



Guide to the Larven Mason Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Mason, Larven, 1913-1987
Title:	Larven Mason Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00166
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1930 to 1939
Physical Description:	0.05 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder and 1 shared box of negatives)
Physical Description:	0.01 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Larven Mason Photograph Collection (approximately 1930 to 1939) consists of photographic negatives with corresponding black-and-white photographic prints, as well as additional black-and-white photographic prints. The images depict the mining equipment, personnel, operations, and housing for the Blue Diamond Corporation mine in Blue Diamond, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Larven Mason Photograph Collection, approximately 1930-1939. PH-00166. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Larven Mason was born on February 7, 1913 to John Lee Mason and Stella Melissa Mason in Caribou, Idaho, one of five children. After moving to Nevada, Mason worked at the Blue Diamond Mine in Cottonwood, Nevada, now known as Blue Diamond, Nevada, for the Blue Diamond Materials Company of California that operated a gypsum mine there from 1923 to 1959. Mason was drafted into the military in 1940 and served in the 1875th Aviation Engineers, United States Army Air Corps stationed in the China Burma India Theater during World War II. Mason married Andree Martha Mills on December 23, 1961 and died on November 15, 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sources:

Genealogy files about "Larven Mason". Accessed on December 18, 2019. Accessed on FamilySearch.org

Tingley, Joseph V. *Geologic Tours in the Las Vegas Area: Expanded Edition with GPS Coordinates*. Reno: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, University of Nevada, Reno, 2008.

Carlson, Helen S. *Nevada Place Names: A Geographical Dictionary*. Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1985.

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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 1983 by Larven Mason; accession number 83-41.

Processing Note

In 2019, 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:

Blue Diamond Mine Photograph Collection, approximately 1950-1971. PH-00338. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

Blue Diamond Mine Corporation Records, 1918-2005. MS-00505. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Blue Diamond Mine (Clark County, Nev.)
- Gypsum mines and mining
- Mining camps
- photographs
- Blue Diamond (Nev.)
- Blue Diamond Corporation (Clark County, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Blue Diamond of Nevada superintendent's office: photographic print and negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0166_0001)	

	folder 01
	box SH-024
Plymouth locomotive that transported ore to the crusher at the Blue Diamond Mine: photographic print and negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0166_0002)	folder 01
	box SH-024
Warren Badgett standing in front of National Rifle Association of America vehicle: photographic print and negative, approximately 1936 (0166_0003) (view online)	folder 01
	box SH-024
Single men's bunks, mess hall, and shop buildings at Blue Diamond Mine: photographic print and negative, approximately 1936 (0166_0004) (view online)	folder 01
	box SH-024
Blue Diamond tramway and ore plant: photographic print and negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0166_0005) (view online)	folder 01
	box SH-024
Blue Diamond tramway and ore plant: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0166_0005) (view online)	folder 01
Glen Lyons on a construction truck: photographic print and negative, approximately 1938 (0166_0006) (view online)	folder 01
	box SH-024
Larven Mason on a construction truck: photographic print and negative, approximately 1939 (0166_0007) (view online)	folder 01
	box SH-024
Glen Wade crushing ore: photographic print and negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0166_0008) (view online)	folder 01
	box SH-024
John Shiminski standing in front of the bunk houses at Blue Diamond Mine: photographic print, approximately 1937 (0166_0009) (view online)	folder 01
Truck hauling ore: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0166_0010) (view online)	folder 01
Room and pillar mining practice at Blue Diamond Mine: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0166_0011)	folder 01