



## Guide to the Don T. Walker Photograph Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Walker, Don T., 1939-2013
<b>Title:</b>	Don T. Walker Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00280
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1900-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.13 Cubic Feet (2 hanging files, 1 shared box.)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.51 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Don T. Walker Photograph Collection (1900-1995) is comprised of black-and-white and color photographs taken by or belonging to Las Vegas photographer and Nevada historian Don Travis Walker. The photographs taken by Walker include ghost towns in Nevada, Arizona, and California, as well as a series on Phil Benson, editor and publisher of the <i>Southern Nevada Times</i> . Other items in the collection include photographs taken by other people related to the Moulin Rouge Hotel in Las Vegas, various photographs of historic sites in Nevada, and a program from the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society for its "Moulin Rouge: History in the Making" exhibition.

### Preferred Citation

Don T. Walker Photograph Collection, 1900-1995. PH-00280. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Don Travis Walker (1939-2013) was a photographer and Nevada historian. Walker was born June 3, 1939, in Hugo, Oklahoma to J.T. Walker and Anna Mae Richards. He received his college degree from Langston University in 1963 and served in the U.S. Navy in 1963. After his discharge from the Navy, Walker worked at the Nevada Test Site as a communications firefighter specialist for 44 years until his retirement in 2007. Starting in the late 1980s, Walker began photographing various

ghost towns throughout Nevada, Arizona, and California. Walker died August 16, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

Walker, Don T. *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Accessed October 19, 2018. <https://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=166578138>

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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## Acquisition Note

Accession number 1996-026.

## Processing Note

In 2018, as part of the archival backlog elimination project, Douglas Emery created the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Ghost towns
- Showgirls -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Casinos -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- African American women -- Nevada -- Clark County
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Mining camps
- photographs
- Moulin Rouge (Hotel-Casino : Las Vegas, Nev.)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Southern Nevada Times editor and publisher Phil Benson standing in front of his print shop near the old Arden plaster mines, 1992 (0280_0001)	folder 01
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Phil Benson and his wife in front of the newspaper office, 1992 (0280_0003)	folder 01
Phil Benson in front of his trailer home near the Arden plaster mines, 1992 (0280_0004)	folder 01
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Showgirls on the Moulin Rouge float during the Helldorado parade, 1955 May-August (0280_0014)	box SH-031
Showgirls on the Moulin Rouge float during the Helldorado parade, 1955 May-August (0280_0015)	box SH-031
Anna Bailey and other entertainers at the Moulin Rouge Casino. Clockwise from top left: Anna Bailey (left); Dianna Washington (2nd from right); Bob Bailey (far right). Bottom row: Dee Dee Jasmin (far right), 1955 (0280_0016)	box SH-031
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