



Guide to the Hazel Baker Denton Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Denton, Hazel Baker, 1887-1962
Title:	Hazel Baker Denton Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00312
Date [inclusive]:	1900 to 1965
Physical Description:	0.63 Cubic Feet (4 hanging files, 1 shared box)
Physical Description:	0.50 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Hazel Baker Denton Photograph Collection (1910-1961) is comprised of photographic prints and one negative of the Denton family and friends, primarily taken in Nevada and Utah. Many photographs depict life in small Nevada towns, particularly Caliente. Photographs also depict Utah, Oregon, Washington D.C., and California, and unidentified desert and forest landscapes throughout the American West.

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Biographical Note

Hazel Baker Denton was born in Monroe, Utah on June 25, 1887. She graduated from Ogden High School in 1907 and also received her Teachers Certificate that same year. Baker moved to Prince Mine, Nevada in 1914 to teach in a one-room all-grade school house until 1916, when she moved to Caliente, Nevada to teach first and second grade. The same year, Hazel Baker met and married Floyd Howard Denton, a saloon owner from Nebraska. They had four children together: Lewis, Henrietta Marie, Betty Jeanne, and Ralph.

In addition to being an educator, Denton was also a writer, publishing books including *Ironing Day* (1955) and newspaper columns such as "Caliente All the Time" (1937-1939) and "While the Toast Burns" (1948-1953). She often published under her pen name "JMR," which honored her grandmother, Jeanne Marie Rio. Denton served in many educational organizations including as the President of the Lincoln County Board of Education, the director of the National Education Association of Nevada (1933-1936), and on the Lincoln County Classroom Teachers Association

(1948-1949). Outside of education organizations, Denton served as the president of the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs (1944-1946) and was elected to the Nevada State Assembly in 1952 and 1954. During her tenure as an assemblywoman, Denton focused on bills related to public library access and state parks. Hazel Baker Denton died in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 30, 1962.

Sources:

Vincent, Bill. "The Dentons and Lincoln County," *Nevadan*, May 1, 1977.

"Hazel Baker Denton," *Nevada Women's History Project*. Accessed August 2019. <https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/hazel-baker-denton/>

"Hazel Baker Denton," *Women in Nevada History*. Accessed August 2019. <https://womennvhistory.com/portfolio/hazel-baker-denton/>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1997; accession number 1997-003B.

Processing Note

Materials were initially processed by Special Collections staff. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Billy Marino 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:

Hazel Baker Denton Papers, 1907-1957. MS-00387. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Caliente (Nev.)
- photographs
- Women -- Political activity
- Educators

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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