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Summary Information

Creator: Miller, Linda Karen
Title: Linda Miller Papers
ID: MS-00591
Date [inclusive]: 2008-2018
Physical Description: 0.83 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description: 0.92 Linear Feet
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Linda Miller Papers date from 2008 to 2018 and document Dr. Linda Miller's chatauqua work portraying Las Vegas pioneer Helen Stewart at historical events in Southern Nevada. The collection also documents Miller's efforts to erect a statue of Helen Stewart at the Las Vegas, Nevada Old Mormon Fort. The collection consists of a scrapbook documenting Miller's appearances as Helen Stewart, video recordings on optical discs, and unbound scrapbook pages. Photographs and newspaper clippings are included in the scrapbook.

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Biographical Note

In Nevada, the legacy of Helen Stewart lives on through her impersonator, Dr. Linda Karen Miller. Dr. Linda Miller was born in Kansas and started teaching in the K-12 system in the states of Kansas and Virginia in the 1970s. Miller focused on teaching social studies and often wore costumes to emphasize her lessons. Miller discovered the letters of Helen Stewart in 2003 and began performing as Helen Stewart. In 2010, Dr. Miller was in charge of fundraising the remaining money necessary for building a statue of Helen Stewart at the Old Mormon Fort in Nevada. By 2012, she had completed the project and the statue of Stewart was erected.
Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

Administrative Information

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2012 by Linda Miller; accession numbers 2012-009, 2018-002. Miller continues to add materials to the collection every year with documentation of her most recent performances.

Processing Note

Material was minimally processed by Su Kim Chung in 2012. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hana Gutierrez created the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Hana Gutierrez entered the data into ArchivesSpace. Tammi Kim minimally processed later additions to the collection during accessioning in 2019 and updated the finding aid.

Names and Subjects

- Women -- Nevada
- Historical reenactments
- Stewart, Helen Jane Wiser, 1854-1926