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Summary Information

Creator: De Vinney Family
Title: McGriff and DeVinney Family Papers
ID: MS-01152
Date [inclusive]: approximately 1900 to 1959
Physical Description: 1.31 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 oversized box)
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The McGriff and DeVinney Family Papers (approximately 1900-1959) contain papers and photographs documenting Francis De Vinney and his wife, Della, who lived in Las Vegas, Nevada in the early- to mid-20th century. The collection also includes documentation about Della's father, Edwin Guy "E. G." McGriff, an early Las Vegas resident. Materials include photographic prints and albums, business and personal correspondence, and 16mm film.

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Historical Background

Edwin Guy "E. G." McGriff (1868-1938) was an early Las Vegas resident and farmer. With the purchase of land and water rights adjacent to the Yonema "Bill" Tomiyasu family farm, the 40-acre McGriff Ranch was developed as a fruit producing farm. McGriff married Olive Higgins (1872-1962) in 1893, and had one daughter, Della. In addition to being a farmer on his ranch, McGriff served as Chairman of the Clark County Commission and was an entrepreneur. His daughter, Della, married Francis DeVinney in approximately 1920. DeVinney worked as the Clark
County Tax Accessor from 1926 to 1946, and the couple lived at 516 Bridger Avenue in Las Vegas where they raised their daughter, Florence.

Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

Administrative Information

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 2023 by Vicki Carnes; accession number 2023-038.
Accruals
Further additions to this collection are anticipated.

Appraisal
Acquired by Visual Materials Curator, Aaron Mayes, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings on early Las Vegas history. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

Processing Note
In 2023, Sarah Jones arranged and described the collection at the folder-level, entered the data into ArchivesSpace, and wrote the front matter description.

Related Materials

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


Names and Subjects

• black-and-white photographs
• photographs
• Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
• Krolak, Florence DeVinney, 1931-2009
• McGriff, E. G. (Edwin Guy), 1860-1938
• McGriff, Olive Higgins, 1872-1962
• DeVinney, Della McGriff, 1895-1973

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