

Guide to the Doris Hancock Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Hancock, Doris
Title:	Doris Hancock Papers
ID:	MS-00282
Date [inclusive]:	1895-1987
Date [bulk]:	1930-1985
Physical Description:	1.84 Cubic Feet (4 boxes 1 oversized folder)
Physical Description:	3.34 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Doris Hancock Papers (1895-1987) consist of school memorabilia, correspondence, sketches, two scrapbooks, and material from her involvement in the Las Vegas Art League. Also included are materials about Southern Nevada and surrounding areas, particularly mining towns, Colorado River, Boulder Dam, Red Rock Canyon, early Las Vegas, and Death Valley.

Preferred Citation Note

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Biographical Note

School teacher and artist Doris Hancock arrived in Las Vegas in December 1924, with the intention of only staying for six months. She agreed to accept a temporary position teaching kindergarten at John S. Park School, but then fell in love with Las Vegas and stayed to teach kindergarten at that school for 39 years. Before coming to Las Vegas, Hancock taught in Iowa, South Dakota, Idaho, Washington, and Nebraska. She received her degree from Colorado State College of Education at Greeley and took advanced training in colleges and universities in Arizona, Utah, California, and Nevada.

Hancock was a charter member of Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and was one of the founders of the State organization. She organized and was president of the Association for Childhood Education International in Las Vegas. She also held several offices in her Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O) chapter, serving as president for two years. In addition, she had been chosen Woman of the Year in

1949 by the Business and Professional Women's Club in Las Vegas. On her retirement in 1963 Doris was honored at a testimonial dinner given by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). She held a life membership in the National congress of Parents and Teachers. She was the recipient of The Nevada Outstanding Citizen Award. In September 1962, she was recognized by the Rotary Club as their first Teacher of the Week. In 1965 Doris Hancock Elementary School was named for her in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Her other interests included western history and art, particularly painting and drawing. She studied under a number of well-known artists and exhibited and sold a number of her paintings. Hancock helped to organize the Las Vegas Art League.

After her retirement, she moved to San Diego, California to be near relatives. Doris Hancock passed away in 1987 at the age of 91.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement of the Records

The material is organized in alphabetical order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1976 by Doris Hancock; accession number 87-59. Addition accessions; 85-119, 86-035, T-159.

Processed by:

Material was processed in 1996 by Joyce Marshall. In 2017 Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection to bring it up to current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Thirty photographs were removed and added to an already existing collection, Doris Hancock Photographs, PH-0003. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection: Vivian Woods Collection, MS-00351. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Las Vegas Art League Collection, MS-00185. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

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Names and Subjects

- Elementary school teachers
- Mining districts -- Nevada
- Death Valley (Calif. and Nev.) -- Description and travel
- History -- Las Vegas -- Nevada

- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.) -- History
- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (Nev.) -- Description and travel
- Nevada -- History
- Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Adams, Kirk: principle killed, 1981	box 1	folder 1
Church membership certificate	box 1	folder 2
History of Las Vegas, notes and clippings	box 1	folder 3
Jean, Frank, book and clippings	box 1	folder 4
Map: South America	box 1	folder 5
Retirement card and guest book	box 1	folder 6
Sandzen, Birger: sketchbook and clippings	box 1	folder 7
School keepsakes, undated	box 1	folder 8
Telephone directories, 1962	box 1	folder 9
Thomas, Myra: art exhibit	box 1	folder 10
Tour of Cuzco	box 1	folder 11
Travel diary	box 1	folder 12
Correspondence		
From Doris to M/M Crowley, 1954	box 2	folder 1
From Doris to Hal Erickson, undated	box 2	folder 2
From Doris to M/M Jean, undated	box 2	folder 3
Miscellaneous outgoing, undated	box 2	folder 4
Miscellaneous incoming, undated	box 2	folder 5
On mining history, undated	box 2	folder 6
Newspaper Clippings		
Colorado River and Boulder Dam, undated	box 3	folder 1
Death Valley, 1941	box 3	folder 2
About Doris Hancock, undated	box 3	folder 3
Miscellaneous, 1930s-1940s	box 3	folder 4
Nevada Mining Camps, 1895-1939	box 3	folder 5

Nevada towns, undated	box 3	folder 6
Photographs	box 3	folder 8
Oversize Folder: Logo of Nevada National Bank, sketchbook, etchings, undated	flat file 05	
Scrapbook: Death Valley, 1929-1941 and undated	box 4	folder 1
Scrapbook: Early Las Vegas, 1915-1941 and undated	box 4	folder 2
Miscellaneous pamphlets	box 3	folder 7