



Guide to the R.F. "Chick" Perkins Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Perkins, R.F. , 1915-1996
Title:	R. F. "Chick" Perkins Papers
ID:	MS-00402
Date [bulk]:	1930 to 1990
Date [inclusive]:	1900 to 1990
Physical Description:	3.31 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)
Physical Description:	3.00 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The R.F. "Chick" Perkins Papers date from 1900 to 1990, with the bulk from 1930 to 1990, and document the history of Native Americans and the archaeology of Southern Nevada. The collection contains photographs, correspondence, professional papers, official documents, and publications belonging to Richard Fay "Chick" Perkins, who served as curator of the Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada, from 1956 to 1980.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Richard Fay "Chick" Perkins was born on March 3, 1915, in Overton, Nevada. He participated in his first archaeological expedition at age 17 and three years later formed a partnership with Dr. William S. Park to excavate, save, and record certain Lost City ruins. In 1956, he replaced his father, Fay Perkins, as curator of the Lost City Museum and remained in that position until his retirement in 1980. Perkins died on January 3, 1996, and is buried at Pioneer Hill Memorial Cemetery in Moapa Valley, Nevada.

Sources:

Ellerton, Catherine. "A Life of Service Honored at the Lost City Museum." *Moapa Valley Progress*. Accessed December 21, 2017. <http://mvprogress.com/2012/04/11/a-life-of-service-honored-at-the-lost-city-museum/>

Perkins, Iola Prisby. "My First 68 Years." Unpublished biography, 1985.

Sedar, Dena M. "Nevada's Lost City." *Nevada Magazine*. Accessed December 21, 2017. <http://nevadamagazine.com/home/archives/nevadas-lost-city/>

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research on January 1, 2068.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were received in 1998; accession number 1998-008.

Processing Note

In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, John A. Heldt reboxed and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Archaeology
- Lost City Museum
- Moapa Valley (Nev.)
- Fire, Valley of (Nev.)
- Indians of North America
- photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Print photographs and negatives of Southern Nevada landscapes, native artifacts, ruins, petroglyphs, and people, 1900-1982 Physical Description: 6 Files	box 01
Print photographs and negatives of Valley of Fire, Lost City Museum, Native Americans, Native American artifacts, nuclear test site events, and petroglyphs, approximately 1940s-1970s Physical Description: 6 Files	box 02
R.F. Perkins biography, family history documents, announcements, and ephemera, 1957-1989 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 03
Correspondence with Nevada Governor Grant Sawyer, legislators, museum curators, archaeologists, and businessmen, 1936-1990	box 03

Physical Description: 4 Files

Archaeological papers, field notes, curator notes, Lost City Museum documents, sketches, site information, 1936-1981	box 03
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Physical Description: 11 Files

Restricted: Some materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be opened for research use on January 1, 2068.

Restricted materials are housed in Box SH-041.

Newspaper clippings about R.F. Perkins, Lost City Museum, Southern Nevada archaeology, Moapa Valley, and Lake Mead areas, 1927-1990	box 03
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Physical Description: 11 Files

Newspaper clippings about R.F. Perkins, Lost City Museum, Southern Nevada archaeology, Moapa Valley, and Lake Mead areas, 1927-1990	box 04
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Maps of Nevada settlements, Moapa Valley, Holy Land, Italy, Ireland, Maya empire, 1958-1995	box 04
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Physical Description: 2 Files

Collected publications: Nevada State Parks materials, academic articles, professional journals, historical magazines, and books and manuscripts about archaeology, 1907-1987	box 04
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Physical Description: 15 Files