation of Rock Art on the Nevada Test Site</i> final report by the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona in Tucson, 1999 January	box 01
"NTS News & Views" Department of Energy newsletter special edition, 1993 April	box 01
"NTS News" vol. 6, nos. 5-6, 1976	box 01
Newspaper clippings about testing the effects of radiation on cows and deer, approximately 1969 to 1992	box 01
Milk sample data collection tags and blank survey forms, approximately 1965 to 1979	box 01

Information on Remington Nylon 66 (used by Kenneth Giles), photocopies, approximately 1990 to 1999	box 01
National Environmental Research Center, Las Vegas, Nevada (NERC-LV) flyer about "Big Sam" the fistulated steer, approximately 1970 to 1979	box 01
<i>The Evening News</i> clipping about Three Mile Island monitoring, 1980 June 30	box 01
Map of Nevada and list of motel contact information surrounding NTS used by Ken Giles, approximately 1970 to 1999	box 01
Nevada Test Site informational booklet, 1976	box 01
<i>Experimental Farm at Southwestern Radiological Health Laboratory</i> booklet by U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1969	box 01
"Scientific Collection Permit No. S 10105" for Kenneth Giles, 1994	box 01
"NV Organization and Personnel Guide" prepared by the U.S. Department of Energy, 1989 June	box 01
Kenneth Giles curriculum vitae, work identification badges, and respirator fitting card, 1980 to 2001	box 01
Nevada Test Site road and facility map, photocopy, 1991	box 01
U. S. Department of Energy photographs of Nevada Test Site craters and wildlife, approximately 1970 to 1999	box 01
"RB-17 Cabriolet Dry Run & Station 3" 8mm film reel, 1967 January 17	box 02
"Cow watch" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
"Effects of Tran[?] in Desert Bighorn Sheep" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
"Tramonal [tramadol?] in sheep" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
"Leg amputation Big Horn Sheep" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
"Fistulated steer" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
"Slaughter - Well 3" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
"Electro-anesthesia" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
"Mice - cleared" 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
Wildlife and landscape 8mm film reels, approximately 1964 to 1989 Physical Description: 2 Reels	box 02
Unlabeled (appears to be personal/family vacation) 8mm film reel, approximately 1964 to 1989	box 02
Nevada Test Site flora, fauna, and landscapes: photographic slides, approximately 1964 to 1989 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01 digital file 00

Physical Description: 972 Digital Files (2.413 GB) JPG

Deer and cow testing (graphic): photographic slides, approximately 1964 to 1979	box 01
Physical Description: 548 Digital Files (1.375 GB) JPG	
"Green A-J-1, N-1, 10, 3 Blue, 1 Red, 6 Green" Nevada Test Site deer: photographic slides, approximately 1964 to 1979	box 01
"J-G Fawn in trap, A-20 Bucks" Nevada Test Site deer: photographic slides, approximately 1964 to 1979	box 01
"Giles/Smith Green 2-5-15, H-1, G-1, K-1-KG" Nevada Test Site deer: photographic slides, approximately 1964 to 1979	box 01
"Green X-T-1-T, 7-F-4-Z-KG-D-1 F-1" Nevada Test Site deer: photographic slides, approximately 1964 to 1979	box 01
"Nevada Off Site" Fremont Street, Las Vegas Boulevard, Hoover Dam, and desert landscape: photographic slides, approximately 1964 to 1979	box 01
"Pennsylvania - Three Mile Island: photographic slides, 1979	box 01
Physical Description: 67 Digital Files (0.130 GB) JPG	digital file 00