



## Guide to the Billie Mae Polson Photograph Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Polson, Billie Mae, 1932-2020
<b>Title:</b>	Billie Mae Polson Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00063
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1948 to 1978
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.19 Cubic Feet (3 hanging folders and 1 shared box of negatives)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Billie Mae Polson Photograph Collection, approximately 1948 to 1978, consists of fifty-one color postcards from Las Vegas, Nevada, the Hoover Dam, and surrounding areas. Also included in the collection are original black-and-white and color photographs of the Valley of Fire Nevada State Park, an Easter parade in Las Vegas, and the Las Vegas 5th Street School prior to demolition. There are also ten negatives included in this collection that correspond with select postcards and the photographs from the Valley of Fire Nevada State Park.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Billie Mae Polson Photograph Collection, approximately 1948 to 1978, consists of fifty-one color postcards from Las Vegas, Nevada, the Hoover Dam, and surrounding areas. Postcards depict scenes from Downtown Las Vegas and The Strip, the interior of hotels and casinos, general Las Vegas themes, the exterior of the Hoover Dam, and a postcard packet with eighteen scenes depicting various Native American groups in New Mexico and Northern Arizona. Also included

in the collection are original black-and-white and color photographs of the Valley of Fire Nevada State Park, an Easter parade in Las Vegas, and the Las Vegas 5th Street School prior to demolition. There are also ten negatives included in this collection that correspond with select postcards and the photographs from the Valley of Fire Nevada State Park.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1978 by Billie Mae Polson; accession number 1978-056.

### Processing Note

In 2020, as part of a 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:

Billie Mae Polson oral history interview, 1978 March 08. OH-02898. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Billie Mae Polson oral history interview. OH-01488. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- Postcards
- Valley of Fire State Park (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints, approximately 1948 to 1978 Physical Description: 3 Hanging Folders (60 Photographic prints)	folder 01  folder 02  folder 03
Photographic negatives, approximately 1948 to 1978 Physical Description: 10 Photographic Negatives	box SH-019