

## **Guide to the Anna Dean Kepper Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Kepper, Anna Dean
<b>Title:</b>	Anna Dean Kepper Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00279
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1903, 1965-1983
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1965-1983
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.52 Cubic Feet (6 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.79 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Anna Dean Kepper Papers (1903-1924, 1965-1983) contain records, correspondence, photographic slides, research notes, newspaper clippings, and audiovisual tapes, as well as Kepper's research notes, drafts, and transcribed oral history interviews that she used for her thesis on the Fusileers in Ostego County, New York. She was the Curator of the Special Collections and Archives Department in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Library from 1973 to 1983.

### Preferred Citation

Anna Dean Kepper Papers, 1903, 1965-1983. MS-00279. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Anna Dean Kepper was Curator of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Library Department of Special Collections from 1973 until her death in 1983. After attaining degrees in museology and American folk culture from the State University of New York in Oneonta, New York, she moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1973. Kepper was active in various university affairs and served on numerous committees including budget and planning, procedures and policy, public relations, the Museum of Natural History, and beautification.

In 1974, she founded the Association for the Preservation of the Las Vegas Mormon Fort, which later became the Preservation Association of Clark County. Kepper was a member of the Preservation Association of Clark County, the Southern Nevada Historical Society, the Boulder City Museum

Association, the Nevada Historical Society, the Nevada State Library Association, and the American Association for State and Local History Preservation, for which she served as adviser from Nevada.

Kepper was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Nevada Historical Preservation Conference in 1980 and received the Certificate of Merit from the Southern Nevada Historical Society in 1982. She was also honored by the Boulder City Museum and Historical Association for her work to list Boulder City as a historical site on the National Register. She served as adviser to the Junior League for the restoration of the Beckley House at the Museum of Southern Nevada and helped move the Houssels House to the UNLV campus where it served as the home of the architecture school.

UNLV posthumously awarded Kepper a Master of Public Administration for which she had passed her final comprehensive examination eighteen days prior to her death. Kepper died on December 21, 1983.

Source:

Hopkins, A.D. "Anna Dean Kepper." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. September 12, 1999. <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/anna-dean-kepper>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Anna Dean Kepper Papers (1903-1924, 1965-1983) contain personal papers, research and historical documents, correspondence, photographic slides, and audiovisual materials. The papers document her work as a student at the State University of New York in Oneonta, New York, as well as her research interests in the American West, particularly in southern Nevada, where she worked as a historical preservationist and archivist. She was the Curator of the Special Collections and Archives Department in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Library from 1973 to 1983.

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## Arrangement Note

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The materials are divided into two series:

Series I. Personal Papers, 1903, 1965-1983;

Series II. Research and Historical Documents, 1908-1924, 1970-1983.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1983 by Anna Dean Kepper; accession number 83-44.

### Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff in 1983. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2018, Joyce Moore further revised the collection description and rehoused the collection.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Nevada -- History
- Historic preservation
- Public relations
- Photographs
- Audiotapes

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## Collection Inventory

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### Personal Papers, 1903, 1965-1983

Physical Description: 2.59 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.16 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The personal papers series (1903, 1965-1983) contain the personal and scholastic records of Anna Dean Kepper and includes photographic slides, coursework, research papers, correspondence, notes, newspaper articles, and audiovisual material.

Arrangement Note: Materials are arranged in rough alphabetical order.

Title/Description	Containers
Photograph slides	
Woodlawn Plantation and Mount Vernon, Virginia; Beddey House; Utah; Folklife Festival Logan, Utah; Big Springs; historical; Old Fort; fundraisers; Mall, Lyons Park, metal box 1, 1978-1979	box 01
Flood, Las Vegas, Nevada; Caesar's Hotel and Casino and the Strip; Paradise, Nevada; Lake Mead; Big Springs Fort; Colorado River; Deer Creek, Nevada; Field Camp hike, metal box 2, 1974-1975	box 01
Pioche Firehouse; Courthouse; Wells Fargo building fire; mine; Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada; churches; residences; modern buildings; Bristol, metal box 3, 1970s	box 01
Petroglyphs; Overton, Nevada; Nevada vegetation; Pasadena, California; 100th birthday of Spring Mountain Ranch; UNLV field trips; historic Las Vegas; tent incident at Old Fort; dedication, metal box 4, 1976	box 01
Old Fort; Oakland, California; Wine Museum, San Francisco, California; Carson City; Fort Churchill fiasco; Halloween; causes of damage at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Special Collections; menus; UNLV Museum of Natural History; exhibits, metal box 5, 1975	box 01
Calles, Utah trip, metal box 6, 1971	box 01
Calles, Utah; Nevada landscapes; Pasadena, California; architecture; San Francisco, California; Mount Vernon, Virginia; farmers; Cooperstown; Cape Cod; family, metal box 7, 1971-1979	box 01
Calles files and tapes, 1980	box 02
City of Las Vegas, advisory committee member, 1983 July 20	box 02
City of Las Vegas, general plan update, 1983	box 02
City of Las Vegas, policies and guidelines, 1975 February 05	box 02
Conservation materials, coursework, undated	box 02
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Conservation materials list, 1974	box 02
Correspondence, 1976-1982	box 02
Fort Churchill Fiasco, 1977	box 02
Fusileers: articles, 1972-1977	box 02
Physical Description: 3 Files	
Fusileers, newspaper clippings, 1903	box 02
Jody and Jeffrey's kindergarten academic status, 1971-1972	box 02

Manuscript notes, 1978	box 02
The Nevadan, 1983 July 03	box 02
Notes, 1976	box 02
"Old West," paper, 1965	box 02
Oral History Review, 1978	box 02
Personnel, 1983	box 02
Regional Conference of Historical Agencies, 1972-1976	box 02
Research paper, "Hotel World Reports the Centennial", 1976	box 02
Research paper, University of Denver, "Archive, National Council of Jewish Women", 1978	box 02
Research paper, Utah State University, "Callao, Utah, an Interview with Cyrene N. Bagley concerning its history and architecture", 1979	box 02
State University of New York notes, 1970	box 02
Correspondence, 1977-1983 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 03
Menus, undated	box 03
Newsletters, 1978-1980	box 03
Newspaper articles, 1980	box 03
Pamphlets, undated	box 03
Publications, 1979-1980 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 03

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## Research and Historical Documents, 1908-1924, 1970-1983

Physical Description: 1.97 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: 1.63 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The research and historical documents series (1908-1924, 1970-1983) contains research for Kepper's thesis in Oneonta, New York, and in Las Vegas, Nevada. Also included are correspondence, notes, photographs, questionnaires, a thesis final draft, and transcripts of oral histories conducted for Kepper's thesis on the Fusileers.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Abstracts, 1972	box 04
Background, origins, and studies, undated	box 04
Conclusions, undated	box 04

Physical Description: 2 Files

Costumes, undated	box 04
Description, undated	box 04
Festival, undated	box 04
Folklore in parades, undated	box 04
Oral history informants, 1971	box 04
Outline of introduction, 1972	box 04
Mt. Vision Parade, 1911	box 04
Oral histories	
Bliss, Claude, 1973 June 08	box 04
Ferguson, Wm. Fern, 1972 June 16	box 04
Gardner, Edna, 1972 June 10	box 04
Gregory, Nellie, 1972 June 13	box 04
Hall, Ava M., 1972 June 13	box 04
Hoose, Rachel, 1973 May 29	box 04
Johnson, Earl F., 1973 March 23	box 04
Marlette, Herbert, 1973 May 17	box 04
Mather, Clyde, undated	box 04
Person, Flora, 1971 May 08	box 04
Patterson, Theresa, 1973 May 29	box 04
Potter, Raymond, 1973 April 05	box 04
Slawson, Alma, 1973 April 19	box 04
Van Field, 1972 August 18	box 04
Washburn, Henry, 1972 July 11	box 04
Ostego County research, undated	box 04
Papers and coursework, 1971	box 04
Parade decline conclusions, undated	box 04
Questionnaires, 1971-1972	box 04
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Time, space, and naming survey, undated	box 05
Town chronologies, undated	box 05
Cooperstown, 1972	box 05
Correspondence, 1908-1924	



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Directory, 1971	box 05
Nevada research, 1970-1973	box 05
Notes, undated	box 05
Questionnaires, 1971	box 05
Research, 1975	box 05
Research on tent houses, 1978	box 05
Photographs and negatives from Ostego, New York, parades and activities, 1970-1971 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 05
Slides and negatives of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Library, 1983	box 05
Archives workshop notes, 1978 June 05	box 06
Historic Architectural Report on Floyd Lamb State Park/Tule Springs Ranch, 1979 March	box 06
Preliminary Report on the Sentinel Press Document Collection, 1980 August 05	box 06
Research notes, undated	box 06
Research for thesis, undated	box 06
Abstract for thesis, undated	box 06
Thesis, final draft, 1975	box 06
Audiovisual tapes of interviews, undated Physical Description: 6 Reels	box 06

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