



Guide to the Nancy Wier Papers on Rock Art in Southern Nevada

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Wier, Nancy, 1942-2022
Title:	Nancy Wier Papers on Rock Art in Southern Nevada
ID:	MS-01156
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1930 to 2003
Date [bulk]:	1980 to 1999
Physical Description:	22.87 Cubic Feet (36 boxes)
Physical Description:	19.17 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Nancy Wier Papers on Rock Art in Southern Nevada (approximately 1930-2003) contain photographs, notes, research, and publications focused on rock art (rock writing) found in the Southern Nevada Region. Wier founded the Southern Nevada Rock Art Enthusiasts (SNRAE) in 1992, and the photograph albums document trips across Nevada, Southern California, Utah, and Arizona. The photograph albums are grouped by site location, and the description was taken directly from Wier's albums. The majority of the collection documents rock writings in Southern Nevada.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Nancy Wier was born June 23, 1942 to Henry and Jamie Parish in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She lived in Germany as a child while her father was a colonel in the United States Air Force. Wier

graduated from Ripple High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. She married Edwin Wier in 1961 and had two children, David and Carolyn.

In 1972, Wier started working as a poker room manager at the El Cortez and Silver Nugget in Las Vegas, Nevada. She fell in love with the Mojave Desert and rock art (now called rock writing) and in 1992 founded a group called "SNRAE," Southern Nevada Rock Art Enthusiasts.

Wier passed away December 21, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2023 by Carolyn Cervello; accession number 2023-052.

Appraisal

Acquired by Visual Materials Curator, Aaron Mayes, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings on Southern Nevada history and the environment. Two boxes (12 items) of personal photograph albums were given back to the donor at the time of processing.

Processing Information

In 2023, Sarah Jones rehoused the collection out of 3-ring binders and into folders, wrote the description from the album onto the folder, and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. No additional work has been done.

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Names and Subjects

- Landscape photography
- photographs
- Petroglyphs
- Southern Nevada

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
"White River Narrows - Theater": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 10
"White River Narrows - north entrance": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 10
"White River Narrows - Kain/Spider": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 10

Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Delmar Lake": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 10
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Petro Village - several sites": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 09
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Pahranaagat East": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 09
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Ash Springs - Alamo Pictos": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 09
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Pahranaagat N.W.R. / Black Canyon west, east, center": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 09
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Reno, Nevada / Arara 1993": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 08
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Oldest Petroclif - Pyramid Lake": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 08
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Ely / Kachina Rockshelter / Smith Creek": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 08
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Highland Spring Range / Stray Cow Wells / Castle Mountains: photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 08
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Crystal Wash": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 06
Physical Description: 2 Files	box 07
"Cottontail": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 07
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Cottontail": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 06
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Lancaster / Tacoma, Nevada": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 07
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"MBSR / Ash Springs": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 07
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Moore's Station": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 07
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Little Red Rock": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 05
Physical Description: 6 Files	

	box 06
"Petroglyph Canyon - Dead Mountain": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 05
"Kohat": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 05
"Little Red Rock - East Side": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 04
"Tahoe, 1988-1989": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 04
"Indian Hill and Mojave maps": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 04
"Red Rock": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 04
"Mud Wash / Bab's Buttee / Neilsen Grotto / Kirk's Climb Point": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 03 box 04
"26 CK 7434": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 03
"Valley of Fire / Great Basin / Reno / Hot Springs": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 03
"Parowan Gap": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 03
"Valley of Fire - Atlatl Rock": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02 box 03
"Valley of Fire cabins": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 Files	box 02
"Valley of Fire": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
"Whitney Hartman entrance": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
"Brownstone Canyon (Red Rock NRA)": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01
"Lucky Strike, Nevada": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 01

Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Sandstone Quarry / Willow Springs": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 01
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Whitney Hartman back S-G / Black Butte": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 01
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Cow Cove": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 14
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Surprise Tank / Hidden Tank": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 14
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Kane Springs - Lincoln County": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 14
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Arrow Canyon - Double Canyon": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 14
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Esmeralda County sites": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 13
Physical Description: 2 Files	
	box 14
"Kane Springs - railroad side": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 13
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Lower Arrow Canyon - outside": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 13
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Mount Irish - marked site": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 13
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"Mount Irish": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 12
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Meadow Valley": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 12
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Upper Arrow [Canyon]": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 12
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Les's Site": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 11
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"White River Narrows - mile marker 25, 6 sites": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 11

Physical Description: 3 Files	
"White River - Paint side / Alamo": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 11
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Sloan Canyon": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 15
Physical Description: 3 Files	
"Little Black Mount (St. George) / Bloomington / Santa Cove": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 15
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Aikines Wash": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 15
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Fort Piute": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 16
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Yellow Plug": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 16
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Aztec Tank": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 16
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Sandstone Bluffs / Pahrump Valley": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 17
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"Bonelli Bay / Sloan": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 17
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"Central Nevada, near US-50": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 17
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"US-50": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 17
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"Utah - Painted P.M., Cedar City, Santa Clara": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 17
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"Mojave and Moab area tours": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 17
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Keyhole Canyon BLM 26-CK-123": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 18
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Upper Renegade Coso": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 18
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"California Coast '91": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 18

Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Death Valley": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 18
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"East Mojave - Black Mountain / Grass Wash": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 19
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Barstow / Black Canyon / Rattlesnake and Buzzard Rock": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 19
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Petroglyph Wash, Arizona": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 19
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"Moab, Utah - north sites": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 20
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Utah": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 20
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Parowan Gap, Utah": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 20
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"Green River": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 21
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"Green River - URARA Symp.": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 21
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Great Basin": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 22
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Valley of Fire": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 22
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Yellow Yucca": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 22
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Whitney Pocket, Nevada": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 22
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Buffington's Pocket": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 23
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Bittersprings Trail": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 23
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"NAP": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 23
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Keyhole Canyon BLM 26-CK-123": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 24

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"California Informational Maps": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 24
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"Knob Hill": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 24
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"Lone Pine, California": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 24
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"Davis Dam / Grapevine Canyon": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 24
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"Stewart Ranch / Kane Springs": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 25
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"Utah - general": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 25
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Nellis Airforce Base": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 25
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"Manix Lake / Early Man Site": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 25
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"Fremont State Park": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 25
Physical Description: 2 Files	box 26
"St. George, Utah - Airport Site, Cave Valley": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 26
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"Grapevine Canyon / Davis Dam": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 26
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"Parowan": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 26
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"Grotto Butte": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 27
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"Topock Maze / Needles, California": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 27
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"Greenwater Canyon, Inyo, California": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 27

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"Canyon / Cathedral Gorge": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 28
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"Red Rock Canyon": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 28
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"Unlabelled album #1": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 28
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"Southwest Utah": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 28
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"Unlabelled album #2": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 29
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"Unlabelled album #3": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 31
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Rock Art Solar Markers": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 29
Physical Description: 1 Files	
Northern Nevada - maps, newspaper clippings, and guides, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 29
Physical Description: 1 Files	
Arizona - maps, newspaper clippings, and guides, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 29
Physical Description: 2 Files	
"Geomancy/cosmology": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 29
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Solar Markers": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 29
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"Anasazi files": photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 30
Physical Description: 1 Files	
Eastern Nevada/Lincoln Co. - maps, newspaper clippings, and guides, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 30
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Southern Nevada - maps, newspaper clippings, and guides, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 30
Physical Description: 1 Files	
Rock Art recording sheets and information, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 30
Physical Description: 1 Files	
"SNRA Club Information", approximately 1980 to 1999	box 30
Physical Description: 1 Files	
BLM fact sheets for various locations: photograph album, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 30

Physical Description: 1 Files	
Utah - maps, newspaper clippings, and guides, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 31
Physical Description: 1 Files	
Nancy Wier: research files, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 31
Physical Description: 7 Files	box 32
Kokopelli research file, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 32
Physical Description: 1 Files	
CERCA magazine, 2002 to 2003	box 32
Physical Description: 4 Items	
Arizona Highways magazine, 2001 to 2002	box 32
Physical Description: 4 Items	
Plateau Journal, 1997 to 1998	box 32
Physical Description: 2 Items	
Indian Rock of the Southwest by Polly Schaafsma, 1986	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Man, Models, and Management: an overview of the archaeology of the Arizona Strip and the management of its cultural resources by the Bureau of Land Management, 1989	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Women of the West by Cathy Luchetti, 1982	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Petroglyphs of Clark County, Nevada: Spring Mountains & Yellow Plug by La Rae Bringhurst, 1997	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Petroglyphs of Clark County, Nevada: Muddy Mountains by La Rae Bringhurst, 1997	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Petroglyphs of Clark County, Nevada: Gold Butte by La Rae Bringhurst, 1997	box 33
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Petroglyphs of Clark County, Nevada: Valley of Fire by La Rae Bringhurst, 1997	box 33
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Utah's San Rafael River Prehistoric Rock Art by R.V. Jones and D.E. Goodfellow, 1998	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Utah's Ferron Creek Prehistoric Rock Art by R.V. Jones and D.E. Goodfellow, 1998	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Utah's North Salt Wash Prehistoric Rock Art by R.V. Jones and D.E. Goodfellow, 1998	box 33

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<i>Utah's Muddy Creek Prehistoric Rock Art</i> by R.V. Jones and D.E. Goodfellow, 1998	box 33
Physical Description: 1 Items	
<i>Rock Art Papers</i> , San Diego Museum Papers, 1986 to 1998	box 34
Physical Description: 10 Items	
<i>Southwest Museum Papers</i> no. 4 and 8, 1930 to 1933	box 34
Physical Description: 2 Items	
"Sloan Canyon Petroglyph Complex" Bureau of Land Management Reports, 2000 September	box 35
Physical Description: 2 Items	
"BLM Wilderness Areas: Maps and Information - California", 1994	box 35
Physical Description: 1 Items	
"BLM Nevada - Technical Reports no. 7, 15", 1984 to 1985	box 35
Physical Description: 2 Items	
"The Petroglyphs of Upper Fortymile Canyon, Nevada Test Site, Nye County, Nevada" Desert Research Institute Technical Report no. 96, 2000	box 35
Physical Description: 1 Items	
"Results of a Class III Survey at Tub Spring, Reitmann Seep, and Captain Jack Spring, Nevada Test Site, Nye County, Nevada" Desert Research Institute Technical Report no. 90, 1996	box 35
Physical Description: 1 Items	
Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii rock art publications, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 35
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