

Guide to the Muriel Stevens Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Stevens, Muriel
Title:	Muriel Stevens Papers
ID:	MS-00269
Date [inclusive]:	1969-2006
Physical Description:	35.7 Linear Feet (7 boxes, 1 shared box; videotapes shelved)
Physical Description:	1 Digital Files (0.0125 GB) PDF
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Muriel Stevens Papers (1969-2006) consist of materials documenting Stevens' career as a television cooking show host and newspaper columnist in Las Vegas, Nevada. Newspaper articles, correspondence, ephemera, certificates, and photographs provide information about her career, and to a lesser extent, her personal life. The collection also includes publications and records documenting the Nevada State Dairy Commission and the Las Vegas hospitality industry. The Video Recordings series consists mainly of episodes of the <i>Muriel Stevens Show</i> .

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Muriel Stevens (1925-2016) was a former newspaper columnist, author, chef, community leader, restaurant critic, and radio and television host. Born December 22, 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1954. Stevens is known for her radio and television shows, which focused on food, nutrition, and consumer issues. She hosted a one-hour daily radio talk show for eight years before moving to television, where celebrity guests joined her on *The Muriel Stevens Show* to cook their favorite meals. She published *The Muriel Stevens Cookbook* in 1975 and also wrote for the *Las Vegas Sun* newspaper. Stevens was a founder of the Consumer League of Nevada and served as president of the Nevada Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television. In 1975 she was appointed to the Nevada Dairy Commission by Governor Mike O'Callaghan, and was also later appointed to the Consumer Advisory Council by President

Gerald Ford. Muriel Stevens was married to television producer Maury Stevens, with whom she had daughter Robin Stevens Greenspun. Muriel Stevens passed away on December 12, 2016 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

"Muriel Stevens." Las Vegas Review Journal, December 13, 2016. Accessed December 14, 2016. <http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?n=muriel-stevens&pid=183077119&fhid=9374>.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Muriel Stevens Papers (1969-2006) consist of materials documenting Stevens' career as a television cooking show host and newspaper columnist in Las Vegas, Nevada. Newspaper articles, restaurant reviews, correspondence, ephemera, certificates, and photographs provide information about her career, and to a lesser extent, her personal life. The collection also includes recipes from Stevens' columns, *Cooking with Love* and *The Good Table*, as well as recipes from her television show. The collection also includes meeting transcripts and a publication from the Nevada State Dairy Commission, which Stevens served on. Las Vegas' hospitality industry is documented in this collection by hotel publications, event planning records, menus, press kits and ephemera. The collection also includes photographs of Nat Hart at Caesar's Palace and his gourmet cooking school. The Video Recordings series consists mainly of episodes of the *Muriel Stevens Show*.

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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 1986 by Muriel Stevens; accession number 1986-067. 2016 addition accession number; 2016-050.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Angela Moor and Emily Lapworth revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. 2016 addition was processed by Tammi Kim.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

The cookbooks 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

- Dairy products industry
- Television cooking shows
- Food and industry trade
- Hospitality industry -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Twentieth century
- Photographs
- Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Celebrity chefs
- Hart, Nat (Nathan)

Collection Inventory

Professional papers, 1969-2002

Physical Description: 1.4 Linear Feet (3 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: The Professional Papers series is mainly comprised of materials dated from 1969 to 2002 that document Muriel Stevens' work as a television chef and newspaper columnist. This series includes newspaper articles, menus, press kits, invitations, and ephemera related to the Las Vegas hospitality industry. Nevada State Dairy Commission meeting minutes and a publication are included in the series, as well as biographical information, correspondence, certificates, and photographs related to Stevens' work and her social life.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Awards given to Muriel Stevens, 1990-2000	
Las Vegas maps and guides, 1975-1981 Scope and Contents Note: Las Vegas street map; street directory of Las Vegas; National Fancy Food and Confection Show Directory; Restaurant, Hotel, and Motel Exposition Program and Buyers' Directory	box 01
Newspaper articles, 1977 Scope and Contents Note: Where I Stand column authored by Muriel Stevens about crash of plane carrying Frank Sinatra's mother; article on Stevens' appointment to Consumer Advisory Council; articles on Nevada dairy industry; MGM Grand News	box 01
Cooking show and demonstrations ephemera, 1981 Scope and Contents Note: Memory cards from Muriel Stevens Show; flier for Muriel Stevens cooking demonstrations; Fanci Pans store catalog; Fanci Pans class schedule; materials from Fanci Pans	box 01
Boardwalk Regency Hotel and Casino event menu plans, 1979-1981	box 01
Photographs and post cards, 1970 and undated Scope and Contents Note: Photo of Muriel Stevens in front of her kitchen supply store; two Hotel Bonanza postcards with photo of Lorne Greene; postcard for German pasta machine, Nudelmatic; autographed photo of Richard Todd; photo of unidentified couple	box 01
Certificates, 1971-1977 Scope and Contents Note: Heart Fund citation, Certificate of Appreciation from Easter Seals, Certificate of Appreciation from the Friends of Channel 10, Certificate of Appreciation from the Lions Club International, Honorary Citizen of New Orleans the International City to Muriel Stevens	box 01
State of Nevada Dairy Commission publication: "Substitute Dairy Products and Stabilization and Marketing of Fluid Milk, Fluid Cream, and Dairy Products", 1969 July 1	box 01
Nevada State Dairy Commission transcripts of meetings, 1976-1977	

	box 01
Biography of Muriel Stevens, undated	box 01
Caesars Palace materials, 1979-1981	box 01
Scope and Contents Note: Caesars Palace World Inc., "Tribuna: The Official Publication of Caesars Palace"; two Caesars Palace Information Books; program for the Seventh Annual Nevada National Conference of Christians and Jews, Distinguished Citizen of the Year award honoring Wayne Newton; advertisements for Caesars Palace; menu event plans for Caesars Tahoe; other correspondence	
Correspondence, 1975-1980	box 01
Scope and Contents Note: Materials related to Consumer Advisory Council; clippings about school lunches; wedding invitation for Robin Stevens marriage to Daniel Greenspun	
Employment Contract, 1981 December 23	box 01
Restricted: Materials are restricted.	
Social invitations, 1984-1985	box 01
Coin Castle Casino frame commemorating 50th Anniversary of legalized gaming in Nevada, 1981	box 01
Invitations to food events, 1984-2000	box 02
Menus and restaurant ephemera, 1988-2002	box 02
Correspondence, 1993-1997	box 02
Restaurant press kits, 1994-2001	box 03
Recipes from The Muriel Stevens Show, Cooking with Love, and The Good Table, 1969-1991	box 04
Recipes from The Muriel Stevens Show, Eye on Las Vegas columns in the Las Vegas Sun newspaper, 1970-2006	box 05
Restaurant reviews and articles, research for reviews, clippings about Muriel Stevens, 1970-2006	box 06
Photographs, slides, and negatives of Nat Hart and Caesar's International Palace, 1970s	box 07

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Video recordings, 1970s-1980

Physical Description: 31 Linear Feet (1 (shared) box of film; videotapes shelved)

Scope and Contents Note: The Video Recordings series mainly consists of episodes of the Muriel Stevens show, promotional spots for the show, and also some unidentified videotapes. Episode numbers of the Muriel Stevens Show are listed when known.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged chronologically.

The Muriel Stevens Show

Title/Description	Containers
2 Chicken Kashmir, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 08
3 Roslyn Kind; eggplant douzmeh, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 08
5 Steak in a brown paper bag, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 08
6 Rouladen, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 08
7 Crepes, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 08
9 Sammy Shore; spaghetti a la bananas, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 08
10 Oatmeal bread, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
11 Paper clip pork / 3 Roslyn Kind; eggplant douzmeh, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
11 Paper clip pork, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
12 The Checkmates / 15 Indian bread, English muffins, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
12 The Checkmates; fried cabbage, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
13 Juliet Prowse; moussaka, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
13 Juliet Prowse; moussaka / 14 Japanese cutlets and salsa, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
14 Pork cutlets, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
15 Indian bread, English muffins, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
16 Salt roasted beef, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
16 Salt roasted beef / 72 Battista, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	

17 Diana Trask; Irish stew, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 09
18 Marty Allen; five can casserole, 1970 Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 10
19 Belgian sweet bread, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 10
20 Jan Murry; salad, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 10
20 Jan Murry; salad / 21 Billy Eckstine; eggs and cabbage, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
21 Billy Eckstine; eggs and cabbage, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 10
23 Rene Wicki; tournedos, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 10
24 Aldo Grittini (Caesars Palace); veal cordon bleu, fettuccine, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 10
25 Christian Marcoux (Circus Circus); veal pojarski, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 11
26 Ray MacCurtain, Riviera chef; baked stuffed trout, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 11
26 Ray MacCurtain, Riviera chef; baked stuffed trout / 27 Streudel, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 11
27 Streudel, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
28 Ulrich Riedner, Dunes hotel chef; dome of the sea plank, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 11
29 Rene Gillard, Caesars Palace; quiche, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 11
30 Chef Vince from Caesars Palace; steak pizziola, linguine, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 11
31 Myron Cohen; brisket and kasha, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 11
33 Walter Hell; streudel, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 12
34 Rudy Thomas, Sahara chef; appetizers, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 12
34 Rudy Thomas, Sahara chef; appetizers / 47 Babka, 1970s	

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 12
35 Sandler and Young; chicken teriyaki, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 12
35 Sandler and Young; chicken teriyaki / 41 Vinaigrettes, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 12
36 Jerry Vale; stuffed shrimp, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 12
37 Dark rye bread, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 13
38 Choucroute (sausages and sauerkraut), 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 13
38 Choucroute (sausages and sauerkraut) / 31 Myron Cohen; brisket and kasha, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 13
39 Jack Carter; garbage omlette, 1970s Physical Description: 6 U-Matic Videotapes	box 13
40 Edie Adams and Pete Condoli; Pete's mother's sauce, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 14
40 Edie Adams and Pete Condoli; Pete's mother's sauce / 39 Jack Carter; garbage omlette, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 14
41 Mushroom salad, vinaigrettes, tuna and artichokes, 1970s Physical Description: 3 U-Matic Videotapes	box 14
42 Japanese hamburgers, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 14
42 Japanese hamburgers / 36 Jerry Vale, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 14
43 Carrot cakes / 24 Aldo Grittini, Caesars Palace, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 14
44 Stuffed Italian meatroll, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 14
44 Stuffed Italian meatroll / 46 Frozen dough, 1970s Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	box 15
45 Danny Kaleikini; Tahitian pork and beans, 1970s Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	box 15
46 Yeast roll-ups, crescents, frozen dough, 1970s	box 15

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
47 Babka, 1970s	box 15
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
49 Chinese chicken livers and fried rice, 1970s	box 15
Physical Description: 3 U-Matic Videotapes	
49 Chinese chicken livers and fried rice / 60 Barbara McNair, 1970s	box 15
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
50 Diahann Carroll; steak Diahann, 1970s	box 16
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
51 Shecky Greene; eggplant parmesan, 1970s	box 16
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
51 Shecky Greene; eggplant parmesan / 52 Cognac burgers, 1970s	box 16
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
52 Cognac burgers, 1970s	box 16
Physical Description: 3 U-Matic Videotapes	
53 Sonny King; salmon patties, peas and macaroni shells, 1970s	box 16
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
53 Sonny King; salmon patties, peas and macaroni shells / 88 Lou Rawls, 1970s	box 17
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
54 Cornish pasties, 1970s	box 17
Physical Description: 3 U-Matic Videotapes	
55 Joe Williams; quick tomato sauce, 1970s	box 17
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
55 Joe Williams; quick tomato sauce / 56 Fried wonton scallops, 1970s	box 17
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
56 Fried wonton scallops, 1970s	box 17
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
57 Chicken in batter, 1970s	box 17
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
58 Cashew chicken, 1970s	box 18
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
59 Leslie Uggams; pot roasted chicken, 1970s	box 18
Physical Description: 8 U-Matic Videotapes	
59 Leslie Uggams; pot roasted chicken / 48 Japanese steamed soup, 1970s	box 19
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
60 Barbara MacNair; ham hocks, 1970s	box 19

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
62 Billie Hobart; apple mountain cake, delicate lemon cook, 1970s	box 19
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
62 Billie Hobart; apple mountain cake, delicate lemon cook / 69 Triple rich bread, 1970s	box 19
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
63 Pete Barbutti; chicken romano, 1970s	box 19
Physical Description: 3 U-Matic Videotapes	
64 Irish soda bread, shepherd's pie, 1970s	box 19
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
65 Diana Moss and Ramos Fizz; beef a la Moss, 1970s	box 20
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
66 The Kims; barbequed beef, 1970s	box 20
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
67 George La Forge; peaches flambe, 1970s	box 20
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
68 Phil Harris; baked ham, black eyed peas, sweet potatoes, 1970s	box 20
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
69 Triple rich bread, 1970s	box 20
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
70 Chicken vesuvio, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
73 Chocolate walnut rolls, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
74 Johnny Tillotson; fried okra, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
75 Lamb curry, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
76 Paul Lenard; filet of sole nolmang, breaded fish, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
77 Dennis Martig; pulled sugar, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
77 Dennis Martig; pulled sugar / 54 Cornish pasties, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
78 Basic cookie and cake mixes, 1970s	box 21
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
78 Basic cookie and cake mixes / 63 Pete Barbutti; chicken romano, 1970s	box 21

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
79 Avery Schreiber; chicken tetrazinni, 1970s	box 22
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
79 Avery Schreiber; chicken tetrazinni / 6 Rouladen, 1970s	box 22
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
81 The Treniers; enchilada pie, 1970s	box 22
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
81 The Treniers; enchilada pie / 5 Steak in a brown paper bag, 1970s	box 22
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
82 Maitre d' Summit Room, Ron Sayed, Harrah's Club chef; shrimp and chartreuse, 1970s	box 22
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
83 Bobby Vinton; Polish salad, 1970s	box 23
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
84 Vanilla, granola, dried fruit, 1970s	box 23
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
85 Jerry Collins; barbequed spareribs, 1970s	box 23
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
86 Gianni Russo / 10 Oatmeal bread, 1970s	box 23
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
87 Seasonings, 1970s	box 23
Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
88 Lou Rawls; spare ribs, 1970s	box 23
Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
Riviera Hotel, Ray McCurtain, 1973 July 23	box SH-013
Physical Description: 1 Reels	
Circus Circus, Christian Marcoux, 1973 July 23	box SH-013
Physical Description: 1 Reels	
Sahara Hotel, Rudy Thoma, 1973 July 24	box SH-013
Physical Description: 1 Reels	
Aladdin Hotel, George Williams, 1973 July 25	box SH-013
Physical Description: 1 Reels	
Dunes Hotel, Ulrich Riedner; Dome of the Sea, 1973 July 25	box SH-013
Physical Description: 1 Reels	
Sands Hotel, Maurice Can, 1973 August 03	box SH-013
Physical Description: 1 Reels	
Tropicana Hotel, Paul Leonard, 1973 August 03	

Physical Description: 1 Reels	box SH-013
Landmark, Rene Wikki, 1973 August 03 Physical Description: 1 Reels	box SH-013
Sahara, Bill Bonne, 1973 August 03 Physical Description: 1 Reels	box SH-013
International - Hilton, Helmut Reidner, 1973 August 03 Physical Description: 1 Reels	box SH-013
Flamingo, Hans Len Wine, 1973 August 03 Physical Description: 1 Reels	box SH-013
Muriel Stevens Show with Juliet Prowse, 1974 March 08 Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
Muriel Stevens Show with Juliet Prowse, 1974 April 10 Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
Muriel Stevens show promo, 1980 July 01 Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
Muriel Stevens Show promo master, undated Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
The Muriel Stevens Show promos, cookbook, undated Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
The Muriel Stevens Show dub, undated Physical Description: 2 U-Matic Videotapes	
The Muriel Stevens Show promo 2:30, undated Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
The Muriel Stevens Show sales presentation, undated Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
Muriel Stevens Show open, undated Physical Description: 1 Reels	box SH-013

Other video recordings

Title/Description	Containers
Honda Civic Classic part I, Rancho Bernardo PGM bad master, 1980 March 15 Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
Honda Civic part I edited dub, 1980 March 16 Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	
Honda Civic Classic part II master, 1980 March 15 Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes	

Honda Civic part I no open master, 1980 March 15

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

Honda Civic Classic Rancho Bernardo PGM part II bad master, 1980 March 15

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

Honda Civic Classic, Rancho Bernardo reel 2B, 1980 March 16

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

Honda Civic Classic, Rancho Bernardo part I, bad master, 1980 March 16

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

Chapter II part I, undated

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

Chapter II part II, undated

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

Chapter II part III, undated

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

Life Brian 112, undated

Physical Description: 1 U-Matic Videotapes

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