



## Guide to the Evelyn Stuckey 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>	Stuckey, Evelyn, 1921-1980
<b>Title:</b>	Evelyn Stuckey Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00284
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1940 to 1972
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.34 Cubic Feet (5 hanging files, 1 shared box of negatives, and 1 flat file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.08 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Evelyn Stuckey Photograph Collection (approximately 1940-1972) contains black-and-white and color photographic prints, negatives and slides. The images depict Evelyn Stuckey at various functions for Las Vegas High School in Las Vegas, Nevada and the Rhythmettes, as well as the Rhythmettes practicing and performing routines.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Evelyn Stuckey was born as Mary Evelyn Stuckey in Gordon, Alabama on September 10, 1921 to Minnie L. and Robert Luther Stuckey. In 1946 she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, with an emphasis in Physical Education, from Florida Women's College, now Florida State University. She worked for the Florida Board of Health until she joined the Las Vegas High School (LVHS) faculty in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1949 as the physical education instructor for the female students. While working for LVHS, Stuckey organized the Rhythmettes dance group, who were featured on the *Ed Sullivan Show* in 1955 and at the World's Fair in 1964. The Rhythmettes were active from 1949 to 1966, when they disbanded due to Stuckey's health. They reformed in 1974 and ended

again in 1979 when Stuckey retired. Stuckey remained in Las Vegas until she died from cancer on April 10, 1980.

Sources:

"Evelyn Stuckey: Founder, Las Vegas Rhythmettes." WOMEN in Nevada History: A Legacy Digital Project. Accessed January 23, 2020. <https://womennvhistory.com/portfolio/evelyn-stuckey/>

Genealogy files about "Mary Evelyn Stuckey." Accessed on January 23, 2020. Accessed from Familysearch.org

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain as they were received.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated to the University of Las Vegas, Nevada Special Collections and Archives; accession number 1986-056B.

## Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Ryan DiPaolo entered the data into ArchivesSpace and wrote the finding aid.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Evelyn Stuckey Papers, 1940-1972. MS-00265. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- Las Vegas High School (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Rhythmettes (Las Vegas, Nev.)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Evelyn Stuckey and the Rhythmettes: photographic prints, negatives and slides, approximately 1940 to 1972	folder 01

folder  
02

folder  
03

folder  
04

folder  
05

flat file  
06

box  
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