



Guide to the Reverend Donald M. Clark Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Clark, Donald M., Reverend, 1933-2017
Title:	Reverend Donald M. Clark Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00087
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1965 to 1978
Physical Description:	0.18 Cubic Feet (3 hanging folders and 1 shared box of negatives)
Physical Description:	0.55 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Reverend Donald M. Clark Photograph Collection (approximately 1965-1978) is comprised of black-and-white photographic prints and negatives. The bulk of the images portray Reverend Clark's work with black communities in Las Vegas, Nevada and the Lake Tahoe area. Additional images depict Reverend Clark with various prominent individuals in the civil rights movement, including boxer Joe Frazier and American gospel singer Mahalia Jackson.

Preferred Citation

Reverend Donald M. Clark Photograph Collection, approximately 1965-1978. PH-00087. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

In 1952, after serving in the United States Army, Reverend Donald M. Clark moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where he became an assistant pastor and began working towards integration and improving the lives of the black community. His stance on equal rights led him to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he worked with James McMillan and Charles West to lobby Nevada Governor Grant Sawyer and other public figures to initiate integration in Las Vegas.

Reverend Clark was elected president of the local branch of the NAACP in 1961 and became part of the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) of Clark County, Nevada. He worked with other members in these organizations to continue the integration effort, particularly in education. In 1967, he was appointed Chairman of Operation Independence, a program that provided free legal aid, day care, transportation, a head start preschool, job placement, and professional training.

Reverend Clark died in 2017.

Source:

"Rev. Donald Clark, civil rights activist in Las Vegas, dies at 84." *Las Vegas Sun*. October 10, 2017. Accessed April 5, 2019. <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2017/oct/10/rev-donald-clark-civil-rights-activist-las-vegas/>

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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 1978 by Louise Clark; accession number 79-147.

Processing Note

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

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Reverend Donald M. Clark Papers, 1953-1976. MS-00158. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Civil rights
- Political activists
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Tahoe, Lake (Calif. and Nev.)
- Jackson, Mahalia, 1911-1972
- Frazier, Joe, 1944-2011

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1965 to 1978 (0087_0001-0087_0054)	folder 01
	folder 02
	folder 03
	box SH-020