

Guide to the Elbert Edwards Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Edwards, Elbert B.
Title:	Elbert Edwards Papers
ID:	MS-00311
Date [inclusive]:	1869-1988
Physical Description:	5.62 Linear Feet (6 boxes and 1 oversize flat box)
Physical Description:	5.24 Cubic Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Elbert Edwards Papers (1869-1988) consist of manuscripts, newspaper clippings, and audio recordings documenting the history of Southern Nevada. The materials were compiled by Las Vegas, Nevada educator Elbert Edwards and contain a heavy emphasis on Mormon history. Other items of interest include biographies of Southern Nevada officials, Boulder City Cemetery genealogical records, and reports from the Clark County School District.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Born in 1907 in Panaca, Nevada to pioneer Mormon settlers, Elbert Edwards attended the University of Nevada, Reno before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada to accept a teaching position at the newly opened Las Vegas High School in 1929. Edwards taught seventh-grade social studies and also served as Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and later was promoted to Superintendent of the Las Vegas School District. During his 37-year tenure, he also authored numerous publications on Nevada history, especially concerning Mormonism.

In addition to his school service, Edwards was president and executive secretary of the Nevada Scholastic League for eleven years, was a member of the Rotary Club, and served on the Nevada Public Employees Retirement Board. Edwards was also a member of the original Boulder City Charter and the City Civil Service Commission. He spent sixteen years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nevada Historical

Society. In 1977, the Elbert B. Edwards Elementary School was named in his honor. He died in 1989 at the age of 82.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged alphabetically.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research. If use copies of the recordings do not exist, reformatting/production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Advanced notice is required.

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1990 by Mary Edwards; accession number 1990-032.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Marie Imus in 1995. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

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Elbert Edwards Photograph Collection, 1852-1991. PH-00214. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Mormonism
- Nevada -- History
- Genealogy
- Photographs

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"Clover Valley" manuscript, undated	box 01	folder 02
"Early Mormon Settlements in Southern Nevada": manuscript, maps, and photographs, undated	box 01	folder 03
"Edwards Family Heritage" manuscript, 1980	box 01	folder 04
"Eldorado Canyon" manuscript, 1974	box 01	folder 05
"Frontier Fidelity Centennial Series" manuscript and correspondence, 1962-1964		

	box 01	folder 06
"The History of Clark County": manuscript and correspondence, 1942-1968	box 01	folder 07
"The History of Lincoln and Clark Counties" manuscript, undated	box 01	folder 08
"The History of Southern Nevada": manuscript and correspondence, 1932-1936	box 01	folder 09-14
"Hoover Dam and Boulder City" notes, undated	box 01	folder 15
"Las Vegas Settlement" manuscript, undated	box 01	folder 16
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