

Virginia James Papers MS-00523

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections Division.
Creator:	James, Virginia
Title:	Virginia James Papers
ID:	MS-00523
Date [inclusive]:	1949-1982
Physical Description:	0.2 Linear Feet 1 box
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Virginia James Papers (1949-1982) consist of the correspondence and contracts of Las Vegas, Nevada performer Virginia James. The materials document James' employment history at the Tropicana, Flamingo, and Sands hotels and her involvement in the famous "Les Folies Bergere" show, which debuted in Las Vegas in 1959.

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Biographical Note

Virginia James moved from El Paso, Texas to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1959 after she successfully auditioned as a dancer for the famous Copa Room at the Sands Hotel. James went on to become a regular performer in the famed "Les Folies Bergere" show, which ran in Las Vegas at the Tropicana Hotel from 1959 to 2009. She also attempted to advance her career in Hollywood, California in the 1950s but returned to Las Vegas to work permanently. In addition to her regular work in the "Les Folies Bergere" show, she appeared on the *Jayne Mansfield Show*. As of 2014, James continues to live in Las Vegas.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

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Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Ian M. Baldwin to bring it into compliance with DACS. July, 2014

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2006 by Valda and Esper Esau; accession number 2007-002.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Su Kim Chung in 2007. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently, Ian M. Baldwin entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Controlled Access Headings

- James, Virginia

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence: William Morris Agency, 1958	Box 01	Folder 01
Contracts: Flamingo Hotel, 1958	Box 01	Folder 02
Contracts: Twentieth Century Fox Film Company, 1958	Box 01	Folder 03
Contracts: Tropicana Hotel, 1959	Box 01	Folder 04
Contracts and correspondence: Sands Hotel, 1957	Box 01	Folder 05
Correspondence: Tom Duggan Show, 1958	Box 01	Folder 06
Employment history, 1949-1982	Box 01	Folder 07
Song lyrics: "Here Comes Another Song About Texas," 1957	Box 01	Folder 08