

Guide to the Nan Doughty Family Collection

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Doughty, Nanelia, 1907-1987 |
| Title: | Nan Doughty Family Collection |
| ID: | MS-00021 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1845-1993 |
| Physical Description: | 24.34 Cubic Feet (38 boxes and 1 flat file) |
| Physical Description: | 22.46 Linear Feet |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Nan Doughty Family Collection dates from 1845 to 1993 and documents Doughty's personal and professional life. She collected correspondence and papers related to her extended family members including Sallie Bradford, Seymour Kimball Bradford, William Hillman Shockley, and May Bradford Shockley. The collection also includes papers from her father, Thorwald A. Siegfriedt, and her mother, Lou-vee Bradford Siegfried. Doughty used her family histories to write historical essays about early Nevada. The collection includes her professional papers as well as drafts and correspondence related to her writings. |

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Nan Doughty wrote many articles about early Nevada history, focusing on the mining communities of Candelaria and Tonopah. She was born on June 27, 1907 to Thorwald A. Siegfriedt, an attorney, and Nanelia Lou-Vee Bradford. During the early twentieth century, most of the family dropped the last letter in their last name, spelling it Siegfried. Her parents named her Bertha Nanelia, but she always went by either Nanelia or Nan. She attended Queen Anne High School in Seattle, Washington. In high school, she wrote poetry for the school paper, was a member of the Honor Society, Girls Athletic Association, Girls Club, Latin Club and

French Club. Active in sports, Nan ran track and played basketball, baseball, and tennis. She graduated from high school on June 13, 1923. Her parents divorced in 1924 and her mother worked as a real estate agent.

In 1925, Nan enrolled at Stanford University and graduated with her English degree in 1930. Nan excelled at the arts and made wood cuts; her work appeared in galleries throughout Seattle. She married William Frank "Doc" Doughty on June 10, 1944. The couple had no children and they divorced in 1957.

After her divorce, Nan returned to school and earned her Master's degree in English at Arizona State University in 1963. She then completed her doctoral coursework at the University of California, Riverside, but left before finishing her dissertation. She taught English as a Second Language courses in Riverside.

In 1966, Nan moved to Las Vegas, Nevada and began teaching English at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). In addition to teaching, she began researching and collecting materials related to her family's activities in early Nevada mining towns. She wrote about Nevada history and mining for the *The Nevadan* supplement to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and the Central Nevada Historical Society's publication, *Central Nevada's Glorious Past*. She taught at UNLV until 1972. Doughty passed away in Las Vegas on June 29, 1987 at the age of 80.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Nan Doughty Family Collection dates from 1845 to 1993 and documents Doughty's personal and professional life. She collected correspondence and papers related to her extended family members including Sallie Bradford, Seymour Kimball Bradford, William Hillman Shockley, and May Bradford Shockley and documents their experiences in mining in Tonopah, Nevada. The collection also includes papers from her father, Thorwald A. Siegfriedt, and her mother, Lou-vee Bradford Siegfried. Doughty used her family histories to write historical essays about early Nevada. The collection includes her professional papers as well as drafts and correspondence related to her writings.

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Arrangement

These records are organized into two series:

Series I. Correspondence, 1865-1993;

Series II. Family Papers, 1845-1986.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Nan Doughty in multiple accessions; accession number T-3, T-59, and T-172. Additional materials were donated by her sister, Mary Lou S. Williams, in 1987; accession number 1987-107.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Dennis McBride in the early 1990s and Marie Imus wrote the finding aid. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor rehoused the materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the Nanelia S. Doughty Photograph Collection, 1870-1987. PH-00240. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the William Hillman Shockley Photograph Collection, 1880-1910. PH-00241. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the May Bradford Photograph Collection, 1902-1976. PH-00242. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the Blanch Jackson Photograph Collection, 1901-1941. PH-00243. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

The maps that were acquired as part of this collection have been separated and described individually in the [University Libraries' catalog](#).

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Names and Subjects

- Mineral industries -- Nevada -- History
- Mineral industries -- Southwest, New -- History
- Women journalists -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Women college teachers -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
- Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series I. Correspondence, 1865-1993

Physical Description: 12.31 Cubic Feet (19 boxes)

Physical Description: 10.29 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Correspondence series contains material from 1865 to 1993 and is made up of letters, invitations, and announcements sent to and from family members. The correspondence not only documents significant life events, but also chronicles daily life in the mining communities of Tonopah and Candelaria, Nevada.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by recipient and then chronologically.

| Title/Description | Containers |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Nancy Martin Carter Ward, 1865-1889 | box 01 |
| John N. Ward, 1893, 1916 | box 01 |
| Sallie Jane Leona Ward Wheeler Bradford | |
| From John Ward; aunts; Nicholas Hawley Wheeler; and Seymour Kimball Bradford, 1870-1922 | box 01 |
| From Cora May Wheeler Bradford, 1896-1936 | box 02 box 03 box 04 box 05 |
| From children and grandchildren, 1896-1935 | box 05 |

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| From various correspondents; invitations; announcements; and calling cards, 1884-1931 | box 06 box 07 |
| Nicholas Hawley Wheeler, 1883 | box 07 |
| Seymour Kimball Bradford, 1885-1932 | box 07 |
| Cora May Wheeler Bradford Shockley | |
| From Sallie Jane Leona Ward Wheeler Bradford, 1903-1938 | box 07 box 08 box 09 box 10 |
| From family members including Seymour Kimball Bradford and Nanelia Louvee Bradford Siegfried, 1901-1938 | box 10 |
| From Nan Doughty, 1930, 1937, 1961-1976 | box 11 |
| From various relatives and correspondents, invitations; and calling cards, 1904-1973 | box 12 |
| Nanelia Lou-Vee Bradford Siegfried, 1890-1964 | box 12 box 13 box 14 |
| Thorwald Adolph Arthur Siegfriedt, 1904, 1914, 1919 | box 14 |
| Nan Doughty | |
| From husband, Frank "Doc" Doughty; cousins; siblings; parents; and grandparents, 1911-1985 | box 15 |
| Correspondence related to Doughty's historical research and articles, 1959-1986 | box 15 box 16 box 17 box 18 |
| William Hillman Shockley, 1880-1907 | box 18 box 19 box 38 |
| Unidentified correspondence, 1871-1885, undated | box 19 |

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Series II. Family Papers, 1845-1986

Physical Description: 12.68 Cubic Feet (20 boxes and 1 oversize flat file)

Physical Description: 10.71 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Family Papers series contains family papers from 1845 to 1986 and consists of mining and stock certificates, receipts, newspaper clippings, and personal papers including report cards and diaries. It also includes fictional writing by Seymour Kimball Bradford. The series also includes papers belong to Nan Doughty documenting her personal and professional life, as well as her interest in her family history.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by family and then chronologically.

| Title/Description | Containers |
|---|----------------------------|
| Introductory Material | box 01 |
| Articles by Doughty about her family, 1969-1980 | box 01 |
| Correspondence to and from Mary Lou Siegfried Williams, Nan Doughty's sister, about the collection and family history, 1987-1993 | box 01 |
| Doughty collection, genealogy research, undated | box 01 |
| Letter by Nan Doughty describing her historical materials, 1983 | box 01 |
| Published work by Doughty 1919-1981, photocopies, undated | box 01 |
| Ward Family Papers, 1845-1922 | box 19 |
| Sallie Jane Leona Ward Wheeler Bradford Papers, 1870-1933 | box 19 box 20 |
| Seymour Kimball Bradford Papers, 1872-1930s | box 21 box 22 box 23 |
| William Hillman Shockley Papers, 1859-1983 | box 23 box 24 |
| Cora May Wheeler Bradford Shockley Papers, 1895-1986 | box 25 box 26 |
| Siegfried(t) Family Papers, 1901-1974 | box 26 box 27 |
| Nan Doughty Papers | |
| Early life and marriage, 1907-1944 | box 27 |
| Education: includes material from grammar and high school, college at Stanford, graduate studies at Arizona State University and University of California, Riverside, 1914-1967 | box 28 |
| Teaching and lecturing materials, 1960-1983 | box 29 box 30 |
| Manuscripts by Doughty, 1923-1983 | box 32 |

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| Newspaper index research by Doughty, undated | box 37 |
| Doughty American literature collection correspondence and lists, 1968-1984 | box 37 |
| Newspaper clippings, 1901-1985 | box 37 |
| Unidentified notebooks and papers, undated | box 37 |
| Oversized material | |
| Seymour K. Bradford, appointment to mineral deputy surveyor, territory of New Mexico, 1882 | flat file 39 |
| Seymour K. Bradford, appointment to deputy land surveyor, territory of New Mexico, 1884 | flat file 39 |
| Sallie J. Bradford, certificate of completion of four years' course of reading, Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, 1893 | flat file 39 |

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