

Guide to the Adele Baratz Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Baratz, Adele
Title:	Adele Baratz Papers
ID:	MS-00701
Date [inclusive]:	1930-2010
Physical Description:	12 Digital Files (transferred electronically; no physical carrier.)
Physical Description:	0.1 Linear Feet (2 folders (shared box))
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Adele Baratz papers mainly consist of photographs documenting Adele Baratz's life in Las Vegas, Nevada from the 1930s to 2010. An essay and list of names written by Baratz's brother, Charles Salton, document the early history of the Jewish community in Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Adele Baratz grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada during the Great Depression, worked at Las Vegas Army Airfield (now Nellis Air Force Base) during World War II, and was a nurse in Las Vegas for many years. She was born Adele Salton in New Jersey on August 11, 1926 and her family moved to Las Vegas when she was two years old. Her father Al sold bootlegger supplies and later owned and operated Al's Bar, a popular place to drink among Union Pacific Railroad workers. For two summers Baratz worked as a messenger and in the rationing department of the Gunnery School at the Las Vegas Army Airfield. She graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1944, and then went to nursing school at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, from which she graduated in 1947. That same year she returned to Las Vegas, but postponed working because her father got sick and subsequently passed away. Beginning in 1948 she was a nurse at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital on the postoperative floor for one year, and then lived and worked in Los Angeles for several years. While visiting a friend in Philadelphia, Baratz met her husband. The couple had children and lived in Philadelphia for a few years. They divorced and Adele returned to Las Vegas with her children. After her daughter graduated Valley High School in 1974, Baratz decided that she wanted to go back to work as a

nurse. When she found out that the required refresher course was not offered in Las Vegas, she convinced the community college to establish one and then served as a member of the steering committee for it. Baratz worked at Sunrise Hospital for 17 years, retiring in 1991.

Sources:

Baratz, Adele. Interview, 1979 March 04. OH-00075. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Baratz, Adele. Interview, 2007 March 19. OH-00076. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Adele Baratz papers mainly consist of photographs documenting Adele Baratz's life in Las Vegas, Nevada from the 1930s to 2010. The photographs depict Baratz in Las Vegas with friends and family, and there is also a photo and sketch of her when she was a nursing student in Baltimore, Maryland in 1947. Documents written by Baratz's brother, Charles Salton, provide information about the early history of the Jewish community in Las Vegas. An essay written by him in 2002 describes the history of the Salton family and the local Jewish community, and a list written by Salton and Sallie Gordon in 1946 provides names of Jewish people living in Las Vegas at the time.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research. Portions of this collection are digital and available online at <http://d.library.unlv.edu/cdm/search/searchterm/MS-00701>

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 by Adele Baratz; accession number 2015-012.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Emily Lapworth and Meghan Gross in 2015.

Existence and Location of Originals

Some items in this collection are digital surrogates. The donor retained the original items.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources provide additional information on Adele Baratz:

Baratz, Adele. Interview, 1979 March 04. OH-00075. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Baratz, Adele. Interview, 2007 March 19. OH-00076. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Baratz, Adele and Frost, Florence. Interview, 2015 May 19. OH-02420. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Women -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographs of Adele Baratz with family and friends, 1930s-2010 Physical Description: 9 Digital Files (Files are digital surrogates.)	
List of Jewish people in Las Vegas, written by Charles Salton and Sallie Gordon, 1946	box 1
Photograph of Adele Flora Salton from the Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland, 1947 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates.	
Sketch of Adele Baratz in her nurse uniform, 1947 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates.	
Photographs of Adele Baratz, approximately 1947	box 1
Charles Salton essay on the history of the Salton family and the Jewish community in Las Vegas, 2002 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates.	