



Guide to the Major Galen F. Bartmus Collection of Nellis Air Force Base Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Bartmus, Galen F., 1919-2001
Title:	Major Galen F. Bartmus Collection of Nellis Air Force Base Photographs
ID:	PH-00421
Date [inclusive]:	1950 to 1953
Physical Description:	0.01 Cubic Feet (1 shared box)
Physical Description:	0.01 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Major Galen F. Bartmus Collection of Nellis Air Force Base Photographs is comprised of black-and-white photographic prints taken at and around Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada between 1950 and 1953.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Galen Fuller Bartmus was born in Calipatria, California in 1919, the eldest son of Peter Bartmus and Dora Fuller. In 1942, Bartmus married Victoria Axenty before enlisting in the United States Army Air Corps (USAAC) and training as a pilot. Assigned to the 66th Bombardment Group, he served the course of World War II in France, returning to the United States in 1946. In 1947, he was released from the USAAC and assigned to the newly formed United States Air Force (USAF). In 1949, Bartmus was assigned as the base Operations Officer at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, serving as a liaison between the military and civilian population.

Bartmus retired from the USAF with the rank of Major in 1957, moved to Los Angeles, California with his wife and children, and opened two popular miniature golf courses in Hollywood and Burbank.

Galen Fuller Bartmus died in 2001.

Sources:

Genealogy research for "Galen F. Bartmus." Accessed December 6, 2019 on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org

"Galen F. Bartmus." *Fold3*. Accessed December 6, 2019, <https://www.fold3.com/record/84973536-galen-f-bartmus>

Van Nuys Valley News And Green Sheet. Van Nuys, California. September 12, 1971, pg. 27.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Major Galen F. Bartmus Collection of Nellis Air Force Base Photographs is comprised of black-and-white photographic prints taken at and around Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada between 1950 and 1953. Featured in all photographs is the base Operations Officer, Major Galen F. Bartmus. Images include several promotional photographs for Frontier Days, candid photographs of the base during the Korean War, and a search-and-rescue effort conducted for a downed airman in the desert near the base. All photographs captioned on verso.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2013 by Victoria Williams; accession number 2019-137.

Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech processed the collection and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Nellis Air Force Base (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Captioned black-and-white photographic prints of Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, 1950 to 1953 Physical Description: 18 Photographic Prints	box SH-049