



## The Guide to the Ellen Burke Rawls Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Rawls, Ellen Burke
<b>Title:</b>	Ellen Burke Rawls Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00451
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1980 to 2001
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.48 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 flat file (shared box), 1 oversized box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.28 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Ellen Burke Rawls Papers (approximately 1980-2001) comprise the professional writings of Rawls, and document her work as a reviewer in the entertainment industry of Atlantic City, New Jersey and as a publicist for the other professional businesses in and around New Jersey and New York. The material comprise of her personal correspondence, columns from a number of newspapers, correspondence of her participation in <i>The Morning Show</i> program and photographs that were used in her newspaper columns.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Ellen Burke Rawls was an entertainment columnist and publicist in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and her entertainment columns detail the line-up of coming events and stars at Atlantic City hotels and casinos. Her "Atlantic City" byline column appeared weekly in the *Staten Island Sunday Advance* from 1990 to 1995. Her *Star-Ledger* columns were carried in the Special Section under "Gracious Living" from 1990 to 1993 and "Summertime" from 1993 to 1994. Additionally, she did freelance

articles written for *The Big Apple Press* in 1991 and for the *New York Post* under the byline, "On The Boardwalk" in 1993. Rawls wrote and followed business people in the news, whom she felt could utilize her public relations skills in publicizing their activities. Ellen Burke Rawls passed away August 24, 2023.

Source:

"Ellen Burke Rawls obituary," accessed May 11, 2026. <https://www.jsghfunerals.com/obituaries/Ellen-Burke-Rawls?obId=30474609>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2002 by Ellen Burke Rawls; accession number 2002-019. Additional materials were donated in 2026 by Dennis Crippen (on behalf of Rawls' estate); accession number 2026-047.

## Processing Note

Materials were processed by JoAnn Spair in 2002. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Kayla McDuffie revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Kayla McDuffie entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Entertainment -- New Jersey -- Atlantic City
- Casinos -- New Jersey -- Atlantic City
- Hotels -- New Jersey -- Atlantic City
- Newspapers

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Public Relations correspondence, 1988 to 1992	box 01
"Special Section" correspondence, 1990 to 1993	box 01
"Summertime" correspondence, 1993 to 1994	box 01
<i>Star Ledger</i> columns, 1989 to 1994	box 01
<i>Staten Island Advance</i> "Atlantic City" columns, 1989 October to 1996 September Physical Description: 71 Files	box 01
Atlantic City, New Jersey photographs, undated	box 01
<i>Staten Island Advance</i> Special Writer column, 1990	box 01

Miscellaneous columns, magazine article, and invitation, 1991 April to 1996 January	box 01
Big Apple Press, 1991	box 01
<i>Morning Show</i> correspondence, 1987	box 01
<i>New York Post</i> , 1993	box 01
<i>The Star Ledger</i> newspaper, 1989 May 24	oversized flat file box 02 SH-079
Binder pages with newspaper clippings (primarily New Jersey and New York papers) relating to Rawls' work, 1980 to 2001 Physical Description: 6 Files	oversized box 03