



Guide to the Sister Klaryta Antoszewska Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Antoszevska, Klaryta, Sister, 1932-2014
Title:	Sister Klaryta Antoszevska Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00352
Date [inclusive]:	1977 to 1991
Physical Description:	0.04 Cubic Feet (2 binders of slides)
Physical Description:	0.50 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Sister Klaryta Antoszevska Photograph Collection (1977-1991) consists of photographic slides that depict various Nevada, United States, and international nuclear test protests. The collection includes images of Sister Klaryta Antoszevska and Sister Rosemary Lynch, as well as images of the Lenten Desert Experience and numerous protests at the Nevada Test Site. Also included are images of nuclear testing, soldiers, and anti-nuclear testing promotional materials.

Preferred Citation

Sister Klaryta Antoszevska Photograph Collection, 1977-1991. PH-00352. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Sister Klaryta Antoszevska was born as Ida Antoszevska on April 14, 1932 in Poniewierz, Lithuania to Maria Radziwilowicz and Wtadystaw Antoszevska. The Antoszevska family moved to Lodz, Poland shortly after her birth. During World War II, her father, Wtadystaw Antoszevska, took a position with the German forces in Russia as a doctor, and the Nazis captured and executed her mother, Maria Radziwilowicz, for assisting the Jewish population in the Lodz Ghetto. Sister Klaryta Antoszevska raised her two siblings until they were separated at the end of the war. She joined the Franciscan Sisters in Chojnice, Poland at the age of twenty. There, she taught

courses and studied philology under Karol Jozef Wojtyla, better known as Pope Francis II . Sister Klaryta Antoszevska taught in Polish schools until she moved to Rome, Italy in 1969 to work at the Vatican Office of Peace and Justice. In 1976 she accompanied Sister Rosemary Lynch to the United States, and the two settled in Las Vegas, Nevada. They joined the anti-nuclear testing protesters immediately, and helped to establish the Lenten Desert Experience (LDE), a six week vigil at the Nevada Test Site, in 1982. The LDE, a precursor to the Nevada Desert Experience (NDE), actively protested nuclear testing in Nevada, the United States, and internationally. Sister Klaryta Antoszevska remained active in protesting nuclear testing until her death on March 17, 2014 at the Marian Convent in Santa Maria, California.

Sources:

Butigan, Kate. "A Nonviolent Lion for Justice." *Waging Nonviolence*. March 22, 2014. Accessed January 9, 2020. <https://wagingnonviolence.org/2014/03/nonviolent-lion-justice/>

"NDE's Historical Timeline." *Nevada Desert Experience*. Accessed January 9, 2020. <http://nevadadesertexperience.org/history/timeline.htm>

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2007 by Sister Klaryta Antoszewska; accession number 2007-15.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Ryan DiPaolo entered the data into ArchivesSpace and wrote the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Sister Rosemary Lynch Photograph Collection, approximately 1980-2002. PH-00176. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nevada Test Site Oral History Project. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nevada Desert Experience Records, 1951-2009. MS-00524. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Political activists
- Religious institutions
- Antinuclear movement
- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Lynch, Rosemary, Sister, 1917-2011
- Nevada Desert Experience (Organization)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Lenten Desert Experience, Nevada Test Site (NTS), southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1983 Physical Description: 18 Photographic Slides	binder PB-009
Lenten Desert Experience, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1984 Physical Description: 40 Photographic Prints	binder PB-009
American Peace Test protests, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1986 June Physical Description: 23 Photographic Slides	binder PB-009
Protests, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1986 Physical Description: 34 Photographic Slides	binder PB-009
Mother's Day protest, sponsored by American Peace Test, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1987 May 10 Physical Description: 72 Photographic Slides	binder PB-009
Grandmothers for Peace protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1987 September 13 Physical Description: 7 Photographic Slides	binder PB-009
Good Friday protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1989 Physical Description: 11 Photographic Slides	binder PB-009
Reclaim the Test Site protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1988 March Physical Description: 52 Photographic Slides	binder PB-009
Good Friday peace protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1988 April	binder PB-009

Physical Description: 28 Photographic Slides	
Protests, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1988	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 10 Photographic Slides	
Mothers Day protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1988 May 08	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 20 Photographic Slides	
Lenten Desert Experience, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1989 March to 1989 May	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 33 Photographic Slides	
Good Friday protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1989 April	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 40 Photographic Slides	
Franciscan weekend protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1990 March 25	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 44 Photographic Slides	
Protests, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1990 April	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 15 Photographic Slides	
Palm Sunday peace demonstrations, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1990 April 08	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 19 Photographic Slides	
Greenpeace and American Peace Movement protest, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1991 January 15	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 50 Photographic Slides	
Prayer vigil at Foley Federal Building, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slides, 1991 January 13	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 16 Photographic Slides	
Lenten Desert Experience, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1991 March 08	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 58 Photographic Slides	
Holy Thursday demonstration, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1991 March 28	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 9 Photographic Slides	
Holy Week demonstrations, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1991 March 24 to 1991 March 31	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 43 Photographic Slides	
Good Friday, Way of the Cross, demonstration, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1991 March 29	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 17 Photographic Slides	
Corpus Christi, Texas Desert Experience retreat, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1991 June 22	binder PB-009

Physical Description: 56 Photographic Slides	
Protests, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1987 April	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 18 Photographic Slides	
Nuclear detonations and aftermath: photographic slides, approximately 1983 to 1991	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 25 Photographic Slides	
Hiroshima, Japan nuclear bomb survivors: photographic slides, approximately 1983 to 1991	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 19 Photographic Slides	
Maps and signage from nuclear test sites: photographic slides, approximately 1983 to 1991	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 20 Photographic Slides	
Nuclear testing sites, buildings, and soldiers: photographic slides, approximately 1977 to 1991	binder PB-009
Physical Description: 87 Photographic Slides	
Sagebrush Alliance demonstration group at the Foley Federal Building, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slides, 1977 September 15	binder PB-010
Physical Description: 31 Photographic Slides	
Demonstrations at NTS, southern Nevada, United States Department of Energy Building in Washington, D.C., and the Moyer Student Union building at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slides, 1978 May to 1979 April	binder PB-010
Physical Description: 135 Photographic Slides	
Las Vegas, Nevada City Hall hearings for individuals arrested at the Lenten Desert Experience: photographic slides, 1979 May	binder PB-010
Physical Description: 19 Photographic Slides	
Rocky Flats Plant in Jefferson County, Colorado protest: photographic slides, 1979 May	binder PB-010
Physical Description: 134 Photographic Slides	
Lenten Desert Experience, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1982	binder PB-010
Physical Description: 121 Photographic Slides	
Lenten Desert Experience, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, approximately 1982 to 1984	binder PB-010
Physical Description: 40 Photographic Slides	
Lenten Desert Experience, NTS, southern Nevada: photographic slides, 1984	binder PB-010
Physical Description: 28 Photographic Slides	
Nuclear testing, military personnel and equipment, anti-nuclear testing promotional materials, and newspaper articles: photographic slides, approximately 1979 to 1991	binder PB-010

Physical Description: 383 Photographic Slides