



Guide to the Jarbidge, Nevada Community Archives Collection

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Jarbidge Community Archives |
| Collector: | Porter, Carrie Townley |
| Title: | Jarbidge, Nevada Community Archives Collection |
| ID: | MS-01122 |
| Date [inclusive]: | approximately 1910 to 2006 |
| Physical Description: | 761 Digital Files (1.010 GB) JPG |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Jarbidge, Nevada Community Archives Collection contains scanned images from seven archival collections and document the community of Jarbidge, Nevada from approximately 1910 to 2006. The materials were collected from various families living in Jarbidge in 2006 as part of a project led by Carrie Townley Porter. The images depict early Jarbidge structures, surrounding landscape, the Elkoro Mine, and residents of the area. Also included are images of certificates, correspondence, and newspaper articles relating to the families' histories. Also included in the collection are written summaries of ten oral history interviews of Jarbidge residents conducted in 2006. This collection contains digital surrogates only; the owners and Jarbidge Community Archives retain the originals. |

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

Jarbidge, Nevada is an unincorporated community in Elko County, Nevada located at the bottom of the Jarbidge River's canyon near the north end of the Jarbidge Mountains approximately 10 miles south of the Idaho–Nevada border. The region is not easily accessible, as no paved roads

exist within approximately thirty miles. The name "Jarbidge" is derived from a Shoshone word, *Tsawhawbitts*. In 1909, gold was discovered near the area and it was the site of one of the last gold rushes in the west. In 1913, Elkoro Mining Company moved into the canyon, bought up the majority of claims, and built a mill and water system. Before the mines closed in the early 1930s, Elkoro had extracted the majority of the ten million dollars produced by the district.

Source:

"Jarbidge, Nevada: Not a Ghost Town," Howard Hickson's Histories. Accessed October 11, 2022.
<https://www.gbcnv.edu/howh/Jarbidge2.html>

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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. Where use copies do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Advanced notice is required.

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Acquisition Note

Material was acquired by UNLV Special Collections in an unknown year from Carrie Townley Porter; accession number 2022-089. There is no deed of gift on file for this collection.

Processing Note

In 2022, Sarah Jones ingested the files off of 30 optical discs. Access copies were made and no further action taken.

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Names and Subjects

- Jarbidge (Nev.)
- Mining districts -- Nevada
- Rural population
- Oral histories (document genres)
- Digital images
- Elgoro Mining Co.

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Containers |
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| <p>Nystrom family papers, approximately 1985 to 2006 (JCA-MC0004)</p> <p>Physical Description: 122 Digital Files</p> <p>Scope and Contents: Digital images include materials related to Nystrom's participation in wilderness hearings, obituaries, articles on community members and incidents, and some of Nystrom's own reminiscences. Correspondence includes general newsletters, personal letters, and letters related to the Trading Post General Store in Jarbidge, Nevada.</p> | digital file 00 |
| <p>Skelton family papers, approximately 1914 to 2000 (JCA-MC0005)</p> <p>Physical Description: 65 Digital Files</p> <p>Scope and Contents: Digital images include photographs of early street views of Jarbidge, Nevada, as well as personal photographs of the Skelton family and pictures of Jarbidge social gatherings. Documents include Roberta Skelton's certificate of membership from the Jarbidge Water Users Association (1968), a letter from Jarbidge Improvement Club Secretary R. E. Baty in 1935 asking for county assistance, and several items from the 1995 Jarbidge Shovel Brigade.</p> | digital file 00 |
| <p>Williams family papers, approximately 1920 to 1990 (JCA-MC0007)</p> <p>Physical Description: 137 Digital Files</p> <p>Scope and Contents: Digital images include photographs (approximately 1920-1990) of early landscape views of Jarbidge and surrounding areas, Williams family photographs (spanning four generations in Jarbidge), as well as photographs depicting Jarbidge residents including Robert Knight and Bill Joyal. Also included are report cards, certificates for completion of various courses for Nevada Justices of the Peace, John Williams' application for Jarbidge postmaster, newspaper articles on John Williams, and some general news clippings on Jarbidge.</p> | digital file 00 |
| <p>Martin family papers, approximately 1923 to 1925 (JCA-MC0008)</p> <p>Physical Description: 4 Digital Files</p> <p>Scope and Contents: Digital images depict women's gatherings in Jarbidge circa 1920s, Postmaster Pangburn, and women returning from a card party in the Pavlak area by sleigh.</p> | digital file 00 |
| <p>Swanson family papers, approximately 1912 to 1979 (JCA-MC0009)</p> <p>Physical Description: 126 Digital Files</p> <p>Scope and Contents: Digital images of Jarbidge, the Swanson family in Chicago, Illinois. The scrapbook has notations from Rose Swanson.</p> | digital file 00 |
| <p>General Jarbidge papers, approximately 1910 to 2000 (JCA-MC0011)</p> <p>Physical Description: 192 Digital Files</p> <p>Scope and Contents: Historical photographs of Jarbidge, Nevada. Included are early panoramic views, 1930s rodeos, a series of building photographs taken in the 1970s by the Elko County Assayer's Office, the 1936 Mormon Cricket invasion, and more. Of particular interest are the Claude Gillham</p> | digital file 00 |

photographs (1910-1935) donated by Krinn McCoy. These include some photographs taken inside the Elgoro Mill.

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| Lee-Urdahl family papers, approximately 1915 to 2000 (JCA-MC0014) Physical Description: 113 Digital Files Scope and Contents: The photographs include early landscape views of Jarbidge and surrounding areas. There are also many photographs of George and Youra Urdahl, Ernie Lee, other members of the Urdahl and Lee family, and group shots of Jarbidge residents including Robert Knight, Helen Wilson, and Mr. Case, possibly of the Case and Pangburn company. There are also several photographs of Jarbidge schoolchildren that predate 1920. | digital file 00 |
| Frederick Hugh Thatcher oral history interview summary, 2006 July 04 (JCA-OH0001) | box 01 |
| Roberta Knight Skelton oral history interview summary, 2006 July 05 (JCA-OH0002) | box 01 |
| Rey (Donald) Nystrom oral history interview summary, 2006 July 06 (JCA-OH0003) | box 01 |
| Donald Ernest Mathias oral history interview summary, 2006 July 07 (JCA-OH0004) | box 01 |
| Mary Margaret Williams Bess oral history interview summary, 2006 July 08 (JCA-OH0005) | box 01 |
| Rose Evelyn Swanson McClain and Mary Rose McClain Stadstad oral history interview summary, 2006 July 12 (JCA-OH0006) | box 01 |
| Milo Price oral history interview summary, 2006 July 11 (JCA-OH0007) | box 01 |
| Mearle Row with Emma Kruse oral history interview summary, 2006 July 14 (JCA-OH0008) | box 01 |
| Martin family oral history interview summary, 2006 July 15 (JCA-OH0009) | box 01 |
| Philip E. Joyal oral history interview summary, 2006 July 18 (JCA-OH0010) | box 01 |