



Guide to the Celesta Lowe Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lowe, Celesta, 1917-2004
Title:	Celesta Lowe Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00059
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1910 to 1990
Physical Description:	0.02 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder, 1 shared box of negatives)
Physical Description:	0.02 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Celesta Lowe Photograph Collection consists of black-and-white photographic prints and negatives depicting images of Mount Charleston, Nevada, the Owens' family ranch, family photographs, and gatherings of the National League of American Pen Women of Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Celesta Lowe Photograph Collection, approximately 1910-1990. PH-00059. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Writer and longtime Las Vegas, Nevada resident Celesta Lowe grew up in Goodsprings, Nevada before the family moved to El Monte, California, where she attended high school and business college before returning to the Las Vegas area. She married Deke Lowe at the first Helldorado celebration in 1935. As a mother of four children, she returned to school in 1955 to take home economic classes at Nevada Southern University (NSU), now University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She became the first secretary to James Dickinson in the NSU library and took charge of the Special Collections Department in 1967. Lowe played a significant role in the development of Special Collections. A prolific writer, she wrote the column "Echoes from the Archives" in the *Nevadan* supplement of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, and followed that with a column entitled "Southwestern Bookshelf." She was an active member of the National League of American Pen

Women beginning in 1958, and also served as book review editor for Maverick Publications. Celesta Lowe died at age 87 on December 9, 2004 in Las Vegas.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1995 by Celesta Lowe; accession number 95-48.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Nicole Batten wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

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

Celesta Lowe Papers, 1943-1995. MS-00360. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Celesta Lowe oral history interview, 1980 June 26. OH-01152. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

National League of American Pen Women Las Vegas (Nevada) Branch Records, 1950-1990. MS-00413. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Mount Charleston (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints, approximately 1910 to 1990 Physical Description: 1 Hanging Folders (10 photographic prints)	folder 01
Photographic negatives, approximately 1910 to 1990	box SH-019