

Guide to the Vern Lanegrass Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lanegrass, Vern, 1924-2011
Contributor:	California Restaurant Writers Association
Contributor:	Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine
Title:	Vern Lanegrass Papers
ID:	MS-00295
Date [inclusive]:	1961 to 2010
Physical Description:	5.29 Cubic Feet (7 boxes and 2 oversized boxes)
Physical Description:	6.37 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Vern Lanegrass Papers (1961-2010) consist of materials from the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine and the California Restaurant Writers Association as well as event programs, menus, and other materials related to food and wine.

Preferred Citation

Vern Lanegrass Papers, 1961-2010. MS-00295. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Vern Lanegrass lived in Los Angeles, California where he was known as "The Hollywood Chef" and hosted television and radio programs about cooking.

Vernon B. Lanegrass was born August 22, 1924 to Bertrand and Pearl Lanegrass in Louisiana. He earned a music degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and performed as a singer with the New Orleans Opera Company. He later went to work for NBC in New York City where he began as a page and progressed to supervisor of the page and tour staff. He moved to Southern California and worked at NBC's Burbank studio.

After leaving NBC, Lanegrass began working in hospitality and food. He went by the name "The Hollywood Chef" and hosted radio and television programs about cooking. He also wrote regular columns about cooking and dining. He gave lectures and worked as a guest chef across the United States. He served

as president of the California Writers Association. He also worked as a spokesperson and a judge for food and wine competitions.

Lanegrass also taught wine appreciation classes and held the position of Master Vice Commander of the Los Angeles chapter of the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine as well as membership in several other wine brotherhoods. He was also active in the Twelfth Night Revelers.

Lanegrass died on January 19, 2011 in Los Angeles, California.

Source:

Vernon B. Lanegrass obituary, *Los Angeles Times*, January 26, 2011. Accessed August 9, 2019. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?n=vernon-b-lanegrass&pid=148107412>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Vern Lanegrass Papers (1961-2010) consist of materials related to gastronomy and wine tasting. Vern Lanegrass lived in Los Angeles, California where he was known as "The Hollywood Chef" and hosted television and radio programs about cooking. He held leadership positions in the wine society, Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine, and the California Restaurant Writers Association and the collection documents events held by both organizations. The collection also contains event programs, menus, and other materials related to food and wine as well as menus from Southern California and Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Aquisition Note

Materials were received periodically from Vern Lanegrass from 1982 to 2010; accession numbers 82-46, 88-107, and 90-95.

Processing Note

Materials were inventoried by Special Collections staff as they were received. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Paola Landaverde rehoused and arranged the materials, and Angela Moor revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:
University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries Menu Collection, 1852-2010. MS-00436. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Restaurants -- California -- Los Angeles
- Dinners and dining
- Menus
- Theater programs
- Wine tasting

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine event materials	
Arizona, 1961 to 2010	box 01
California, Los Angeles, 1961 to 2010	box 01
California, Napa Valley, 1961 to 2010	box 01
California, San Francisco, 1961 to 2010	box 01
Physical Description: 4 Files	box 02
California, Sonoma, 1961 to 2010	box 02
California, other cities, 1961 to 2010	box 02
	oversized box 08
Florida, 1980	box 02
Georgia, 1977	box 02
Illinois, 1997	box 02
Minnesota, 1978	box 02
Missouri, 1989	box 02
New York, 1996	box 03
North Carolina, 1980 to 1988	box 03
Oregon, 1981 to 1998	box 03
Tennessee, 1979	box 03
Texas, 1977 to 1998	box 03
Washington, 1976	oversized box 08
Washington, D.C., 1988 to 1998	box 03
Unidentified location, 1961 to 2010	box 03
Physical Description: 2 Files	
No location, 1961 to 2010	box 03
Wine and Food Society materials, 1978 to 1996	box 03
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Wine labels, 1961 to 2010	box 03
Physical Description: 2 Files	
California Restaurant Writers Association materials, 1961 to 2010	box 04
Physical Description: 12 Files	oversized box 08
Wine and spirit informational materials, 1961 to 2000	box 04
Physical Description: 4 Files	

oversized
box 08

oversized
box 09

Dining guides and programs, 1962 to 1988

Physical Description: 3 Files

box 05

Event programs, 1961 to 2000

Physical Description: 10 Files

box 05

Twelfth Night Revelers materials, 1970 to 1999

box 06

oversized
box 08

Menus, 1961 to 2010

Physical Description: 9 Files

box 06

box 07

oversized
box 08

oversized
box 09