



Guide to the Beda and C. Norman Cornwall Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Cornwall, Beda, 1907-1994
Contributor:	Cornwall, C. Norman, 1902-1967
Title:	Beda and C. Norman Cornwall Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00248
Date [inclusive]:	1940s-1978
Date [bulk]:	1940s-1950s
Physical Description:	0.27 Cubic Feet (3 hanging folders, 1 flat file, 1 shared box)
Physical Description:	1.30 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Beda and C. Norman Cornwall Photograph Collection (1940s-1978) primarily contains black-and-white photographic prints of Beda and C. Norman engaging in various civic activities. The collection also includes photographic prints of Beda Cornwall's reception at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as well as C. Norman Cornwall's riding group, the Los Rancheros Visitadores, during their trek through the Santa Ynez Valley in California. Beda Cornwall was the president of the Citizens' Library Association of Las Vegas and C. Norman Cornwall was a prominent Las Vegas attorney.

Preferred Citation

Beda and C. Norman Cornwall Photograph Collection, 1940s-1978. PH-00248. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Beda Tabitha Brennecke was born on November 21, 1907 in Tulare, South Dakota. She received her education at the University of Idaho and the University of Denver, majoring in education and social services. Beda worked as a teacher in Montrose, Colorado for four years. In 1932,

she married Charles Norman Cornwall and they moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1943. Beda was active in the United Service Organizations (USO), Travelers' Aide, Red Cross, and other civic organizations. In 1948, she helped form the Citizens' Library Association of Las Vegas. By 1952, the organization had successfully raised enough funds to build a new Las Vegas Public Library building. Beda was also the founder and president of the Home of the Good Shepherd Auxiliary, as well as a member of the Children's Service Guild. Beda Cornwall passed away on June 13, 1994.

Source:

"Beda Brennecke Cornwall." Nevada Women's History Project. Accessed May 30, 2019. <https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/beda-brennecke-cornwall/>

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Biographical Note

Charles Norman (C. Norman) Cornwall was born on May 7, 1902 in Aspen, Colorado. He received his education at the University of Colorado, graduating with a law degree. C. Norman married Beda Brennecke in 1932, and the couple moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1943. He served as City Attorney from 1944 to 1948, and became a prominent Las Vegas attorney. C. Norman was active in several organizations, including the Elks, Shriners, and Eagles. He was also a charter president of the Las Vegas Breakfasters Lions Club, as well a member of the Clark County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. C. Norman Cornwall passed away in 1967.

Source:

"Prominent LV Lawyer Dies of Heart Attack." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. January 31, 1967.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by subject.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1977 by Beda Cornwall; accession number 77-148.

Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux 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:

Beda Cornwall Collection on the Citizens' Library Association of Las Vegas, 1941-1973. MS-00001. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Clark County (Nev.)
- Service organizations--Nevada--Las Vegas
- Horsemen and horsewomen
- Landscape photography -- West (U.S.)
- Fund raising -- Nevada -- Clark County -- History
- Public libraries
- Postcards

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
C. Norman Cornwall portrait, 1940s (0248_0001) (view online)	folder 01
C. Norman Cornwall (right) and Beda Cornwall (second from right) at the Hotel Last Frontier, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1940s (0248_0002) (view online)	folder 01
Ash Meadows Motel, Ash Meadows, Nevada, 1948 February 13 (0248_0003) (view online)	folder 01
C. Norman Cornwall (right) presenting a certificate of thanks to musician Horace Heidt at the Biltmore Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, approximately 1948 (0248_0004) (view online)	folder 01
Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	
C. Norman Cornwall (right) presenting a certificate of thanks to musician Horace Heidt at the Biltmore Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, approximately 1948 (0248_0005) (view online)	folder 01
Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	
Beda Cornwall (second from right) with friends, 1950s (0248_0008) (view online)	folder 01
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Beda Cornwall (third from right) with friends, approximately 1950 (0248_0010) (view online)	folder 01
C. Norman Cornwall and son Billy holding a bear skin from a Wyoming hunting trip, 1952 May (0248_0011) (view online)	folder 01

C. Norman Cornwall portrait, 1950s (0248_0012) (view online)	folder 01
C. Norman Cornwall (front) on a hunting trip, 1950s (0248_0013) (view online)	folder 01
Civic Engagement	
Beda Cornwall (right) and C. Norman Cornwall (second from right) at a Lions Club event, 1950s (0248_0006) (view online)	folder 01
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Wilbur Clark, head of the Desert Inn Hotel and Casino, presents Beda Cornwall with a copy of <i>White House Gallery of Official Portraits of the Presidents</i> to display at the Las Vegas Public Library, 1952 (0248_0014) (view online)	flat file 04
Census contest to raise money for the Las Vegas Public Library Building Fund. From left to right: J. Stuart Hassett, contest publicity chairman; Beda Cornwall, president of the Citizens' Library Association; and Fred L. Beeman, contest chairman, 1950 May (0248_0015) (view online)	folder 01
Citizens' Library Association members. Standing from left to right: K. O. Knudson, Paul McDermott, Cyril Wengert, Clesse Turner, Harry Manente, Milton Keefer, and Sherwin Garside (second vice president). Seated from left to right: Peggy Petrie, Leona Ault, Nellie Bunch, Beda Cornwall (president), Laura Belle Kelch (secretary), and Reba McKinster (head librarian), 1952 (0248_0016) (view online)	folder 01
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Clark County Sheriff's Posse. Butch Leyboldt (front, kneeling), C. Norman Cornwall (third row, third from left), Senator George Malone (back row, third from left) and Mrs. George Malone (second row, second from right), 1952 (0248_0018) (view online)	folder 01
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C. Norman Cornwall (second from left) in San Diego, California, 1950s (0248_0023) (view online)	folder 01

Boulder Vegas Shriners Club Kerak Band. C. Norman Cornwall is standing fourth from right, 1950s (0248_0024) (view online)	folder 01
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C. Norman Cornwall (left) at a Lions Club function, 1950s (0248_0032) (view online)	folder 02
C. Norman Cornwall (left) at a Lions Club function, 1950s (0248_0033) (view online)	folder 02
C. Norman Cornwall (left) at a Lions Club function, 1950s (0248_0034)	folder 02
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Unidentified man at Lions Club function, 1950s (0248_0035) (view online)	folder 02
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C. Norman Cornwall (center) at a Lions Club function, 1950s (0248_0039) (view online)	folder 02
Las Vegas Valley Water District officials. From left to right standing: Raymond E. Thorn, director; William C. Renshaw, general manager; Thomas A. Campbell, president; Harry Miller, director; and C. Norman Cornwall, director. From left to right seated: Mary Jean Barozzi, secretary; William Rosevear, director; S. R. DuBravac, director; and G. William Coulthard, director, approximately 1955 (0248_0040) (view online)	folder 02
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Las Vegas Public Library third anniversary open house. Reba McKinster, librarian (second from left); Lillian Fleury (third from left); Beda Cornwall (third from right) and Mrs. Ernest King (second from right), 1955 (0248_0044) (view online)	folder 02
Negative: Las Vegas Public Library third anniversary open house. Reba McKinster, librarian (second from left); Lillian Fleury (third from left); Beda Cornwall (third from right) and Mrs. Ernest King (second from right), 1955 (0248_0044)	box SH-032
Las Vegas Public Library third anniversary open house. Lillian Fleury (left) and Reba McKinster, librarian (right), 1955 (0248_0045) (view online) Physical Description: 2 Photographic Negatives	folder 02
Book drop in front of Las Vegas Public Library. From left to right: Milton Keefer, Laura Belle Kelch, Leona Ault, Nellie Bunch, Clesse Turner, Beda Cornwall, Reba McKinster, A. E. Cahlan, and Paul McDermott, 1955 (0248_0046) (view online)	folder 02
C. Norman Cornwall (right) in front of airplane, 1950s (0248_0047) (view online) Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	folder 02
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Dedication of the Home of the Good Shepherd, Las Vegas, Nevada. Governor Grant Sawyer at microphone. Front row from left to right: unidentified priest, Bishop Dwyer, Reverend Tally Jarrett, Beda Cornwall, and Peggy Gambarana. Mother Mary DeLourdes seated in background on the right, 1966 May 22 (0248_0062) (view online)	folder 03
Los Rancheros Visitadores	
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National riders group in California; C. Norman Cornwall is seated on the left, 1956 May (0248_0052) (view online)	folder 03
C. Norman Cornwall (right) riding with the national riders group, 1956 May (0248_0053) (view online)	folder 03

C. Norman Cornwall (right) sitting with fellow riders, 1956 May (0248_0054) (view online)	folder 03
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Riders going through a stream; C. Norman Cornwall (left foreground) and F. E. Scott (right foreground), 1956 May (0248_0057) (view online)	folder 03
National riders group at table. Clockwise from left: F. E. Scott, C. Norman Cornwall, and Jimmy Schuyler., 1956 May (0248_0058) (view online)	folder 03
Riders group enroute. C. Norman Cornwall on left, facing camera, 1956 May (0248_0059) (view online)	folder 03
C. Norman Cornwall (left) and a fellow rider, 1956 May (0248_0060) (view online)	flat file 04
Beda Cornwall reception held at University Libraries Special Collections at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas	
Seated from left to right: Nellie Bunch and Clarabelle Decker. Standing left to right: J. A. Tiberti, Beda Cornwall, Laura Belle Kelch, and Sherwin "Scoop" Garside, 1978 November 17 (0248_0063) (view online)	folder 03
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From left to right: Blanche Zucker, Flo Mlynarczyk, and Hal Erickson, 1978 November 17 (0248_0067) (view online)	folder 03
Former members of the Citizens' Library Association. Seated from left to right: Nellie Bunch and Clarabelle Decker. Standing from left to right: J. A. Tiberti, Beda Cornwall, Laura Belle Kelch, Sherwin "Scoop" Garside, and Harold Erickson, 1978 November 17 (0248_0068) (view online)	folder 03
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From left to right: Alice Brown, unidentified woman, Dorothy Winter, Nellie Bunch, and Beda Cornwall, 1978 November 17 (0248_0070) (view online)	folder 03
From left to right: J. A. Tiberti, Beda Cornwall, and an unidentified woman at reception, 1978 November 17 (0248_0071) (view online)	folder 03

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Oran Gragson (left) and Sherwin "Scoop" Garside at reception, 1978 November 17 (0248_0073) (view online)	folder 03
From left to right: Alice Brown, Dorothy Winter, and Ralph Roske at reception, 1978 November 17 (0248_0074) (view online)	folder 03
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Flo Mlynarczyk (right) at reception, 1978 November 17 (0248_0076) (view online)	folder 03
