



## Florence McClure 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>	McClure, Florence
<b>Title:</b>	Florence McClure Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00354
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1985 to 1997
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.02 Cubic Feet (1 hanging file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.10 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Florence McClure Photograph Collection (approximately 1985-1997) consists of color photographic prints. Images show McClure and members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Community Action Against Rape (CAAR) organization that she co-founded with Sandi Petta in 1973. Also included are images of Nevada public figures and several travel images from China.

### Preferred Citation

Florence McClure Photograph Collection, approximately 1985-1997. PH-00169. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Born Florence Alberta Schilling in Centralia, Illinois on September 26, 1919, Florence McClure attended MacMurray College for Women in Jacksonville, Illinois before transferring to Hardin Brown Business College, also in Jacksonville, where she graduated in October 1941.

During World War II, she worked a series of jobs for the government supporting the US war effort. She met her husband, James McClure, a US Air Force officer, while working for the Security and Intelligence Division in Miami, Florida. The couple had two children, James and Carolyn.

Following her husband's retirement from the Air Force, the family moved to California and then to Las Vegas, Nevada. McClure began working as an assistant to Burton Cohen at the New Frontier

Hotel and Casino. She later worked at the Desert Inn Hotel and Casino and as an office manager for Howard Hughes.

McClure joined women's organizations including the League of Women Voters and the Soroptimists. She also enrolled at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and earned her bachelor's degree in sociology in 1971. In 1973, McClure and Sandi Petta founded the Community Action Against Rape (CAAR), in an effort to advocate for victims, including sensitivity training for police and medical professionals and funding for rape test kits.

After retiring from CAAR in 1984, McClure devoted her efforts to helping incarcerated women maintain ties with their children and to navigate the Nevada prison system. She lobbied the state to locate the women's prison near Las Vegas so the women imprisoned there would still be able to have their children visit. In April 2007 the Nevada State Senate passed a bill to rename the Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility as the Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center. McClure died in 2009.

Sources:

Blasky, Mike. "McClure, activist for women's rights, dies." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, November 10, 2009.

Moor, Angela. "Florence McClure." *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*, Last modified February 4, 2009. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/florence-shilling-mcclure>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Frances McClure in 2003; accession number 2003-23.

### Processing Note

Materials were inventoried by Hana Gutierrez in 2016. In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Florence McClure Papers, 1969-2007. MS-00477. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Florence McClure oral history interviews, 1996 January 24, 1996 February 06. OH-02673. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Women's rights
- Victims of crimes -- Services for -- United States
- Social advocacy

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Florence McClure portrait: photographic print, 1985 (00354_0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
CAAR (Community Action Against Rape) staff members: photographic print, 1985 (00354_0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Nevada Highway Patrol academy class: photographic print, 1984 May 29 (00354_0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
CAAR organization sign: photographic print, approximately 1985 to 1997 (00354_0004) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
CAAR directors Cathy Shepard and Renata Cirri: photographic print, approximately 1985 to 1997 (00354_0005) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
CAAR staff members: photographic print, 1987 November (00354_0006) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
CAAR staff members: photographic print, approximately 1985 to 1997 (00354_0007) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
CAAR staff members: photographic print, approximately 1985 to 1997 (00354_0008) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Florence McClure and M. Joan Cromer: photographic print, 1995 August 28 (00354_0009) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Florence McClure at the Great Wall of China: photographic print, 1995 August 26 (00354_0010) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Florence McClure, Jean Ford, And Sophera Karim: photographic print, approximately 1997 (00354_0011) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Jean Ford, Frances Saxton, Elizabeth von Till Warren, and Florence McClure: photographic print, approximately 1997 (00354_0012) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Jean Ford, Frances Saxton, Elizabeth von Till Warren, and Florence McClure: photographic print, approximately 1997 (00354_0013) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01