

## **Guide to the Mollie Gregory Collection of Oral Histories**

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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>	Gregory, Mollie
<b>Title:</b>	Mollie Gregory Collection of Oral Histories
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00516
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1970-1974
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.2 Linear Feet (13 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Mollie Gregory Collection of Oral Histories contains audio interviews and transcripts that focus on welfare, family, and women's issues in Nevada from 1970 to 1974. Gregory interviewed people who described their lives during the anti-poverty and women's rights campaigns in the early 1970s. The collection documents views on welfare, the Equal Rights Amendment, political campaigns, race, discrimination, civil rights, youth, and political music.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Mollie Gregory is a filmmaker and writer from Los Angeles, California. After graduating from the Cinema School of New York University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees, she began her career as a documentary film writer and producer. Her earlier works focused on poverty and women's issues, including *Songs from the Fourth World*, *Off the Edge*, *Welfare: Exploding the Myths*, and *Cities are for People*.

Gregory also held positions in several organizations, including president of Women in Film, Poets, Playwrights, Essayists, and Novelists West (PEN); the International Writers Organization; and vice president of the International Quorum of Motion Picture Producers. Gregory was also a member of Writers Guild of America and a trustee for the Women in Film Foundation.

Gregory taught film at the University of Southern California, San Francisco State University, and California State University, Northridge, focusing on screenwriting, documentary film writing, and production. In

the early 1970s, she conducted a series of interviews with Nevada residents and politicians as part of her documentary film work.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Mollie Gregory Collection of Oral Histories contains audio interviews and transcripts that focus on welfare, family, and women's issues from 1970 to 1974. Gregory interviewed Nevada men and women who described their lives during the anti-poverty and women's rights campaigns in the early 1970s. The collection documents views on welfare, the Equal Rights Amendment, political campaigns, race, discrimination, civil rights, youth, and political music. Included in Gregory's interviews are some Nevada politicians and community organizers such as Maya Miller, Nancy Gomes, Bernice Moten, Ruby Duncan, and Harriet Trudell.

Each interview includes an audio recording, a transcript, and basic information about the interviewee.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged into two series:

Series I. Interviews, 1970-1974;

Series II. Original Recordings, 1970-1974

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

For permission to reproduce or publish from this collection, please contact the Director of Special Collections.

## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2006 by Mollie Gregory; accession number 2006-018.

## Processing Note

Materials were processed by Crystal Jackson of the Women's Research Institute of Nevada in 2006 and Kelli Brockschmidt in 2007. The interviews have been transferred from the original audio reels to compact discs. 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. Subsequently Lindsay Oden entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

## Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Lindsay Oden to bring it into compliance with DACS. July 2014

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## Names and Subjects

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- Public welfare -- Nevada
- Equal rights amendments -- United States
- Feminism -- Nevada
- Women -- Political activity
- Oral history -- Nevada

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## Collection Inventory

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### Interviews, 1970-1974

Physical Description: 3.7 Linear Feet (9 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials comprise interviews conducted by Mollie Gregory from 1970 to 1974.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Northern Nevada Welfare Mothers, 1971 March	box 01	folder 01
Maya Miller, 1971 March	box 01	folder 02
Arlene West and Harriet Trudell: welfare, 1971 March 20	box 01	folder 03-05
Nancy Gomes: welfare, 1971 March 19	box 01	folder 06-07

Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino Wild Track, 1971 March 20

	box 01	folder 08
Faith Evans, 1971 March 21	box 01	folder 09-11
Ron Pollack: welfare, 1971 March	box 01	folder 12
National Welfare Rights Organization Center: group discussion, 1971 April 01	box 02	folder 01
Charlotte Garfinkel, 1971 April 01	box 02	folder 02
National Welfare Rights Organization: interviews, 1971 April 10	box 02	folder 03-08
Maya Miller and Charles Springer, 1971 April 08	box 02	folder 09
Geri Cox and Ginny Decker: welfare myths, 1971 June 29	box 02	folder 10-12
Geri Cox and Ginny Decker: welfare myths, 1971 June 29	box 03	folder 01-03
University of Nevada, Las Vegas professor: welfare, 1971	box 03	folder 04
Allen de Jardin in Washington D.C., 1971 May 19	box 03	folder 05-06
Ruby Duncan: interview discussing the February 8, 1972 eat-ins, 1972 February 15	box 03	folder 07-09
Jack Anderson: Clark County Legal Aid, 1972 February 26	box 03	folder 10-11
Barbara McRae: welfare mother, 1971 February 16	box 03	folder 12
Reverend Dunn and Jack Anderson in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1972 May 13	box 03	folder 13-15
Nancy Gomes: Clark County Welfare Rights Organization and women, 1972 August 08	box 03	folder 16
Nancy Gomes: Reverend Dunn, 1972 August 08	box 04	folder 01-02
Nancy Gomes: Clark County Welfare Rights Organization trip, 1972 September 07	box 04	folder 03-04
George Miller: Nevada Administrator for Welfare, 1972 December 20	box 04	folder 05
Bernice Moten, 1974 January 29	box 04	folder 06-07
Jean Ford, Mary Gojack, and Leola Armstrong, 1974 January 29	box 04	folder 08
Leola Armstrong, Ella Thompson, Karen Tussey, Elsie Edwins, and Joann Markland, 1974 January 29	box 04	folder 09
Darryl Huff, 1974	box 04	folder 10
Mel Close and Joe Neal, 1974	box 04	folder 11
Ohrenschaal, mother, and Isabel Kimble, 1974	box 04	folder 12

Ken Haller, Rita Haller, and Catherine Finnegan, 1974 January 29	box 04	folder 13
Catherine Finnegan and Margie Foote, 1974 January 31	box 04	folder 14
Margie Foote and Lavonne Lewis: Equal Rights Amendment, 1974 January 31	box 04	folder 15
Lavonne Lewis, Jimmy Ida, Robin Morgan, and Mollie Gregory, 1974 January 31	box 04	folder 16
Dr. Roshe, 1974 January 31	box 04	folder 17
Berta Dempster and Mary Dunlap: Equal Rights Amendment, 1974 February 18	box 04	folder 18
Mary Dunlap: Equal Rights Amendment, 1974 February 18	box 05	folder 01-02
Charles Springer: Nevada Supreme Court, 1974	box 05	folder 03
Helen Bolgran: Equal Rights Amendment, 1974 January	box 05	folder 04
Ruby Duncan and Kit Miller, 1974	box 05	folder 05
Memories of Maya Miller's Campaign, 1974 February 20	box 05	folder 06-07
Sex Discrimination and the Equal Rights Amendment, undated	box 05	folder 08
Protective labor laws, 1974	box 05	folder 09
Larry Stovall and James Magnum: ace, discrimination, integration, and the law, 1974	box 05	folder 10-11
Nancy Gomes: Clark County Welfare Rights Organization, undated	box 05	folder 12
Barbara Williams: welfare mother, living in Las Vegas as a black woman, 1970 January	box 05	folder 13
Clay Lynch: racial discrimination and casinos, undated	box 05	folder 14
Civil rights, undated	box 05	folder 15
Reverend Donald Clark, 1970 January	box 05	folder 16
Louis Vitale: welfare rights activism after Operation Nevada, 1971	box 06	folder 01
Soundtrack to welfare film, 1972	box 06	folder 02
Ruby Duncan: National Welfare Rights Organization eat-ins, 1972 February 25	box 06	folder 03
Nancy Gomes, 1972 April 14	box 06	folder 04
Maya Miller: State Welfare Board and Washoe County, 1972 May 15	box 06	folder 05
Mike Gale: Vista Director, 1972 May 17	box 06	folder 06
Charlotte Garfinkel: welfare, 1972 May 19	box 06	folder 07-09
Ruby Duncan and Essie Henderson: Clark County Welfare Rights Organization activists and welfare mothers, 1972 June 03	box 06	folder 10
Nancy Gomes, 1972 July 13		

	box 06	folder 11-13
Nancy Gomes: Ruby Duncan's new position, 1972 September 15	box 06	folder 14
Sister Carole Hurray and Marilyn Ingram: Franciscan Center in Las Vegas, 1973 March 27	box 06	folder 15-16
Maya Miller in Reno, Nevada, 1974 July 01	box 06	folder 17
Maya Miller: campaign original, 1973-1974	box 06	folder 18-19
Maya Miller: Youth Focus Group, 1973-1974	box 07	folder 01-02
Dave Holbrook and Dan Foote: Maya Miller's campaign, 1973-1974	box 07	folder 03
Mollie Gregory: struggles of Maya Miller and Nancy Gomes, 1973-1974	box 07	folder 04-05
Nancy Gomes: Maya Miller's campaign, 1974 August 06	box 07	folder 06-07
Maya Miller: Welfare Board, 1973-1974	box 07	folder 08-09
Support picnic and song for Maya Miller, 1974 May 27	box 07	folder 10
Maya Miller: concedes Democratic primary race for United States Senate, 1974 September 03	box 07	folder 11
Maya Miller, 1971 March	box 07	folder 12
Maya Miller: Youth Focus Group, 1974 June 05	box 07	folder 13
Maya Miller, 1971 March	box 07	folder 14
Protest music, 1970s	box 07	folder 15
Maya Miller: racial tensions and women in politics, 1974 June 06	box 07	folder 16
Jan Faber, Larry Stoval, James Magnum, DeLuzio, Tyrone Levi, and James Shipp: "Cities are for People", 1970 February 24	box 07	folder 17-18
Welfare myths, 1971 July	box 07	folder 19
General Note: As of July 2014, the folder's contents are missing.		
Nevada legislators, 1971	box 07	folder 20
Flo Kennedy, Gloria Steinem, Cookie Bustamonte, Rosie Strong, and Geraldine Decker: welfare rights and women's liberation, 1971	box 08	folder 01
Nancy Raven: "Glitter Gulch" song, 1972	box 08	folder 02
Mollie Gregory, Catherine Finnegan, and Len Howard: "Beat of the Boulevard", 1972	box 08	folder 03
Nancy Gomes, 1972 April 12	box 08	folder 04-08
Sister Carole Hurray: eat-ins, 1972 May 11		



	box 08	folder 09
Sister Carole Hurray: poverty in Nevada, 1972 May 11	box 08	folder 10
Sister Carole Hurray and Marilyn Ingram: Franciscan Center in Las Vegas, 1972 May 12	box 08	folder 11
George Biniek and Mandy Pino: eat-ins, power and politics, 1972 May 12	box 08	folder 12
Mandy Pino: reform and organizing, 1972 May 13	box 08	folder 13
Jack Anderson: legal gains and political process, 1972 May 13	box 08	folder 14
George Biniek, Louis Vitale, and Kate Butler: eat-ins, Ruby Duncan, and the welfare rights movement, 1972 May 13	box 08	folder 15
George Biniek, Louis Vitale, and Kate Butler: government welfare system, 1972 May 13	box 08	folder 16
George Biniek and Mandy Pino: women and welfare, 1972 May 13	box 08	folder 17
Nancy Gomes: family roots in Nevada, 1972 July 13	box 08	folder 18
Nancy Gomes: social worker in rural Nevada, 1972 July 13	box 08	folder 19
Essie Henderson and Mary Wesley: eat-in leaders, 1972 February 26	box 09	folder 01
Kathy Slocum, 1974	box 09	folder 02
Nevada Welfare Rights Organization, 1971	box 09	folder 03
Essie Henderson, Mary Wesley, and Barbara McRae, 1972 February 26	box 09	folder 04
Sketches, 1971	box 09	folder 05
Transcriptions: Clark County Welfare Rights Organization and Crystal Jackson, 1970-1972	box 09	folder 06

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## Original Recordings, 1970-1974

Physical Description: 3.5 Linear Feet (4 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials comprise the original audio reels of interviews conducted by Mollie Gregory and videos filmed by Mollie Gregory from 1970 to 1974.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Access: Materials contained in this series are the original recordings of the interviews available in Series 1 and are closed to the public.

Title/Description	Containers	
Original audio recordings, 1970-1974 Physical Description: 45 Reels	box 10	
"Maya at Ranch": film shots, undated	box 11	reel 01
Maya Miller: A-roll and B-roll, undated	box 11	reel 02

"Maya at Ranch": shots 2, undated	box 11	reel 03
Maya Miller at Thunderbird Ranch, undated	box 11	reel 04
Maya Miller: Vegas talks, undated	box 11	reel 05
"M. Miller", undated	box 11	reel 06
Maya Miller: shots, undated	box 11	reel 07
Thunderbird Films, undated	box 11	reel 08
Unlabeled reels, undated	box 11	reel 09-17
Virgo Rising: The Once and Future Woman, 1973	box 12	
Original audio recordings, 1970-1974	box	
Physical Description: 88 Reels	12-13	

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