

Guide to the Nan Doughty Family Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Doughty, Nanelia, 1907-1987
Title:	Nan Doughty Family Collection
ID:	MS-00021
Date [inclusive]:	1845-1993
Physical Description:	25.34 Cubic Feet (38 boxes, 1 oversized box, and 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	23.46 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract Note:	The Nan Doughty Family Collection dates from 1845 to 1993 and documents Doughty's personal and professional life. She collected correspondence and papers related to her extended family members including Sallie Bradford, Seymour Kimball Bradford, William Hillman Shockley, and May Bradford Shockley. The collection also includes papers from her father, Thorwald A. Siegfriedt, and her mother, Lou-vee Bradford Siegfried. Doughty used her family histories to write historical essays about early Nevada. The collection includes her professional papers as well as drafts and correspondence related to her writings.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Nan Doughty wrote many articles about early Nevada history, focusing on the mining communities of Candelaria and Tonopah. She was born on June 27, 1907 to Thorwald A. Siegfriedt, an attorney, and Nanelia Lou-Vee Bradford. During the early twentieth century, most of the family dropped the last letter in their last name, spelling it Siegfried. Her parents named her Bertha Nanelia, but she always went by either Nanelia or Nan. She attended Queen Anne High School in

Seattle, Washington. In high school, she wrote poetry for the school paper, was a member of the Honor Society, Girls Athletic Association, Girls Club, Latin Club and French Club. Active in sports, Nan ran track and played basketball, baseball, and tennis. She graduated from high school on June 13, 1923. Her parents divorced in 1924 and her mother worked as a real estate agent.

In 1925, Nan enrolled at Stanford University and graduated with her English degree in 1930. Nan excelled at the arts and made wood cuts; her work appeared in galleries throughout Seattle. She married William Frank "Doc" Doughty on June 10, 1944. The couple had no children and they divorced in 1957.

After her divorce, Nan returned to school and earned her Master's degree in English at Arizona State University in 1963. She then completed her doctoral coursework at the University of California, Riverside, but left before finishing her dissertation. She taught English as a Second Language courses in Riverside.

In 1966, Nan moved to Las Vegas, Nevada and began teaching English at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). In addition to teaching, she began researching and collecting materials related to her family's activities in early Nevada mining towns. She wrote about Nevada history and mining for the *The Nevadan* supplement to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and the Central Nevada Historical Society's publication, *Central Nevada's Glorious Past*. She taught at UNLV until 1972. Doughty passed away in Las Vegas on June 29, 1987 at the age of 80.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Nan Doughty Family Collection dates from 1845 to 1993 and documents Doughty's personal and professional life. She collected correspondence and papers related to her extended family members including Sallie Bradford, Seymour Kimball Bradford, William Hillman Shockley, and May Bradford Shockley and documents their experiences in mining in Tonopah, Nevada. The collection also includes papers from her father, Thorwald A. Siegfriedt, and her mother, Lou-vee Bradford Siegfried. Doughty used her family histories to write historical essays about early Nevada. The collection includes her professional papers as well as drafts and correspondence related to her writings.

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Arrangement

These records are organized into two series:

Series I. Correspondence, 1865-1993;

Series II. Family Papers, 1845-1986.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Any publication based on Nan Doughty's research and publications must acknowledge her by name.

Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Nan Doughty in multiple accessions; accession number T-3, T-59, and T-172. Additional materials were donated by her sister, Mary Lou S. Williams, in 1987; accession number 1987-107.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Dennis McBride in the early 1990s and Marie Imus wrote the finding aid. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor rehoused the materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

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

Nan Doughty Photograph Collection, 1870-1987. PH-00240. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

William Hillman Shockley Photograph Collection, 1875-1925, 1951. PH-00241. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

May Bradford Photograph Collection, 1870-1976. PH-00242. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the Nanelia S. Doughty Photograph Collection, 1870-1987. PH-00240. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the William Hillman Shockley Photograph Collection, 1880-1910. PH-00241. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the May Bradford Photograph Collection, 1902-1976. PH-00242. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the Blanch Jackson Photograph Collection, 1901-1941. PH-00243. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

The maps that were acquired as part of this collection have been separated and described individually in the [University Libraries' catalog](#).

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Names and Subjects

- Mineral industries
- Women journalists
- Women college teachers
- Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series I. Correspondence, 1865-1993

Physical Description: 12.31 Cubic Feet (19 boxes)

Physical Description: 10.29 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Correspondence series contains material from 1865 to 1993 and is made up of letters, invitations, and announcements sent to and from family members. The correspondence not only documents significant life events, but also chronicles daily life in the mining communities of Tonopah and Candelaria, Nevada.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by recipient and then chronologically.

Title/Description	Containers
Nancy Martin Carter Ward, 1865-1889	box 01
John N. Ward, 1893, 1916	box 01
Sallie Jane Leona Ward Wheeler Bradford	
From John Ward; aunts; Nicholas Hawley Wheeler; and Seymour Kimball Bradford, 1870-1922	box 01
From Cora May Wheeler Bradford, 1896-1936	box 02
	box 03
	box 04
	box 05
From children and grandchildren, 1896-1935	box 05
From various correspondents; invitations; announcements; and calling cards, 1884-1931	box 06
	box 07
Nicholas Hawley Wheeler, 1883	box 07
Seymour Kimball Bradford, 1885-1932	box 07
Cora May Wheeler Bradford Shockley	
From Sallie Jane Leona Ward Wheeler Bradford, 1903-1938	box 07
	box 08
	box 09
	box 10
From family members including Seymour Kimball Bradford and Nanelia Louvee Bradford Siegfried, 1901-1938	box 10
From Nan Doughty, 1930, 1937, 1961-1976	box 11
From various relatives and correspondents, invitations; and calling cards, 1904-1973	box 12
Nanelia Lou-Vee Bradford Siegfried, 1890-1964	box 12
	box 13
	box 14
Thorwald Adolf Arthur Siegfriedt, 1904, 1914, 1919	box 14
Nan Doughty	

From husband, Frank "Doc" Doughty; cousins; siblings; parents; and grandparents, 1911-1985	box 15
Correspondence related to Doughty's historical research and articles, 1959-1986	box 15
	box 16
	box 17
	box 18
William Hillman Shockley, 1880-1907	box 18
	box 19
	box 38
Unidentified correspondence, 1871-1885, undated	box 19

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Series II. Family Papers, 1845-1986

Physical Description: 12.68 Cubic Feet (20 boxes and 1 oversize flat file)

Physical Description: 10.71 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Family Papers series contains family papers from 1845 to 1986 and consists of mining and stock certificates, receipts, newspaper clippings, and personal papers including report cards and diaries. It also includes fictional writing by Seymour Kimball Bradford. The series also includes papers belong to Nan Doughty documenting her personal and professional life, as well as her interest in her family history.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by family and then chronologically.

Title/Description	Containers
Introductory Material	box 01
Articles by Doughty about her family, 1969-1980	box 01
Correspondence to and from Mary Lou Siegfried Williams, Nan Doughty's sister, about the collection and family history, 1987-1993	box 01
Doughty collection, genealogy research, undated	box 01
Letter by Nan Doughty describing her historical materials, 1983	box 01
Published work by Doughty 1919-1981, photocopies, undated	box 01
Ward Family Papers, 1845-1922	box 19
Sallie Jane Leona Ward Wheeler Bradford Papers, approximately 1870-1933	box 19
	box 20
Seymour Kimball Bradford Papers, 1872-1930s	box 21

	box 22
	box 23
	oversized box 40
William Hillman Shockley Papers, 1859-1983	box 23 box 24
Cora May Wheeler Bradford Shockley Papers, 1895-1986	box 25 box 26
Siegfried(t) Family Papers, 1901-1974	box 26 box 27
Nan Doughty Papers	
Early life and marriage, 1907-1944	box 27
Education: includes material from grammar and high school, college at Stanford, graduate studies at Arizona State University and University of California, Riverside, 1914-1967	box 28
Teaching and lecturing materials, 1960-1983	box 29 box 30 box 31
Manuscripts by Doughty, 1923-1983	box 32 box 33 box 34 box 35 box 36 box 37
Newspaper index research by Doughty, undated	box 37
Doughty American literature collection correspondence and lists, 1968-1984	box 37
Newspaper clippings, 1901-1985	box 37
Unidentified notebooks and papers, undated	box 37
Oversized material	
Seymour K. Bradford, appointment to mineral deputy surveyor, territory of New Mexico, 1882	flat file 39
Seymour K. Bradford, appointment to deputy land surveyor, territory of New Mexico, 1884	flat file 39
Sallie J. Bradford, certificate of completion of four years' course of reading, Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, 1893	flat file 39

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