



Guide to the Elmo and Charlotte Ellsworth Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Ellsworth, Elmo Hughes, 1911-1971
Title:	Elmo and Charlotte Ellsworth Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00074
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1940 to 1959
Physical Description:	0.03 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder and 1 shared box of negatives)
Physical Description:	0.10 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Elmo and Charlotte Ellsworth Photograph Collection (approximately 1940-1959) is comprised of black-and-white photographic prints and negatives. The images depict Charlotte and Elmo Ellsworth. Also included is an image of Elmo Ellsworth on horseback at the Las Vegas, Nevada airport for the arrival of the first United Airlines flight and an image of people at the Last Frontier Village in Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

Elmo and Charlotte Ellsworth Photograph Collection, approximately 1940-1959. PH-00074. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

John Elmo Hughes Ellsworth was born in Safford, Arizona in 1911. He attended George Washington University Law School for a year until his job required him to move to San Francisco, California where he worked in sales promotion, publicity, and theaters. He married Charlotte Rowberry in 1936, and they moved to the Las Vegas, Nevada shortly after. Around 1941, he began working in the Security and Public Relations Department of the Basic Magnesium Company. Soon after, Ellsworth became the board supervisor in Nevada for the Office of Price Administration.

In 1947, he began working for the Reno, Nevada Chamber of Commerce. A year later, Ellsworth moved back to Las Vegas, where he worked for the local Chamber of Commerce and became the director of membership and conventions. In 1957, he accepted a position at the Riviera Hotel & Casino as vice president of sales, then assistant to the president. He and his colleagues organized J. E. E. and Associates to promote sales of conventions in Las Vegas.

Elmo Ellsworth died in December of 1971.

Weltha Charlotte Rowberry was born in Carston, Albert, Canada on July 11, 1912. She married Elmo Hughes Ellsworth on October 16, 1936 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She worked in Las Vegas as a room reservation manager at the Flamingo Hotel from 1950 to 1967, then the Frontier Hotel from 1969 to 1970. After her husband died, she moved to Reno, Nevada where she worked as the room reservation manager for the MGM Grand Reno. She died in Salt Lake City on July 16, 1998.

Sources:

Elmo and Charlotte Ellsworth Papers, 1948-1977. MS-00179. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Genealogy files about "John Elmo Hughes Ellsworth" and "Weltha Charlotte Rowberry." Accessed on March 12, 2020 on familysearch.org

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1978 by Jane Ellsworth Olive; accession numbers 1970-011 and 1978-043.

Processing Note

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

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Charlotte Ellsworth oral history interview, 1977 March 22; 1980 December 26; 1981 December 28; 1987 August 06. OH-00534. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Elmo and Charlotte Ellsworth Papers, 1948-1977. MS-00179. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Airports -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Ellsworth, Charlotte R. (Charlotte Rowberry), 1912-1998
- United Airlines, Inc.

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1940 to 1959 (0074_0001-0074_0005)	folder 01
Physical Description: 5 Photographic Prints	box
Physical Description: 6 Photographic Negatives	SH-020