



Guide to the James "Dee" Donithan Collection of Nevada Test Site Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Collector:	Donithan, Dee, 1928-2019
Title:	James "Dee" Donithan Collection of Nevada Test Site Photographs
ID:	PH-00366
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1970 to 1999
Physical Description:	0.19 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.21 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The James "Dee" Donithan Collection of Nevada Test Site Photographs (approximately 1970-1999) consist of 8x10 photographs depicting flowers, landscapes, wildlife, workers, work sites, and testing equipment at the Nevada Test Site. The photographs were printed by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Mercury, Nevada, and collected into a binder by James "Dee" Donithan.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

James "Dee" Donithan (1928-2019) was born in Rosiclare, Illinois. He served in the United States army during the Korean War, and earned his bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Illinois in 1959. He married his wife, Ann, in 1959 and the couple later had two children. Donithan spent the next few years working in the oil and gas industry. In 1968, he moved with his family to Las Vegas, Nevada and worked for Lawrence Livermore Laboratory at the Nevada Test Site. In 1990, he joined Desert Research Institute (DRI) at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) as

a geological engineer. During his time at the DRI, Donithan worked for the Division of Hydraulic Sciences and analyzed effects of past nuclear testing and its impact on water.

Source:

"James 'Dee' Donithan obituary," accessed September 4, 2024. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/las-vegas-nv/james-donithan-8855918>

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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.

Publication Rights

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Acquisition Note

Donated in 2024 by Ryan Donithan; accession number 2024-102.

Appraisal

Acquired in 2024 by Aaron Mayes, Visual Materials Curator, as part of Special Collections and Archives holdings on the environment.

Processing Note

In 2024, Sarah Jones accessioned the collection, removed photographs from degrading plastic sleeves, rehoused the collection into acid-free folders, and wrote the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Nuclear weapons -- Nevada -- Testing
- Underground nuclear explosions -- Nevada
- Scientists
- Engineers

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographs of the Nevada Test Site, approximately 1970 to 1999	box 01