



Guide to the Jeanne Russell Janish Photograph Collection

This finding aid was created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives staff. This copy was published on March 29, 2022. Please contact special.collections@unlv.edu for questions regarding this collection.

Persistent URL for this finding aid: <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1pw89>

© 2022 The Regents of the University of Nevada. All rights reserved.

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special
Collections and Archives.**

Box 457010

4505 S. Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, Nevada 89154-7010

special.collections@unlv.edu

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Biographical Note	3
Scope and Contents Note	4
Arrangement	4
Administrative Information	4
Related Materials	5
Names and Subjects	5
Collection Inventory	5

Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Janish, Jeanne R., 1902-1998
Title:	Jeanne Russell Janish Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00296
Date [inclusive]:	1918-1974
Physical Description:	0.10 Cubic Feet (2 hanging folders)
Physical Description:	0.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Jeanne Russell Janish Photograph Collection (1918-1974) consists of 48 black-and-white and color photographic prints that feature Janish's family, her husband Carl Janish, family homes and pets, and travel photographs from the United States, China, and South America.

Preferred Citation

Jeanne Russell Janish Photograph Collection, 1918-1974. PH-00296. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biographical Note

Jeanne Russell Janish was born on October 20, 1902 in Marshall, Iowa. She spent her early years in St. Louis, Missouri, where her father, Francis Wayland Russell (1865-1962), was a Presbyterian minister. Janish attended Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, her mother Lucile's alma mater, and graduated in 1924 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa with a major in Latin and a minor in geology. After graduation, she entered Stanford University, graduating in 1926 as the first woman to receive a Master of Arts degree in geology from the institution. While in school, Stanford paleontologist James Perrin Smith noticed Jeanne's creative abilities and encouraged her to study scientific illustration. Her career led her to illustrate thirty-two major scientific manuscripts, several field guides, and numerous scientific articles.

In 1929, Jeanne left for China on a visit, but stayed to work as a rug designer for her cousin Helen Fette at the latter's Fette-Li Rug Company, detailing her experiences at the company in her diaries. She met Carl F. Janish, a former United States Marine working for the *New York Times* in Beijing, and the couple married in late 1929. In 1934, the Janishes returned to the United States.

The couple spent seven years in California, where Jeanne worked as a freelance illustrator and Carl ran a summer camp, before making several moves around the country in the 1940s and early 1950s. In 1952, the couple settled in Carson City, Nevada for a short time before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1954. Carl Janish, a professional engineer, worked as a contractor at the Nevada Test Site and the Clark County Library District, while Jeanne pursued her career as an illustrator and focusing on local botany.

Jeanne Russell Janish died in Las Vegas on February 4, 1998.

Source:

"Jeanne Russell Janish." *Women in Nevada History*. Accessed March 26, 2019. <https://www.womennvhistory.com/portfolio/jeanne-russel-janish/>

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Contents Note

The Jeanne Russell Janish Photograph Collection (1918-1974) consists of 48 black-and-white and color photographic prints that feature Janish's family, her husband Carl Janish, family homes and pets, and travel photographs from the United States, China, and South America.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights

Materials in this collection may be protected by copyrights and other rights. See [Reproductions and Use](#) on the UNLV Special Collections and Archives website for more information about reproductions and permissions to publish.

Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Jeanne Russell Janish in 1995; accession number 95-31.

Processing Note

Material was processed and an inventory created in 2003 by Special Collections staff. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Related Materials

Related Collections

Jeanne Russell Janish Papers, 1833-1994. MS-00355. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century
- National Conservation Areas
- Travel

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Lucetta Kellum, Carl Janish's maternal grandmother: photographic print, undated (0296_001)	folder 01

Laura Kellum Janish, Edward Janish, Carl's parents: photographic print, undated (0296_002)	folder 01
Carl on a ranch in Colorado: photographic print, 1918-1919 (0296_003)	folder 01
Carl Janish and an unidentified man: photographic print, 1918-1919 (0296_004)	folder 01
Dr. Francis W. Russell, Jeanne Janish's father: photographic print, undated (0296_005)	folder 01
Lucille Cross Russell, Jeanne Janish's mother: photographic print, undated (0296_006)	folder 01
Lucille Cross Russell, Jeanne Janish's mother: photographic print, undated (0296_007)	folder 01
George Cross, Jeanne Janish's maternal grandfather: photographic print, undated (0296_008)	folder 01
Dr. Francis W. Russell, age 95, in front of his Palo Alto, California home: photographic print, undated (0296_009)	folder 01
Carl F. Janish, Marine barracks, San Diego, California: photographic print, 1923 (0296_010)	folder 01
"Happy" the cat, Carl Janish, Jeanne Janish: photographic print, 1944 January (0296_011)	folder 01
Unidentified man and woman: photographic print, undated (0296_012)	folder 01
Unidentified man: photographic print, undated (0296_013)	folder 01
Unidentified group: photographic print, undated (0296_014)	folder 01
Cat: possibly "Happy": photographic print, undated (0296_015)	folder 01
Cucuta, Columbia: travel photographic print, 1925 (0296_016)	folder 01
Cucuta, Columbia: travel photographic print, 1925 (0296_017)	folder 01
Servants at the Janish home in China: photographic print, 1930s (0296_018)	folder 01
Home of Dr. Francis W. Russell: photographic print, undated (0296_019)	folder 01
Unidentified home, possibly Jeanne and Carl's Las Vegas, Nevada residence: photographic print, 1957 (0296_020)	folder 01
Railroad track in the mountains: photographic print, undated (0296_021)	folder 01
Carl Janish in his lapidary shop: photographic print, undated (0296_022)	

folder
01

Jeanne Janish in the living room of her home: photographic print, undated
(0296_023)

folder
01

Janish mobile home and camper: photographic prints, approximately 1955
(0296_024)

folder
02

Physical Description: 4 Photographic Prints

Desert flora: Beavertail cactus and Enceliopsis, taken in the Rainbow Gardens
area east of Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, undated (0296_025)

folder
02

Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints

Nevada desert, Joshua trees and dry lake: photographic prints, undated
(0296_026)

folder
02

Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints

Bryce Canyon National Park and Rainbow Bridge, Utah: photographic prints,
1974 October (0296_027)

folder
02

Physical Description: 5 Photographic Prints

High Sierras, California: photographic prints, 1946-1953 (0296_028)

folder
02

Physical Description: 4 Photographic Prints

Scenes of Canada, Pike's Peak, Colorado, the Rio Grande Valley near Santa Fe,
New Mexico: photographic prints, undated (0296_029)

folder
02

Physical Description: 9 Photographic Prints