



Guide to the Prencess Nelson Scrapbooks

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Nelson, Prencess Theodora, 1931-
Title:	Prencess Nelson Scrapbooks
ID:	MS-01113
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1950 to 1979
Physical Description:	1.28 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	1.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Prencess Nelson Scrapbooks (approximately 1950-1979) consist of three scrapbooks documenting the career of Prencess Mayhall, a former showgirl and model. The scrapbooks contain photographs, newspaper clippings, magazine covers, and handwritten notes to Mayhall from various performers and models. Mayhall performed in a variety of shows in New York; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Los Angeles, California. She appears in photographs at a number of shows at the Thunderbird, Sands, and Frontier Hotels. Also included in the scrapbook is a 1954 American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) contract between Mayhall and Copacabana in New York, and photographs of Mayhall with entertainers including Red Skelton, Paul Anka, and Sammy Davis Jr. Prencess went by a number of names throughout her career, most commonly 'Prencess Mayhall' while in New York, and 'Lee Temple' while performing at the Sands Hotel.

Preferred Citation

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Arrangement

Materials remain in the order they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were collected by Su Kim Chung from the Las Vegas, Nevada IKEA store as abandoned property in 2020; accession number 2022-050. There is no deed of gift on file for this collection.

Processing Note

In 2022, Sarah Jones rehoused the scrapbooks and wrote the finding aid.

Custodial History

These materials were donated by the Las Vegas IKEA Risk & Compliance Leader, Charlotte Mireles. Materials were noted as abandoned property in the store's lost and found. UNLV Special Collections and Archives curator, Su Kim Chung, picked the materials up from the store and brought them onsite.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- photographs
- Models (Persons)
- Scrapbook
- Showgirls

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Three scrapbooks from Prencess Nelson's career as a showgirl and model, approximately 1950 to 1979	box 01