



Guide to the Arthur and Joe Lyon Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lyon, Arthur, 1904-1993
Contributor:	Lyon, Joe, Jr., 1909-1990
Title:	Arthur and Joe Lyon Papers
ID:	MS-01149
Date [inclusive]:	1930-1935, 1985, 2020
Physical Description:	0.65 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.54 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Arthur and Joe Lyon Papers (1930-1935, 1985, 2020) document the first transnational automobile trip taken from North America to Central America in 1930 by Arthur and Joe Lyon, two brothers from McDermitt, Nevada. The materials in this collection include Arthur and Joe Lyon's passports with stamps from their trip and their travel scrapbook. Materials also include the brothers' handwritten notes about their trip from the 1930s and original typescript for <i>Central America Through a Windshield</i> written in 1985. The collection also includes a published hardcover copy of <i>1930: From Manhattan to Managua, North America's First Transnational Automobile Trip</i> published in 2020.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Arthur and Joe Lyon, Jr. were born in Pearl, Idaho to Joseph McClurg (J. M.) and Inga Lyon in 1904 and 1909. The brothers were two of five children born in the family. The Lyon family moved to Humboldt County in northern Nevada, first to the mining town of National in 1910 and eventually settling in the town of McDermitt in 1918 where J. M. Lyon purchased and operated a local garage, Lyon Super Service Station and also a truck line. Both brothers became involved with the family business with Joe, Jr. becoming an automotive engineer and Arthur became involved in the financial side of the business. In 1930, the brothers embarked on the first transnational automobile trip starting in New York City, New York and completing their trip in Managua, Nicaragua. In 1985, Arthur wrote about their trip in a memoir titled *Central America Through a Windshield* by request of E. W. James from the Bureau of Public Roads. Arthur's memoir was edited by his grandnephew, Larry Lyon, and published as a book in 2020 entitled *1930: From Manhattan to Managua, North America's First Transnational Automobile Trip*.

Joe Lyon, Jr. passed in 1990 in Salt Lake City, Utah and Arthur Lyon passed in 1993 in Boise, Idaho.

Sources:

"1930: Manhattan to Managua, North America's First Transnational Automobile Trip," Larry Lyon Publishing, LLC. 2020. <https://manhattantomanagua.com/>

"Death: Joe Lyon," Deseret News. December 24, 1990. <https://www.deseret.com/1990/12/25/18897849/death-joe-lyon>

"My Place," George F. Thompson Publishing. Accessed May 24, 2023. http://www.gftbooks.com/myplace/books_Lyon-myplace.html

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2023 by Larry Lyon; accession number 2023-033.

Processing Note

In 2023, Tammi Kim rehoused the collection and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Travel
- Automobile travel
- Central America
- Travel writing

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Arthur and Joe Lyon's passports, 1930	

box 01

Notes for manuscript *Central America Through a Windshield*, 1930 to 1935

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Original typescript for *Central America Through a Windshield*, 1985

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New York to Nicaragua travel scrapbook, 1930

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1930: Manhattan to Managua, North America's first transnational automobile trip by Arthur Lyon, edited by Larry Lyon, 2020

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