

Guide to the Florence Lee Jones Cahlan Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Jones, Florence Lee, 1910-1985
Contributor:	Cahlan, John Francis, 1902-1987
Title:	Florence Lee Jones Cahlan Photographs
ID:	PH-00045
Date [inclusive]:	1909-1980
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Abstract:	The Florence Lee Jones Cahlan Photographs depict locations and events in Las Vegas, Nevada from 1909 to 1980. The photographs primarily depict historical locations, including the Las Vegas Mormon Fort, the Kyle-Park (or Kiel) Ranch, and plaques commemorating Las Vegas's 75th anniversary. The photographs also depict celebrations, including the Diamond Jubilee festivities held to celebrate Las Vegas's 75th anniversary, plaque dedications, building dedications, and the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first mail planes in Las Vegas. The photographs include the Kennecott Copper Corporation's facilities in McGill, Nevada, Western Airlines planes and pilots, and Union Pacific Railroad locomotives.

Preferred Citation

Florence Lee Jones Cahlan Photographs, 1909-1980. PH-00045. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Journalist Florence Lee Jones Cahlan was born in 1910 in Missouri. She received a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1933, and then she moved to Nevada to be closer to her family, where she became a reporter for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. In 1940, she married *Review-Journal* managing editor John Cahlan. In 1953, she left the *Review-Journal* and became a freelance writer and political consultant. In 1963, she rejoined the newspaper, and she wrote a

weekly column about Las Vegas history, which was enlarged into a book titled *Water: A History of Las Vegas*.

Cahlan was active in the Las Vegas area: she was a founding member of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Junior League service organizations. She was also the first woman to be on the Nevada State Museum Board of Trustees. She died in 1985.

Source:

Green, Michael. "Florence Lee Jones Cahlan," *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*. February 4, 2009. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/florence-lee-jones-cahlan>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1975, 1978, and 1980 by Florence Lee Jones Cahlan and John Cahlan; accession numbers 1975-116, 1978-93, and 1980-186. Materials were also donated in 1977 by the Rainbow Club and Casino; accession number 1977-59.

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:

Florence and John Cahlan Collection, 1929-1981. MS-00200. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

A. E. Cahlan, 1930-1968. MS-00143. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, Florence Lee Jones. Interview, February 10, 1973. OH-00148. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, John Francis. Interview, February 18, 1975. OH-00149. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, John Francis. Interview, March 3, 1977. OH-00150. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, John Francis. Interview, April 10, 1978. OH-00151. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, John Francis. Interview, February 27, 1980. OH-00152. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, John Francis. Interview, 1975. OH-00153. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, John Francis. Interview, July 2, 1975. OH-00154. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas Mormon Fort (Nev.)
- Kiel Ranch (North Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Las Vegas Review-Journal
- Western Airlines
- Kennecott Copper Corporation. Western Mining Division

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