

## **Guide to the Robert W. MacKenzie 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>	Mackenzie, Robert William, 1933-
<b>Title:</b>	Robert W. MacKenzie Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-01196
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1950 to 2010
<b>Physical Description:</b>	20.90 Cubic Feet (21 boxes, 1 oversized box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	19.07 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Robert W. MacKenzie Papers (approximately 1950-2010) contain the personal papers of Robert MacKenzie and materials documenting the long-term effects of atomic testing. The collection contains photographs, material documenting the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act deals, surveys about veterans and their children with diseases, the Curtiss Marines, letters and correspondence, audiovisual material, and original drawings and cartoons of ships drawn by MacKenzie. MacKenzie was stationed on a ship during <i>Castle Bravo</i> , the first in a series of high-yield thermonuclear weapon design tests conducted by the United States at Bikini Atoll, Marshall Islands, as part of Operation Castle. Detonated on March 1, 1954, the device remains the most powerful nuclear device ever detonated by the United States.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain as they were received.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

The materials in this collection are minimally processed. Advanced notice is required for access. Please contact Special Collections and Archives for more information.

### Publication Rights

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2024 by Kari Chipman; accession number 2024-110.

## Appraisal

Acquired in 2024 by Sarah Quigley, Director, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives' holdings on nuclear testing and the environment.

## Processing Note

These records are minimally processed. To prepare the finding aid, the collection materials were reviewed to create a content summary, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Nevada Test Site Oral History Project Records, approximately 1950-2008. MS-00818. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f12662>

Alice P. Broudy Papers on Broudy v. United States, 1940-2018. MS-00097. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1jp4g>

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## Names and Subjects

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- Nuclear weapons -- Testing
- photographs
- Veterans -- Services for -- United States
- Veterans
- United States. Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
- United States. Marine Corps

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
"Curtiss Marines" binders with correspondence, clippings, and material related to reunions, approximately 1980 to 2010	box 17
	box 18
Photographs and audiovisual material, approximately 1970 to 2010	box 14
	box 15
Personal photographs, certificates, pins, hat, and goggles, approximately 1950 to 2010	box 16
	box 19
Alphabetical subject files, approximately 1980 to 2010	box 01
	box 02
	box 03
	box 09
Clipping files, website printouts, and correspondence, approximately 1980 to 2010	box 04
	box 05
	box 06
	box 07
	box 08
	box 10
	box 11
	box 20
box 21	
Newsletters (final and drafts) and correspondence, approximately 1990 to 2010	box 12
	box 13