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Guide to the Doris Hancock Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Hancock, Doris
Title:	Doris Hancock Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00003
Date [inclusive]:	1882-1987
Physical Description:	0.59 Cubic Feet (6 hanging folders, 1 flat file, 1 shared box of negatives, and 1 shared binder of slides)
Physical Description:	2.17 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Doris Hancock Photograph Collection (1882-1987) contains photographs of Las Vegas, Nevada educator Doris Hancock and her family. The collection includes images of Southern Nevada and surrounding areas, particularly the mining town of Rhyolite, Nevada, the Colorado River, the Hoover (Boulder) Dam, Red Rock Canyon, early Las Vegas, and Death Valley, California.

Preferred Citation

Doris Hancock Photograph Collection, 1882-1987. PH-00003. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Doris Hancock arrived in Las Vegas, Nevada in December 1924, with the intention of only staying for six months. She accepted a temporary position teaching kindergarten at John S. Park School, but decided to stay in Las Vegas. She taught kindergarten there for 39 years.

Before coming to Las Vegas, Hancock taught in Iowa, South Dakota, Idaho, Washington, and Nebraska. She received her degree from Colorado State College of Education at Greeley and took advanced training in Arizona, Utah, California and Nevada.

Hancock was a charter member of Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and was one of the founders of the state organization. She organized and was president of the Association for Childhood Education International in Las Vegas. She also held several offices in her P.E.O. chapter, including serving as president for two years. In addition, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Las Vegas selected her as the

Woman of the Year in 1949. Upon her retirement in 1963, Doris was honored at a testimonial dinner held by the Parent Teacher Association. She also had a lifetime membership in the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Earlier in 1963, she was the recipient of the Nevada Outstanding Citizen Award. In 1962, she was recognized by the Rotary Club as their first Teacher of the Week. In 1965, Doris Hancock Elementary School in Las Vegas was named in her honor.

Outside of her professional activities, her interests included western history and art, particularly painting and drawing. She studied under a number of well-known artists and exhibited and sold some of her paintings. Hancock also helped organize the Las Vegas Art League. After her retirement, she moved to San Diego, California to be near relatives. Doris Hancock passed away in 1987 at the age of 91.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research with the exception of materials that are closed in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 383.011-383.540. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory. Portions of this collection are digital and available online.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated beginning in 1976 by Doris Hancock; accession number 1987-059. The collection was accessioned in four separate donations with the additional accession numbers: 85-119, 86-035, 87-059, T-159.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore in 1996. In 2014 and 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hannah Robinson, Hana Gutierrez, and Lindsay Oden revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Doris Hancock Papers, 1895-1987. MS-00282. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Las Vegas Art League Scrapbooks, 1966-1967. MS-00185. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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- Elementary schools
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- Photographs
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