



Guide to the Alice Brown Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Brown, Alice Cowles, 1919-2017
Contributor:	Frashers Inc.
Title:	Alice Brown Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00079
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1920 to 1950
Physical Description:	0.13 Cubic Feet (2 hanging files, 1 shared box of negatives, 1 shared binder of slides)
Physical Description:	0.13 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Alice Brown Photograph Collection (approximately 1920-1950) consists of black-and-white and color postcards and photographic prints, with some corresponding negatives and slides. Frasher's Fotos, a Pomona, California business, printed the majority of the postcards that illustrate locations in and around Rhyolite, Nevada and Death Valley, California.

Preferred Citation

Alice Brown Photograph Collection, approximately 1920-1950. PH-00079. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Alice Louise Cowles Brown was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1919. After graduating with a degree in English from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, she enrolled at the Carnegie Library School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, specializing in children's literature. In 1943, after working a year as a librarian in St. Louis, Missouri, she enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs) during World War II, volunteering for overseas duty in 1944. After the war, Brown returned to Ohio, but soon moved to Tacoma, Washington where she worked in the public library. She married Jordon Brown in 1950 and in 1956 they moved to Henderson, Nevada. In 1961, Alice Brown returned to work at the University of Nevada, Southern Regional Division library. Initially

hired as reference librarian, she moved to documents, working to bring in as many county, state, and federal documents as possible to expand the library's small collection. After her husband's death in 1976, Brown became a docent at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, and from 1992 to 1996 portrayed Helen J. Stewart in the park's "Living History" program. Alice Cowles Brown died in Henderson, Nevada in 2017.

Source:

Brown, Alice Cowles. "Memoir." Nevada Women's Archives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada. September, 1996.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order by type.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Alice Cowles Brown; accession number 2020-036.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech 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:

Alice Brown oral history interview, 2005 October 19. OH-00259. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] 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

- photographs
- Postcards
- Rhyolite (Nev.)
- Death Valley (Calif. and Nev.)
- Scotty's Castle (Calif.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Rhyolite, Nevada and Death Valley, California: postcards and photographic prints, negatives, and slides, approximately 1920 to 1950 (0079_0001-0079_0031) Physical Description: 37 Items	folder 01

folder
02

box
SH-020

binder
PB-003