



Guide to the Evan and Kathy Thompson Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Thompson, Evan, III
Contributor:	Thompson, Kathy
Title:	Evan and Kathy Thompson Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00042
Date:	approximately 1925
Physical Description:	0.10 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Evan and Kathy Thompson Photograph Collection depicts Beatty, Nevada, Rhyolite, Nevada, and Keane Wonder Mine, California around 1925. The photographs include the Rhyolite Bottle House, mining operations in Rhyolite and Keane Wonder Mine, and citizens of Rhyolite.

Preferred Citation

Evan and Kathy Thompson Photograph Collection, approximately 1925. PH-00042. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

Evan and Kathy Thompson were the proprietors of the Bottle House in Rhyolite, Nevada until 1989. In the mid-1950s, Evan's grandparents, Tommy and Mary Thompson, purchased the Bottle House from Louis J. Murphy and Bessie Stratton Moffat, who had leased the house after it was renovated by Paramount Pictures for a film in 1925. The house was originally built by Rhyolite resident Tom Kelly in 1905, and it reportedly took 20,000 beer, whiskey, soda, and medicine bottles, held together with adobe mortar, to construct the house. Tommy and Mary Thompson lived in the house and operated it as a museum and relic shop. Later, Evan and Kathy Thompson also lived in the house, and they were the last to do so. After 1989, the town site was managed by the Bureau of Land Management. In 2005, the year of the Bottle House's centennial, the house

was renovated by the Friends of Rhyolite's Bottles, the Central Nevada Museum, and the Beatty Museum.

Sources:

"Vernacular Architecture in Nevada," *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*. March 18, 2009. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/vernacular-architecture-nevada>

"Tom Kelly's Bottle House: The Largest of Three Built in Rhyolite," *Rhyolitesite.com*. August 2010. <https://www.rhyolitesite.com/bottle1.html>. Accessed September 25, 2015.

"Rhyolite, Nevada Bottle Building," *Legends of America*. <http://www.legendsofamerica.com/nv-quirky.html>. Accessed September 25, 2015.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are roughly arranged by subject.

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Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1976 by Evan Thompson III and Kathy Thompson; accession number 1976-237.

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

Related Collections

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

Central Nevada Historical Society Photograph Collection, 1887-1930. PH-00082. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Beatty (Nev.)
- Mines and mineral resources
- Rhyolite (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Road to Beatty, Nevada, undated (0001) (view online)	folder 01
Daylite Pass looking toward Rhyolite, Nevada, approximately 1925 (0002) (view online)	folder 01

Rhyolite Bottle House and construction worker David Oliver Kinney, approximately 1925 (0003) (view online)	folder 01
Rhyolite Bottle House, approximately 1925 (0004) (view online)	folder 01
Crowells and friend in car, undated (0005) (view online)	folder 01
Rhyolite, Nevada and Bonanza Mountain, undated (0006) (view online)	folder 01
J. Irving Crowell on machine called "Old Dinah" south of Rhyolite, approximately 1925 (0007) (view online)	folder 01
Mining tower between Mt. Ladd and Montgomery Mountain in Rhyolite, undated (0008) (view online)	folder 01
Postcard: Tradin' Post at Bottle House, Evan and Kathy Thompson, approximately 1925 (0009) (view online)	folder 01
Keane Wonder Mine, California, with workers and automobiles, undated (0010) (view online)	folder 01
Keane Wonder Mine, approximately 1925 (0011) (view online)	folder 01
Transferring water from a burro at the Keane Wonder Mine, approximately 1925 (0012) (view online)	folder 01
Keane Wonder Mine, approximately 1925 (0013) (view online)	folder 01
Barstow, California on Santa Fe Railroad, undated (0014) (view online)	folder 01