



Guide to the Barbara Cloud Personal Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Cloud, Barbara Lee
Title:	Barbara Cloud Personal Papers
ID:	MS-01085
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1880 to 2004
Date [bulk]:	1979 to 2004
Physical Description:	0.64 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.58 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Barbara Cloud Personal Papers date from approximately 1880 to 2004 and consist of Cloud's personal research into her family history, as well as her early work as a graduate student at the University of Washington. The collection contains Cloud's thesis manuscript, published doctoral dissertation, and an award given to Cloud by Washington State Historical Society. Materials also include reproductions of family photographs, research files, copies of J. A. Slover's autobiography later published by Cloud and her mother, and Slover's original handwritten autobiography from 1907.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Barbara Cloud was born in Tulare, California but attended grade school and high school in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Cloud completed various degrees in journalism. She received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, master's degree from the University of Oregon, and doctoral degree from the University of Washington. In 1978, Cloud applied for a journalism position at the

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She was hired and she and her husband, Stan, moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1979.

While at UNLV, she built up the journalism program and in 1983 became department chair, a position she was elected to for the next six years. She was the editor of *Journalism History* and published multiple books. Before retiring from UNLV in 2005, Cloud served as the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs from 1998 to 2003, was the president of the UNLV Phi Kappa Phi honorary society, and established the UNLV chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha. Cloud was given the honor of professor emeritus when she retired from UNLV in 2005. She passed away suddenly at the age of 71 on December 24, 2009.

Sources:

"UNLV journalism professor dies," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, December 29, 2009. Accessed March 28, 2022. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/unlv-journalism-professor-dies/>.

Barbara Cloud oral history interview, 2006 March 30. OH-00397. [Transcript]. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/d1r20w023>

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Scope and Contents Note

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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 2021 by Stanley D. Cloud; accession number 2021-140.

Processing Note

In 2022, Sarah Jones rehoused and arranged the materials, and created the description in ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Barbara Cloud oral history interview, 2006 March 30. OH-00397. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Records, 1983-2008. UA-00022. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Family histories
- Journalism
- Research

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
"Start the Presses: the Birth of Journalism in Washington Territory" published doctoral dissertation by Barbara Cloud, 1979	box 01
University of Washington letter of approval for Barbara Cloud's Ph.D. dissertation, 1979 July 19	box 01
Washington State Historical Society award to Barbara Cloud, 1984	box 01
"Start the Presses: Journalism in Washington Territory" manuscript draft by Barbara Cloud, 1988 March	box 01
Book of Slover family births, deaths, marriages, and family history compiled by J. A. Slover Jr., 1880 to 1899	box 01
"Autobiography of James Anderson Slover Sr." original bound book, written by J. A. Slover Sr., 1907	box 01
"Autobiography of James Anderson Slover Sr." copied from Slover's own manuscript, approximately 1970 to 1979	box 01
"The Autobiography of James Anderson Slover" published by Virgil R. Hicks and Barbara Cloud, 1991	box 01
Slover family album photographs, reproductions, 1990 to 1999	box 01
Research files on James Slover and general Slover family history, 1980 to 1999	box 01