



Guide to the Stella Champo Iaconis Collection of Hellsdorado Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Iaconis, Stella, 1910-1998
Contributor:	Nevada Humanities Committee
Title:	Stella Champo Iaconis Collection of Helldorado Photographs
ID:	PH-00190
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1934 to 1940
Physical Description:	0.68 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder)
Physical Description:	1.40 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Stella Champo Iaconis Collection of Helldorado Photographs (approximately 1934-1940) contains four black-and-white photographic prints of the Helldorado Days celebration held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Images depict people celebrating at the Apache Bar in downtown Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

Stella Champ Iaconis Collection of Helldorado Photographs, approximately 1934-1940. PH-00190. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Stella Champo was born in Moche, Italy on September 16, 1910. In 1912, the Champo family emigrated to Las Vegas, Nevada. The family initially lived in downtown Las Vegas, before moving to a small ranch south of the city in 1917. Stella Champo studied at a local grammar school and Las Vegas High School.

Following the death of her mother, Stella Champo left high school and began working as a waitress at the Union Hotel and later worked at the Hotel Apache in Las Vegas before moving to Los Angeles, California. In 1953, Stella Champo married John Iaconis and relocated back to Las Vegas.

Stella Champo Iaconis worked as a waitress at a number of Las Vegas bars and clubs including the Paradise Club, the Green Shack, the Sahara Las Vegas, and the Desert Inn. Iaconis was a member of the St. Jude's Women's Auxiliary and the Italian American Club Auxiliary. She resided in downtown Las Vegas until her death on January 18, 1998.

Sources:

Stella Champo Iaconis oral history interview, 1981 July 22-23. OH-00921. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

"From waitress to humanitarian: 87-year resident Iaconis dies." *Las Vegas Sun*, January 22, 1998. Accessed January 23, 2020.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were received in 1984 from the Nevada Humanities Committee; accession number 84-57.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of the archival backlog elimination project, James Howard 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:

Stella Champo Iaconis Papers, 1927-1928. MS-00122. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hank Harrison Photograph Collection on Helldorado Days, approximately 1940-1977. PH-00212. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Nadine Tobin Collection of Helldorado Photographs, approximately 1940-1959. PH-00107. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Bars

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Group of people inside the Apache Bar in Las Vegas, Nevada, owner Berto Testolin serving behind the bar: photographic print, 1934 (0190_0001)	folder 01
Group of people inside the Apache Bar with caption on verso "first Helldorado Club" in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1934 to 1940 (0190_0002)	folder 01
Group of people inside the Apache Bar in Las Vegas, Nevada, inscription on verso states "Mrs. Halstead": photographic print, approximately 1934 to 1940 (0190_0003)	folder 01
Group of people around unidentified bar: photographic print, approximately 1934 to 1940 (0190_0004)	folder 01