



Guide to the Sue Fawn Chung Collection on Asians in Nevada

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Chung, Sue Fawn, 1944-
Title:	Sue Fawn Chung Collection on Asians in Nevada
ID:	MS-00332
Date [inclusive]:	1963 to 2015
Physical Description:	2.80 Cubic Feet (6 boxes, 1 flat file (shared box))
Physical Description:	4.17 Linear Feet
Abstract:	The Sue Fawn Chung Collection on Asians in Nevada (1963-2015) consists of materials collected by Dr. Sue Fawn Chung in the course of her research on the history of Asians in Nevada. The collection contains interviews, correspondence, and biographical materials primarily focusing on Chinese and Japanese residents in Nevada, but also includes other communities such as Filipinos and Koreans. Some materials are photocopies of original documents and photographs dating between 1913 and 1960.

Preferred Citation

Sue Fawn Chung Collection on Asians in Nevada, 1963-2015. MS-00332. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Dr. Sue Fawn Chung is a history professor with an expertise in Asian American history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1965; her master's degree from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1967; and her doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975. Dr. Chung first taught in UNLV beginning in 1975, later serving numerous administrative positions in UNLV. Outside of UNLV, Dr. Chung is active in community organizations associated with historic preservation, the humanities, and promoting Asian and Pacific Islander social and economic issues in Nevada.

Source:

"Sue Fawn Chung." University of Nevada, Las Vegas. 2019. Accessed January 3, 2020. <https://www.unlv.edu/people/sue-fawn-chung>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Sue Fawn Chung Collection on Asians in Nevada (1963-2015) consists of materials collected by Dr. Sue Fawn Chung during her research on the history of Asians in Nevada. The collection contains United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services forms, research papers, Asian American newspaper and magazine clippings, and correspondence and reports regarding Japanese internment during World War II. The collection also contains biographical materials primarily focusing on Chinese and Japanese communities in Nevada, but also include other communities such as Filipinos and Koreans. Other materials include interview transcripts, directories for Asian businesses and organizations, and publications from Asian communal, educational, and political organizations. Some materials are photocopies of original documents and photographs dating between 1984 and 1960. Additionally, some materials are in Chinese and Japanese.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2065.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in several accessions by Dr. Sue Fawn Chung from 1993 to 2021; accession numbers 93-21, 2004-05, 2015-038, and 2021-123. Accessions 93-21, 2004-05, and 2015-038 were combined into 2015-041.

Additions

Further additions to this collection are anticipated.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Marie Imus in 1995. 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. In 2017, Joyce Moore processed an accession to the collection. In 2019, Jimmy Chang added one folder to the collection and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2021, Tammi Kim processed an addition to the collection and updated the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Two oral histories from this acquisition were removed from the collection and transferred to the Oral History Research Center:

Lily Fong oral history interview, 1992. OH-00549. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nanyu Tomiyasu oral history interview, 2000. OH-03389. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Joni Immerman's paper titled "Interview with Cheryl Lau, Nevada's Secretary of State" was catalogued individually. F845.L38 I46 1992.

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Tomiyasu Family Photograph Collection, approximately 1908-1991. PH-00294. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nanyu Tomiyasu oral history interview, 1977 April 12. OH-01835. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nanyu Tomiyasu oral history interview, 1978 March 11. OH-01836. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nanyu Tomiyasu oral history interview, 1986 April 30. OH-03352. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Asian American women
- Emigration and immigration
- Civil rights -- Asians
- Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
- Asian American business enterprises
- Asian Americans

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Title/Description	Containers
Correspondence from Dr. Sue Fawn Chung regarding the Asians in Nevada Project, 1992 September 22 to 1992 December 01	box 01
Chew, James R., "My Boyhood Days in Winnemucca 1901-1910" paper, approximately 1998	box 01
Kato, Masa, photocopy of a 1965 high school research paper, "The Japanese in Churchill County", approximately 1980 to 1999	box 01
Komai, Chris, "Exodus to Vegas" article in <i>Rafu Shimpō</i> magazine with a letter from Dr. Chung, 1992 December 12	box 01
Photocopies of 1894 to 1940 immigration and naturalization forms, 1993 to 1999	box 01
Photocopies of 1942 correspondence and a 1973 request for information regarding Japanese internment sites in Nevada, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 01
<i>UNR Times</i> magazine and copies of letters to the editor from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), including a curriculum vitae for Junro Edgar Wakayama, approximately 1989 to 1990	box 01
Restricted: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2065.	
Clark, Paul Frederick, "Those Other Camps: An Oral History Analysis of Japanese Internment," Master of Arts thesis at California State University, Fullerton, 1980 April 25	box 01

"Nevada Special" edition of <i>Travel Times</i> from Ohta Publications, 1977 July 04 Language of the Material: Japanese	box 01
<i>Civil Rights Issues Facing Asian Americans in the 1990s</i> by the United States Civil Rights Commission, 1992 February	box 01
<i>20th Annual International Festival</i> booklet from the Las Vegas Convention Center, Nevada, 1995 May 07	box 01
<i>Asian Chamber News</i> , the official newsletter of the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce, 1995 July	box 01
Iritani, Frank and Joanne, <i>Ten Visits</i> book, 1994	box 01
Docent training instructional guide for the "STRENGTH & DIVERSITY" exhibit, 1995 July 25	box 01
Pamphlets for the "Asian Americans in Higher Education" workshop, constituent correspondence to the California legislature, and newsletters and newspaper clippings pertaining to education, immigration, and discrimination, 1985 to 1994	box 01
"National Directory of Asian and Pacific Women Elected Officials" pamphlet, 1987 to 1989	box 01
"Capital World Bond Fund Annual Report" by the American Funds Group, 1994 September	box 01
"My Incredible Po-Po, Winnemucca, Nevada, 1925-1950" by Karin McCollum, a story about Mrs. Low Wing (nee Chin See), 1993 October 09	box 01
Interview with Eugene Hattori by Dr. Chung, 1996 October Physical Description: 1 Cassettes	box 01
"Japan Festival in Las Vegas" program pamphlets, 1996 to 1999	box 01
<i>Chinese Yellow Pages</i> for Arizona and Nevada, 1996 Language of the Material: Chinese	box 01
<i>Southern Nevada Multicultural Resources</i> booklet by the Clark County School District, Compensatory Education Division, 1996	box 01
<i>Asian Pacific Journal</i> volume 4, number 2, 1996 February 16 to 1996 February 28	box 02
Newspaper clippings and newsletters describing Chinese and Japanese daily life, political activities, and community events in Nevada, approximately 1988 to 2001	box 02
<i>The Chinese in Evanston, Wyoming, 1870-1939</i> and <i>Rededication of the Chinese Temple</i> booklets, 1996	box 02
"Asian American Organizations and Historic Sites in Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington" resource compilation by Edgar Weir, Jr. for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2001 January	box 02
Journal articles by Dr. Chung: "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad," "The Chinese Experience in Nevada: Success Despite Discrimination," "From Fu Manchu, Evil Genius, to James Lee Wong, Popular Hero," and "The Chinese American Citizen's Alliance: An Effort in Assimilation, 1895-1965", 1976 to 1991	box 02
"Filipino Americans in Nevada" presentation printouts, approximately 1992 to 2000	box 02

Photocopies of a 1913 "International Chinese Business Directory," Nevada Consolidated Copper Company employment forms from 1915 to 1923, "The Japanese in Churchill County" 1956 publication by Masa Kito, and a 1942 correspondence from H. J. Small Agricultural Engineering regarding Japanese internment during World War II, approximately 1998	box 02
Photocopy of the 1992 article "Ninety Years and Counting" from <i>Rafu Shimpo</i> magazine, approximately 1992 to 1999	box 02
Invitations to exhibits and events, <i>Chinatown Chatter</i> newspaper clippings advertising Chinatown Plaza in Las Vegas, Nevada, and an <i>Inside Out</i> newsletter featuring the article "Savoring History: The Story of Missy Wah and the Nevada Frontier" by Dr. Chung, 1989 to 1995	box 02
Ninnis, Lillian N., "They Stayed Chinese" article, <i>Nevada Highway and Parks Magazine</i> , 1967	box 02
Larsen, Jeffrey, "Chinese Contribution to the Gaming Industry" paper, 1997 December	box 02
"Osteology and Paleopathology of the Carlin Chinese Cemetery," Smithsonian Institute paper, 1997 November	box 02
Gue Gim Wah oral history transcript from the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and a 1989 photocopied article "Gue Gim Wah: Pioneering Chinese American Woman of Nevada" by Dr. Chung from <i>History and Humanities</i> , approximately 1990 to 1999	box 02
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) history seminar papers for classes taught by Professor Hal K. Rothman and Dr. Chung pertaining to Asians in Nevada, 1992 to 2009	box 02
Articles, papers, and essays about Filipinos in the United States, 1981 to 1998	box 02
Posadas, Barbara, "The Filipino Americans" paper, 1999	box 03
Programs and advertising for Asian festivals, organizational events, and political campaigns in Nevada; primarily Chinese and Japanese communities and individuals, 1996 to 2002	box 03
"Island Mountain: A Chinese American Mining Community of North Eastern Nevada" paper by Dr. Chung, promotional flyers for events, magazine articles, and news article prints from websites pertaining to Asians in Nevada, 1999 to 2005	box 03
Hunt-Jones, Patricia, "Sojourn at Island Mountain" paper, 2001	box 03
Lew, Elizabeth L., unpublished manuscript "House of Liu", approximately 2012	box 03
Asian Chamber of Commerce membership directory, 1997 April 16	box 03
<i>Selected Papers in Asian Studies</i> by the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, 1994	box 03
"Digging Up our Past: Chinese Communities in Lumbering and Mining" paper by Dr. Chung, 2001	box 03
<i>Las Vegas Chinese Business Directory</i> , 2002 to 2003	box 03
<i>Chinese Immigration and Chinese in the United States</i> compiled by Waverly B. Lowell for the National Archives and Records Administration, 1996	box 03

"Celebrating our Cultural Diversity" edition of the <i>Official Ethnic Destination & Visitors Guide</i> , published by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, 2000	box 04
<i>UNLV Magazine</i> featuring the article "Generations of Success" by Lisa Arth regarding Theodore "Ted" Lee, 2012	box 04
Asian American newspaper clippings: <i>The Young China, East-West, Asian Reader, Chinatown Chatter, Asian American Times</i> , and <i>Asian Week</i> , 1963 to 2001	box 04
Organization for Chinese Americans (OCA) publications for conferences, awards, and newsletters, 1998	box 04
Bisayan Society of Nevada programs and newsletters, 1991 to 1992	box 04
<i>A Community of Contrasts: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States, a Demographic Profile</i> by the Asian American Justice Center, 2004	box 04
Ford, Lloyd Lee (Lily), "A Chinese American Woman Living in Two Worlds" presentation printout regarding life in Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 2014	box 04
Kwon, Myoung-Ja Lee, "Koreans in Nevada" paper, approximately 1986 to 1999	box 04
<i>Calliope Magazine</i> volume 1, issue 1, featuring the article "A Tour of the People's Republic of China" by Kippy Lou Brinkman, 1976	box 04
Bisayan Society of Nevada events: photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1990 to 1995	box 06
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Iwamoto, Hideo "Heed," oral history transcript by the Las Vegas Japanese American Citizens League, 1995 February 09	box 04
Russell, Andrew B. and Fumiko Sasaki, "The Japanese" paper, approximately 2010	box 04
"Hearts of Gold and Hostile Times: Wartime Reactions of the 'Japanese Question' in Churchill County" paper by Andrew B. Russell and reproductions of correspondence from Nyogen Senzaki, a Rinzaï Zen monk, when Senzaki was imprisoned at Heart Mountain War Relocation Center, Wyoming during World War II, approximately 1993 to 2000	box 04
Language of the Material: Some materials are in Japanese	
Yoneda, Karl, "Japanese Labor Heritage in California" paper, 1971 November	box 04
<i>Japanese American National Museum Quarterly</i> magazine, volume 9, number 3, 1994 October	box 04
"Japanese in World War II" book draft by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, 2005 February	box 05
Laxalt, Bruce, "The Non-Recognized Government Under the U.S. Law" paper, 1977	box 05
Russell, Andrew B., "Japanese Casualties in the Company Towns: Nevada's Peculiar Case of Mass Internment and Forced Evacuation," from the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies "Selected Papers in Asian Studies," number 51, approximately 1994	box 05

Russell, Andrew B., "FBI Records and the Mysterious Mass Firings of Nikkei Mine and Railroad Workers" paper, 2000 May	box 05	
"Nikkei Women in Post-War Nevada" paper, approximately 2000 to 2015	box 05	
Reproductions of cards listing events pertaining to Japanese and Chinese residents in Nevada, approximately 1980 to 2000	box 05	
Photographs of a Japanese cemetery and the Japanese American Club at a convention center in Ely, Nevada, 1980 to 2000	box 05	
"Remembering Manzanar" article, <i>National Parks Magazine</i> , 1993 May	box 05	
<i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> newspaper clippings about Japanese Americans in Nevada, 1987 to 1988	box 05	
Federal Bureau of Information (FBI) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA): photocopies of reports and investigations from 1941 to 1942, approximately 1980 to 2000	box 05	
Tomiyasu, Nanyu, research on the Tomiyasu family: photographs, census data, newspaper clippings, interview transcripts, chronologies, and printouts from news websites, approximately 2000	box 05	
Student papers on Japanese history from Dr. Chung's UNLV history classes, 1997	box 05	
Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project booklet <i>The Japanese Latin Americans and World War II</i> , approximately 1991 to 2000	box 05	
Russell, Andrew B., "Japanese Casualties of the Company Towns..." paper, 1996	box 05	
<i>Asian Reader</i> newspaper clipping, 1999 November	box 05	
Chronology, newspaper clippings, and event fliers for the Japanese Citizen's Alliance, Las Vegas Chapter, 1981 to 1999	box 05	
Toyono Tomiyasu exhibit label text, approximately 1995	box 06	
Las Vegas Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) events: photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1995	box 06	
Tomiyasu family members, Tomiyasu family farm reproductions from 1910s to 1930s used for traveling exhibition: photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1990 to 1995	box 06	oversized flat file box 07 SH-053
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Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha pamphlets dedicating their grand opening at 4110 North Martin Luther King Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2014 October Language of the Material: Chinese	box 06	