

## **Guide to the Mary Lytle Papers**

---

This finding aid was created by Joyce Moore and John A. Heldt on November 22, 2017.  
Persistent URL for this finding aid: <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f13595>

© 2017 The Regents of the University of Nevada. All rights reserved.

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections  
and Archives.**

Box 457010

4505 S. Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, Nevada 89154-7010

[special.collections@unlv.edu](mailto:special.collections@unlv.edu)

---

## Table of Contents

---

Summary Information .....	3
Biographical Note .....	3
Scope and contents note .....	4
Arrangement .....	4
Administrative Information .....	4
Names and Subjects .....	5
Collection Inventory .....	5

---

## Summary Information

---

<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Lytle, Mary Virginia Perkins
<b>Title:</b>	Mary Lytle Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00231
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1909-1968
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Mary Lytle Papers date from 1909 to 1968 and document Lytle's experience as the first midwife in Overton, Nevada. The collection contains medical certificates, professional correspondence with Nevada Assistant State Archivist Frederick C. Gale, a handwritten memoir, and black-and-white photographs.

### Preferred Citation

Mary Lytle Papers, 1909-1968. MS-00231. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Biographical Note

---

Midwife Mary Virginia Perkins Lytle was born on June 21, 1883, in Overton, Nevada, a community that would become her life-long home. In 1904 she married John Lytle. Their daughter Genevieve was the first child born in Las Vegas, Nevada. After suffering the loss of her first three children, Lytle realized the need for a doctor or nurse in the isolated Southern Nevada region. She traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, and trained in obstetrics. After graduating in 1909, Lytle returned to Overton, where she delivered babies for more than thirty years and never lost a child she delivered. She died on April 13, 1970.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

## Scope and contents note

---

The Mary Lytle Papers date from 1909 to 1968 and document Lytle's experience as the first midwife in Overton, Nevada. The collection contains medical certificates, professional correspondence with Nevada Assistant State Archivist Frederick C. Gale, a handwritten memoir, and black-and-white photographs.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Arrangement

---

Material is arranged alphabetically. It is in original order.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

Materials in this collection may be protected by copyrights and other rights. See [Reproductions and Use](#) on the UNLV Special Collections website for more information about reproductions and permissions to publish.

### Acquisition Note

Accession numbers T186, 1986-083.

### Processing Note

Material was processed in 2016 by Joyce Moore. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, John A. Heldt revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Names and Subjects

---

- Midwifery
- Overton (Nev.)
- Medical Care
- Nursing
- Photographs

---

## Collection Inventory

---

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Containers</b>
Certifications, 1909	box 01
Correspondence, 1968	box 01
Life history written by Mary Lytle, 1968	box 01
Photographs, 1911, 1954	box 01