

## **Guide to the McCall Family Papers**

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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>                  | McCall, Quannah, 1902-1958   |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | McCall, Connie   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | McCall Family Papers   |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | MS-00753   |
| <b>Date [bulk]:</b>              | 1910-1970  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1770-1990  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 8.40 Cubic Feet (5 boxes, 1 flat file)   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 3.66 Linear Feet   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | The McCall Family Papers are comprised primarily of family photographs and correspondence from 1910-1970. The materials concentrate on Quannah McCall and his daughter, Connie McCall, both were well known dentists in Southern Nevada. The materials also contain letters, postcards, holiday cards, and birth, death, and marriage certificates, as well as school commencement announcements for family members. |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Quannah McCall (February 15, 1902-September 17, 1958) was a prominent dentist in Las Vegas, Nevada from the 1930s-1950s. Quannah was born in Layton, Oklahoma to Dr. Tecumseh D. Sherman McCall and Sarah Sandusky. He followed his father's career as a dentist, and attended the Kansas City Western Dental College, graduating in 1925 as the valedictorian of his class and president of the Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity. Quannah married Grace Delvin McCall and in the 1930s the couple moved to Pioche, Nevada, where his father, Tecumseh, had started a dental practice. Quannah started his own general practice.

In 1936, Governor Richard Kirman Sr. honored Quannah's dedicated service to his patients by selecting him as the Nevada State Dentist. Quannah toured Nevada from 1937-1940 in a dental truck and trailer,

where he offered exams and dental work to children throughout the state. Quannah's community service included many other organizations. He served as President of the Shrine Club (Shriners of Las Vegas), the Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas, the Clark County Dental Association, the Nevada Dental Association, and the Clark County School District Board of Education, where he assisted in creating three high schools and ten elementary and middle schools. Quannah was also a high-ranking officer of Masonic Lodge No. 32.

Connie McCall (July 7, 1932-June 25, 2006) was a dentist in southern Nevada from the 1950s-2000s. Connie grew up in Las Vegas and attended Las Vegas High School. After graduation, she went to college at the University of Kansas City School of Dentistry, where she was the only woman working on a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. Connie established a therapeutic dental office for troubled girls in Caliente, Nevada, wrote dentistry training books for hospitals, and implemented the first holistic dental research training program in Nevada, which used color and sound therapy. She and her husband started an advertising and public relations firm, and they founded the Connie McCall Foundation for Health Research and Education. She appeared in the 1989 edition of "Distinguished Women in Southern Nevada."

Quannah and Connie McCall's service to Las Vegas was commemorated in 1962 and 1995 respectively. In 1962, an elementary school was named for Quannah, and in 1995 the same elementary school selected Connie's name for their library.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The McCall Family Papers (1770-1990) primarily contain family photographs and correspondence between family members. The collection includes greeting cards, newspaper clippings, genealogical records, and graduation, birth, death, and marriage certificates, announcements, and invitations. A focus of the collection is on Quannah and Connie McCall, who both worked as dentists in Southern Nevada. Some of the family photographs also portray family members posing at famous Las Vegas hotels and restaurants.

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## Arrangement

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These records are arranged by topic.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were received in 2010; accession number 2010-018.

### Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Lee Hanover rehoused the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Dentists
- Photographs
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century
- Family medicine
- Family histories

## Collection Inventory

| Title/Description   | Containers      |
|---|-----------------|
| Personal papers   |                 |
| Family correspondence: letters, greeting cards, post cards, and holiday cards, 1910-1957, 1999<br>Physical Description: 2 Files   | box 01          |
| Genealogical records: family histories, pedigree charts, and birth and death records, 1870-1972, undated  | box 01          |
| Family announcements and newspaper clippings, 1950-1960, undated  | box 01          |
| Quannah McCall's financial materials and records, 1900-1922, 1941   | box 01          |
| Masonic Lodge No. 32 materials: Quannah McCall's certificate and standing within the order, "Life and Action" magazine, annual proceeding books, and other masonic materials, 1910, 1942, 1950-1956 | box 01          |
| Quannah McCall's school materials: high school report cards, graduation commencements, and college materials, 1917-1924   | box 01          |
| Personal papers including poems, personal notes, newspaper clippings, and church pamphlets, 1920, undated   | box 01          |
| Books and plays, 1893-1920  | box 01          |
| Newspapers: The Neosho Times and the Legion Liar, 1917, 1933, 1942  | flat file<br>01 |
| Photographs and audiovisual material  |                 |
| Family photographs, undated<br>Physical Description: 5 Files  | box 02          |
| Family photograph negatives, undated  | box 02          |
| Family photographs by decade, 1900-1990   | box 03          |
| Assorted 16mm family films, 1934-1935<br>Physical Description: 3 Reels  | box 04          |
| Family photograph album, undated  | box 05          |
| Assorted 16mm commercial films, 1934-1935<br>Physical Description: 4 Reels  | box 04          |