



Guide to the Joe Andre Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Andre, Joseph Otto, 1890-1982
Title:	Joe Andre Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00124
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1906 to 1980
Physical Description:	0.21 Cubic Feet (3 hanging folders, 1 shared box, 1 shared binder)
Physical Description:	0.29 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Joe Andre Photograph Collection (approximately 1906-1980) contains photographic prints, postcards, and negatives documenting Joe Andre's life. The images in this collection document his involvement in the United States Marine Corps Band and his days as a touring musician throughout the northwest and southwest United States. Also included are photographs of family vacations and businesses he owned in Beatty, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Joe Andre Photograph Collection, approximately 1906-1980. PH-00124. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Joseph (Joe) Otto Andre was born in Carlow, Missouri in 1890. He joined the United States Marine Corps (USMC) around 1906. He became part of the United States Marine Band, learning how to play clarinet and other instruments. After completing his military service, Andre pursued a career in music, traveling around the northwestern United States with a small band. While traveling, Andre met Dorothy Engel in Astoria, Oregon. The couple married, had a child, and opened a music store there, but the store was unsuccessful. Andre then went to San Francisco, California to find work as a musician. He found two opportunities abroad and one in the United States as a band

leader for the Big Casino in Tonopah, Nevada. The Andres chose to move to Tonopah because they wanted to stay in the United States.

Joe and Dorothy Andre settled in Tonopah, Nevada in 1921 and Joe worked at the Big Casino until it burned down on August 23, 1922. The couple left Tonopah and moved back to California. Joe eventually found work in several other Nevada mining communities before he and Dorothy moved to Beatty, Nevada in 1942. They bought the Exchange Club and two buildings across the street which became the Silver Diner and Fountain Drugs. These establishments were popular rest stops for buses traveling through the west. After running the businesses for several years, Joe and Dorothy sold them and travelled throughout the southwest United States before retiring in Las Vegas, Nevada. Joe Andre died in 1982 and Dorothy Engel Andre died in 1983.

Source:

McCracken, Bob. "In Bygone Era, Federal Government Once Operated Tonopah Brothel." Pahrump Valley Times, September 5, 2014. Accessed November 6, 2019. <https://pvtimes.com/news/in-bygone-era-federal-government-once-operated-tonopah-brothel/>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Joe Andre Photograph Collection (approximately 1906-1980) includes photographic prints, postcards, and negatives. The images document stages of Andre's adult life such as his military service and involvement in the United States Marine Corps Band; his life as a touring musician and band leader throughout Oregon, California, and Nevada; his businesses (Silver Diner Cafe, Exchange Club, Andre's Drugs) in Beatty, Nevada; and family travels with his wife Dorothy and daughter Ruth.

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Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order. Duplicate negatives appear at the end of the inventory.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Photographs were donated by the nieces and nephews of Joe and Dorothy Andre; accession numbers 81-68 and 2015-040.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore and Dallas Rieber. In 2019, Lauren Paljusaj updated the inventory and revised the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following materials held by UNLV Special Collections and Archives may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Joe Andre oral history interview, 1980 August 25-1980 August 26; 1980 August 28; 1980 September 01; 1980 September 13; 1980 October 17. OH-00043. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dorothy Engel Andre oral history interview, 1980 October 17. OH-00042. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Joe Andre Papers, 1920-1980 (bulk 1920s-1930s). MS-00213. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Beatty (Nev.)
- Tonopah (Nev.)
- Musicians
- photographs
- Andre, Dorothy Engel, 1898-1983
- United States. Marine Corps

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Joe Andre's Silver Diner Cafe, Beatty, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1935 (0124_0001) (view online)	folder 01
Andre's store and Silver Diner Cafe, Beatty, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1938 (0124_0002) (view online)	folder 01
Close-up of Andre's Store, Beatty, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0003) (view online)	folder 01
Andre's Drug. This store was a major rest stop for the Las Vegas, Tonopah, and Reno bus line: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0004) (view online)	folder 01
Interior and exterior of Andre's Cafe, Beatty, Nevada; and Joe and Dorothy Andre inside the cafe: photographic print, approximately 1956 (0124_0005A, 0124_0005B)	folder 01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph of Joe Andre's Cafe in Beatty (Nev.), circa 1956 (view online) • Photograph of Joe and Dorothy Andre at their cafe in Beatty (Nev.), mid-1950s (view online) 	
Joe Andre in United States Marine Corps (USMC) uniform: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1907 (0124_0006) (view online)	folder 01
Andre holding his clarinet in his USMC band uniform. Photo is inscribed "Compliments of Jos. O. Andre, PVT. U.S.M.C.": photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1907 (0124_0007) (view online)	folder 01
"Christmas in the Canal Zone." Andre (foreground) and unidentified band member with instruments: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1920 (0124_0008) (view online)	folder 01
"Christmas in the Canal Zone." Andre (background) with an unidentified friend: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1920 (0124_0009) (view online)	folder 01
Andre (far left) with unnamed band: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1920 (0124_0010) (view online)	folder 01

Studio portrait of Andre, Salt Lake City, Utah: photographic print, 1918 (0124_0011) (view online)	folder 01
Studio portrait of Andre with his saxophone, Salt Lake City, Utah: photographic print, 1918 (0124_0012A, 0124_0012B)	folder 01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph of Joe Andre with his saxophone in Salt Lake City (Utah), 1918 (view online) • Photograph of Joe Andre with his saxophone in Salt Lake City (Utah), 1918 (view online) Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	
Studio portrait of Andre by Amundsen Studio, Salt Lake City, Utah: photographic print, 1918 (0124_0013) (view online)	folder 01
Andre with his band, Frisco's Big 4 Orchestra: photographic print, approximately 1915 to 1930 (0124_0014) (view online)	folder 01
Andre with his six-person band, Ye Foot Warmers: photographic print, approximately 1915 to 1930 (0124_0015) (view online)	folder 01
Goldie's Big Casino Orchestra, the house band at the Big Casino, Tonopah, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1922 (0124_0016) (view online)	folder 01
Portrait of an unidentified orchestra: photographic print, approximately 1915 to 1930 (0124_0017) (view online)	folder 01
The travel trailer Andre built. From left to right: Joe Andre, his dog, his daughter Ruth, and Sylvia and Billy Billings, Beatty, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1940 (0124_0018) (view online)	folder 01
Interior of the Exchange Club featuring customers at the bar. Joe and Dorothy Andre are second and third from right, and the bartender is Clell Jackson: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1950 (0124_0019) (view online)	folder 01
Andre standing on a porch with two unidentified friends on New Year's morning: photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1920 (0124_0020) (view online)	folder 02
One of Andre's bands traveling with some of their equipment tied to the running boards of their vehicles: photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1925 (0124_0021) (view online)	folder 02
Dorothy Andre posing in the driver's seat of their car: photographic print, approximately 1920 to 1940 (0124_0022) (view online)	folder 02
Dorothy Andre standing by a road sign indicating the nearest water source and the distances to Tonopah, Nevada and Ely, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0023) (view online)	folder 02
Joe and Dorothy Andre posing by a Joshua tree: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0024) (view online)	folder 02
The Andre's car with daughter Ruth sitting on the top. The spare tire cover has an advertisement for their music store, The Song Shop in Astoria, Oregon: photographic print, approximately 1921 to 1922 (0124_0025) (view online)	folder 02
Dorothy and Ruth Andre on the road: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0026) (view online)	folder 02

Joe Andre and his daughter Ruth take a rest stop: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0027) (view online)	folder 02
Andre with friends at a picnic in Oregon: photographic print, 1921 (0124_0028) (view online)	folder 02
Andre with neighbors at a picnic in Oregon: photographic print, 1921 (0124_0029) (view online)	folder 02
Ruth Andre fishing at an unidentified location: photographic print, approximately 1925 to 1926 (0124_0030)	folder 02
Andre posing with an unidentified orchestra: photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1925 (0124_0031A, 0124_0031B)	folder 02
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph of Joe Andre with an unidentified orchestra, 1920s (view online) • Photograph of Joe Andre with an unidentified orchestra, 1920s (view online) 	
Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	
Ruth Andre with her father and dog, posing by her car at the Silver Diner Cafe, Beatty, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1950 (0124_0032) (view online)	folder 02
Ruth Andre posing by her car in front of the Silver Diner Cafe, Beatty, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1950 (0124_0033)	folder 02
Elizabeth Andre, Joe's mother, sitting at the counter at Andre's Fountain in Beatty, NV: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1940 (0124_0034)	folder 02
Elizabeth Andre, Joe's mother, at Andre's Fountain, Beatty, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1940 (0124_0035) (view online)	folder 02
Dorothy Andre and Bob and Myrtle Marker talking at an Elk's Charity Ball in Tonopah, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1960 (0124_0036) (view online)	folder 02
Joe and Dorothy Andre with guests at a dinner party. Dorothy is holding a plate over Joe's head: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1970 (0124_0037) (view online)	folder 02
Joe Andre in his home after retirement, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1970 to 1982 (0124_0038) (view online)	folder 02
Dorothy and Joe Andre at Pikes Peak, Colorado: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1970 (0124-0039) (view online)	folder 03
Dorothy and Joe Andre with two unidentified people: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124-0040) (view online)	folder 03
Joe Andre posing by a tree, holding his coat and hat. Inscription on the back: "How is this for posing?": photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1920 (0124_0042)	folder 03
Joe Andre posing by a tree. Inscription on the back: "Napollian [sic] the Great": photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1920 (0124_0043)	folder 03
Portrait of Joe Andre sitting on a rock: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0044)	

	folder 03
Portrait of Joe Andre outdoors: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1950 (0124_0045) Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	folder 03
Andre holding two fish: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1980 (0124_0046)	folder 03
Andre riding a horse: photographic print, 1963 (0124_0047)	folder 03
Andre sitting with a friend: photographic print, 1968 (0124_0048)	folder 03
Andre looking at someone off-camera: photographic print, 1968 (0124_0049)	folder 03
Joe and Dorothy Andre with flowers: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1980 (0124_0050)	folder 03
Joe and Dorothy Andre smiling at each other: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1980 (0124_0051)	folder 03
Joe Andre in a suit: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1980 (0124_0052)	folder 03
USMC band practicing on a field: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0053)	folder 03
USMC band standing at attention: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0054)	folder 03
Marines on a dirt road with the inscription "Our wagon got stuck and we had 2 pull it out of the mud on our 7 day hikes": photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0055)	folder 03
Marines camping in an open field: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0056)	folder 03
Tents at an exposition ground: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0057)	folder 03
Marines in a firing line with the inscription "1000 yds. Collective fire": photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0058)	folder 03
Marines camped out on a riverbank with the inscription "Dinner as you cook it yourself": photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0059)	folder 03
Marines lined up during inspection: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0060)	folder 03
Marines lined up during inspection from a different angle: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0061)	folder 03
Marines with the inscription "Co. C. coming home from a 3 days hike": photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0062)	folder 03
Marines standing at attention in barracks: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1915 (0124_0063)	

folder
03

Photograph of Joe Andre from the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*: photographic print, 1980 December (0124_0064)

folder
03

Photographic negatives, approximately 1906 to 1980 (0124_0001 to 0124_0038)
Physical Description: 38 Photographic Negatives

box
SH-022

Slide of Joe Andre's Silver Diner Cafe, 0124_0001: photographic slide, 1935

binder
PB-003