



Guide to the Merle and Beulah Frehner Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Frehner, Merle, 1905-1994
Contributor:	Frehner, Beulah Conger, 1911-1985
Title:	Merle and Beulah Frehner Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00026
Date [inclusive]:	1905-1955
Physical Description:	0.2 Linear Feet (2 hanging folders)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Merle and Beulah Frehner Photograph Collection contains photographs of Southern Nevada from 1905 to 1955. The materials include photographs of the Frehner freight teams transporting ore, schools and students in the Moapa Valley, the Colorado River, and parades in Southern Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Merle and Beulah Frehner Photograph Collection, 1905-1955. PH-00026. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note for Merle Frehner

Merle Frehner was born on July 20, 1905 in Littlefield, Arizona, the son of two Mormon settlers. In 1910, the Frehners moved to St. Thomas, Nevada. Along with his family, Merle Frehner drove freight teams and transported ore and other mining supplies. Frehner later moved to Las Vegas, Nevada and started a Ford car dealership. Frehner married Beulah LaVon Conger in 1930 in Utah. Merle Frehner died on January 10, 1994, in Las Vegas.

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Biographical Note for Beulah Frehner

Beulah LaVon Conger Frehner was born in 1911 in Nevada. She married Merle Frehner in 1930 in Utah. Beulah Frehner died in 1985.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Merle and Beulah Frehner Photograph Collection contains photographs of Southern Nevada from 1905 to 1955. The materials include photographs of the Frehner freight teams transporting ore, Vivian Frehner, schools and students in the Moapa Valley, the Colorado River, and parades in Southern Nevada.

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Arrangement

Materials are roughly arranged by subject.

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Administrative Information

Access

The collection is open for research. Portions of this collection are digital and [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1980 by Merle Frehner; accession number 1980-144.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

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

Merle Frehner Collection, 1930. MS-00047. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frehner, Merle. Interview, January 17 and January 19, 1981. OH-02062. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frehner, Mary L. Interview, November 28, 1986. OH-00624. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frehner, Merle. Interview, July 05, 1975. OH-00625. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frehner, Vivian "Viv". Interview, June 20, 1972. OH-00626. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Mines and mineral resources
- Moapa Valley (Nev.)
- Moapa Valley High School
- Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Frehner, Vivian, 1914-1999

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Number 3 Buckhorn Frehner Ore Team at noon stop, undated (0026_0001) (view online)	folder 01
Bitter Wash, Ore from Grand Gulch, transported by Frehner ore team, undated (0026_0002) (view online)	folder 01
El Dorado Canyon Ore Team, Albert Frehner driver, undated (0026_0003) (view online)	folder 01
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Six Companies, Inc. railroad bridge across Colorado River behind the Hoover (Boulder) Dam, 1933 (0026_0007) (view online)	folder 01
Fort Callville, Nevada from Colorado River, 1933 (0026_0008) (view online)	folder 01
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Northern entrance to Boulder Canyon, original site of Boulder (Hoover) Dam, 1933 (0026_0010) (view online)	folder 01
Camp on the mouth of the Virgin River, 1933 (0026_0011) (view online)	folder 01
Daniel Bonelli residence, 1933 (0026_0012) (view online)	folder 01
Saltwater hole west of junction of the Virgin and Colorado rivers, 1933 (0026_0013) (view online)	folder 01
Trying life preservers on Colorado River, 1933 (0026_0014) (view online)	folder 01
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Frehner home, St. Thomas, Nevada, 1917 (0026_0023) (view online)	folder 01
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West End Chemical Mill, 1925 (0026_0025) (view online)	folder 01
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Albert Frehner, Matilda Reber Frehner, and children, undated (0026_0028) (view online)	folder 02
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Desert Chevrolet Company truck with four men standing by, 1930 (0026_0032) (view online)	folder 02
Desert Chevrolet Company truck with four men standing by, 1930 (0026_0033) (view online)	folder 02
Pioneer float advertising Art Candee Used Cars, undated (0026_0034) (view online)	folder 02
Car decorated with political signs, 1930 (0026_0035) (view online)	folder 02
Game shot near Rancho High School, undated (0026_0036) (view online)	folder 02
Frehner Auto Sales, undated (0026_0037) (view online)	

	folder 02
Two men dressed as Native Americans at the Las Vegas Centennial pageant, Cashman Field, 1955 (0026_0038) (view online)	folder 02
Moapa Valley school bus, undated (0026_0039) (view online)	folder 02
"Conger and car", undated (0026_0040) (view online)	folder 02
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