



Guide to the Thomas J. Osborne photograph collection

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Sears, Jr., Jerome Fargo, 1915-1993 |
| Creator: | Osborne, Thomas J., 1860-1918 |
| Title: | Thomas J. Osborne Photograph Collection |
| ID: | PH-00139 |
| Date [inclusive]: | approximately 1890 to 1930 |
| Physical Description: | 0.17 Cubic Feet (3 hanging files, 1 shared box of negatives, and 1 shared binder of slides) |
| Physical Description: | 0.03 Linear Feet |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Thomas J. Osborne Photograph Collection (approximately 1890-1930) consists of black-and-white photographic prints, negatives, and slides. Images depict the family of Thomas J. Osborne, his law office, the family home, and views of the town of Pioche, Nevada and surrounding areas. Several images depict local mines and unidentified mine workers. |

Preferred Citation

Thomas J. Osborne Photograph Collection, approximately 1890-1930. PH-00139. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Thomas J. Osborne was born March 9, 1860, in Swinton, England, and immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1870. In 1871, the family settled in Pioche, Nevada. In 1881, he married Louise Theis. The couple had one son and three daughters. The youngest daughter married Jerome Fargo Sears in 1911.

Thomas Osborne was elected Lincoln County clerk in 1891. Soon after he was admitted to the bar, and served as the Lincoln County district attorney from 1894 to 1896. In 1906, the Osborne family

moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to better provide for the children's education, but maintained their home in Pioche. Thomas and Louise Osborne returned to Pioche in 1915.

Thomas J. Osborne died February 20, 1918.

Sources:

"Prominent Pioche Man Claimed by Death." *Las Vegas Age*. February 23, 1918.

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Scope and Contents Note

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This collection was formerly known as the Osborne-Sears Photograph Collection.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1982 by Jerome Sears; accession number 1982-093.

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 resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Georgia Lewis Photograph Collection, approximately 1900-1950. PH-00183. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Pioche (Nev.)
- Mining -- Nevada
- Family life
- Residential structures

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Containers |
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| Osborne family photographs, Pioche, Nevada: photographic prints, negatives, and slides, approximately 1890 to 1930 (0139_0001-0139_0038) Physical Description: 58 Photographic Prints | folder 01 |

folder
02

folder
03

box
SH-022

binder
PB-003