

Guide to the Milt Palmer Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Palmer, Milt, 1925-1996
Contributor:	Las Vegas News Bureau
Title:	Milt Palmer Photographs
ID:	PH-00430
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1950 to 1991
Physical Description:	5.66 Cubic Feet (2 boxes, 6 oversized boxes)
Physical Description:	9.54 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	1,895 Digital Files (4.430 GB) JPG
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Milt Palmer Photographs (approximately 1950-1991) contain original and reproductions of photographic prints taken by Milt Palmer, a photographer who worked for the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and later under the division known as the Las Vegas News Bureau. Palmer captured celebrities and entertainers performing their Las Vegas shows, athletes in various sporting events, and various political figures. The majority of photographs in the collection are from approximately the 1950s to 1960s and some are signed by entertainers. The collection also includes digital reproductions of approximately half of the images found in the collection.

Preferred Citation

Milt Palmer Photographs, approximately 1950-1991. PH-00430. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Harland "Milt" Palmer (1925-1996) was a longtime resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. Born in Shelby, Ohio, Palmer served in the United States Navy during World War II. Palmer lived in Las Vegas, Nevada for forty-one years with his wife, Melody and daughter, Patricia "Patti" Ann Palmer. He worked as a photographer for the Chamber of Commerce and later the Las Vegas News Bureau, capturing celebrities, athletes, political figures, and entertainers during their visits to Las Vegas for shows, events, and long-term residencies.

Milt Palmer passed away on November 10, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

Obituaries. *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. November 13, 1996.

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Images contained in the collection depict athletes at various sporting events, including golf, tennis, and boxing; beauty pageants; weddings; and McCarran Airfield. There are also images from various Las Vegas hotel and casino anniversary celebrations, particularly the Sands Hotel and the Sahara as well as entertainers from a wide variety of shows, including comedy, solo acts, and group performances. Individuals represented in a significant portion of the collection include Liberace, Eddie Fischer, Connie Stevens, Phyllis Diller, and the Kim Sisters. The collection also includes digital reproductions of approximately half of the images found in the collection. The collection also includes certificates of appreciation addressed to Palmer for his work with the Las Vegas News Bureau for the city of Las Vegas.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2020 by Marilyn Gubler on behalf of the Las Vegas Archive; accession number 2020-072.

Processing Note

In 2020, Tammi Kim transferred the digital content off an external hard drive. Sarah Jones created access copies by converting TIF files to JPG, rehoused the collection, and created a finding aid in ArchivesSpace. No further work was performed.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Entertainers
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Beauty contests
- Professional sports

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints taken by Milt Palmer for the Las Vegas News Bureau, 1950 to 1991	box 01

box 02
oversized
box 03
oversized
box 04
oversized
box 05
oversized
box 06
oversized
box 07
oversized
box 08
digital
file 00

Celebrity portraits and advertisements including Burl Ives, Dyan Cannon, Joe E. Brown, Martin Landau, and Claudette Colbert: photographic negatives, approximately 1950 to 1970	oversized box 05
Photographic prints not taken by Milt Palmer, approximately 1950 to 1990	oversized box 08
Certificate from Mayor Jan Jones declaring Harland "Milt" Palmer Day in the City of Las Vegas, 1991 July 31	oversized box 08
Proclamation from the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce commending Milt Palmer for his service to Las Vegas, Nevada, 1991 July 25	oversized box 08
United Press International certificate of merit to the Las Vegas, Nevada News Bureau for twenty-five years of service, 1971 July 08	oversized box 08
Portrait books signed by celebrities addressed to Patti Palmer, approximately 1960 to 1970 Physical Description: 2 Items	oversized box 05