



Guide to the Irma McGonagill Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	McGonagill, Irma, 1890-1971
Creator:	Doughty, Nanelia, 1907-1987
Title:	Irma McGonagill Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00246
Date [inclusive]:	approximately approximately 1870-1925
Physical Description:	0.08 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder, 1 shared box, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	1.30 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Irma McGonagill Photograph Collection (1870-1925) consists of thirty black-and-white photographic prints, ten postcards, and fourteen photographic negatives showing Irma McGonagill and her family in Tonopah, Nevada during the mining boom. The images depict the town of Tonopah, mines around the Tonopah area, homes in Tonopah, and the McGonagill family.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Irma Blanche McGonagill was born in King County, Washington, in September 1890 to Willie LeRoy and Lois (Coston) McGonagill. In 1900, Willie remarried to Anna Laura Thompson, a widow with three children. The McGonagill family moved from Inyo, California to Tonopah, Nevada when Irma was about twelve years old; Willie worked in a general store in the town and Anna operated a laundry. From September 1904 until March 1905, the McGonagill family lived in a tent house in Wheaton Camp in the Kawich Range, a few miles from Silver Bow, Nevada. By 1912, Irma lived in Seattle with her husband Marcus Moschetto, her sister, and her brother.

Irma McGonagill Moschetto died in July, 1971.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Irma McGonagill Photograph Collection (1870-1925)) consists of thirty black-and-white photographic prints, ten postcards, and fourteen photographic negatives showing Irma McGonagill and her family in Tonopah, Nevada during the mining boom. The images depict the town of Tonopah, mines around the Tonopah area, homes in Tonopah, and the McGonagill family. In addition to materials focusing on day-to-day activities in Tonopah, the images provides insight into the life of the McGonagill family during the period they lived and worked in Tonopah.

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Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order.

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1978 by Nanelia Doughty; accession number 79-273.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2016, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Maryse Lundering-Timpano wrote the collection description in compliance

with current professional standards. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

Irma McGonagill Papers, 1907-1970. MS-00151. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tonopah Mining Company Records, 1904-1945. MS-00752. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tonopah-Goldfield Mining Photograph Collection, 1901-1905. PH-00023. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Mineral industries
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century -- Rural Nevada
- Tonopah (Nev.)
- Kawich Mountains (Nev.)
- photographs
- Photography -- Negatives
- Postcards

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints and postcards	
Naomi Olney McGonagill, nine months old, 1889 (0246_0001)	folder 01
The two eldest McGonagill girls, Naomi Olney McGonagill, three years old, and Irma Blanche McGonagill, one year old, 1891 (0246_0002)	folder 01

Willie LeRoy McGonagill with his mother, Nancy MacNeal McGonagill, approximately 1870 (0246_0003) (view online)	folder 01
Willie LeRoy McGonagill with his wife Lois, and his daughters Naomi Olney, age three years old (left) and Irma Blanche, one year old, approximately 1891 (0246_0004)	folder 01
The McGonagills and the Thompsons, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1910 (0246_0005)	folder 01
Ruth, Ray, and Irma McGonagill, Seattle, Washington, approximately 1910-1920 (0246_0006)	folder 01
Irma McGonagill, age 22, approximately 1910-1920 (0246_0007)	folder 01
Marcus Moschetto (married Irma McGonagill) and Luther Nord, approximately 1910-1920 (0246_0008)	folder 01
Irma McGonagill, approximately 1910-1920 (0246_0009)	folder 01
Postcard: the Barrel House, Tonopah, Nevada, 1907 March 12 (0246_0010)	folder 01
Postcard: a dugout, Tonopah, Nevada, 1907 (0246_0011)	folder 01
Postcard: "One of the first in Tonopah, Nevada, Jim Butler's Tent", 1907 (0246_0012)	folder 01
Some of Tonopah's residences, 1908 December 23 (0246_0013)	folder 01
Postcard: "A native of the desert", 1907 (0246_0014)	folder 01
Ruth McGonagill with a neighbor, Kawich Range, Nevada, approximately 1904-1905 (0246_0015) (view online)	folder 01
Panorama of Tonopah, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0016)	folder 01
Tonopah Extension Mine, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0017)	folder 01
Belmont Mine, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0018)	folder 01
Ohio Tonopah Mine, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0019)	folder 01
Mizpah Mine, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0020)	folder 01
Montana Tonopah Mine, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0021)	folder 01
Midway Mine, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0022)	

	folder 01
Panorama view of Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1905 (0246_0023)	folder 01
	flat file 02
Annie McGonagill's laundry, Tonopah, Nevada, 1903 (0246_0025) (view online)	folder 01
Tonopah general store, Tonopah, Nevada, 1902 (0246_0026)	folder 01
Irma McGonagill, approximately 1910-1920 (0246_0027)	folder 01
Minnie Thompson Howard, Irma McGonagill's step-sister, with Margaret McGonagill Lilly, 1981 (0246_0028) (view online)	folder 01
View of Tonopah, Nevada, 1908 (0246_0029)	folder 01
Willie McGonagill in his general store, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1925 (0246_0030) (view online)	folder 01
Tonopah public school, Tonopah, Nevada, 1906 (0246_0031)	folder 01
Tonopah public school, Tonopah, Nevada, 1906 (0246_0032)	folder 01
Unidentified residence, Tonopah area, approximately 1900-1925 (0246_0033)	folder 01
Unidentified residence, Tonopah area, approximately 1900-1925 (0246_0034)	folder 01
Unidentified residence, Tonopah area, approximately 1900-1925 (0246_0035)	folder 01
Postcard: train depot at Tonopah, Nevada, 1904 (0246_0036)	folder 01
Postcard: boom days in Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1910 (0246_0037)	folder 01
Postcard: Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1910 (0246_0038)	folder 01
Postcard: Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1900-1910 (0246_0039)	folder 01
Postcard: entire population of Tonopah, Nevada, 1902 (0246_0040)	folder 01
Photographic negatives	
Photographic negatives of the McGonagill family, corresponding with photographic prints, 1870-1912	box SH-029

Physical Description: 14 Photographic Negatives