



Guide to the Horden-Graglia Family Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Contributor:	Horden, Elinor, 1930-2014
Creator:	Graglia, Joseph, 1876-1934
Contributor:	Graglia, Frances, 1877-1941
Title:	Horden-Graglia Family Photographs
ID:	PH-00090
Date [inclusive]:	1910-1941
Physical Description:	0.2 Linear Feet (2 hanging folders and 1 shared box of negatives)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Horden-Graglia Family Photographs depict the Horden-Graglia Family in Las Vegas, Nevada from 1910 to 1941. The photographs primarily depict Joseph and Frances Graglia and their children John and Anne. The photographs also depict historical buildings, including the Hotel National, the Pair o' Dice Nite Club, the Union Hotel, and the Las Vegas School. The photographs also include Elinor Horden, who performed as a showgirl in Las Vegas in the 1950s.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

The Graglia Family was one of the first non-indigenous families to move to Las Vegas, Nevada at the beginning of the twentieth century. Joseph and Frances Graglia moved to Canada from Italy, and then made their way to the United States in 1890. They settled in Southern Nevada sometime before 1913. Parish records at Las Vegas's first Catholic church, St. Joan of Arc, document their church activities. Their son John was born in 1907 in Canada, and their daughter Anne was born in Nevada in 1915. Along with Frank Detra, the Graglias owned and operated the Pair o Dice Nite Club in Las Vegas.

Elinor Horden was a dancer and Las Vegas showgirl. She was born in 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio, and moved to Las Vegas in the early 1950s. She married Charles Horden in 1955. Her sister-in-law was Jayne Horden Graglia, who was the wife of John Graglia.

Sources:

"Elinor Horden, 1930-2014, Obituary." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. December 26, 2014. <http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?n=elinor-horden&pid=173749718>

U.S. Census Bureau, "1920 United States Census." Accessed November 2, 2015. <http://www.mocavo.com/1920-United-States-Census/126212/004966348/480#row-0>

Rafferty, Kevin. "Roman Catholicism in Nevada." *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*, November 3, 2008. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/roman-catholicism-nevada>

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Access Note

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1979 by Elinor Horden; accession number 1979-239.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

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

Horden, Elinor. Interview, February 13, 1980. OH-00886. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Showgirls
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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Union Hotel and Shamrock Hotel on the corner of Main and Bridger, including Joe Graglia, Francesca Graglia, Anne Graglia, and Anna Mosso, undated (0001) (view online)	folder 01
Union Hotel, Joe Graglia is bartender, undated (0002) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas Grammar School class, including Anne Graglia, approximately 1913 (0003) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas Grammar School class, including Anne Graglia, approximately 1913 (0004) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas School, approximately 1910 (0005) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas School band, undated (0006) (view online)	box SH-020
Las Vegas School teachers, undated (0007) (view online)	box SH-020
Las Vegas Junior High boys' basketball team and Coach Butcher, undated (0008) (view online)	folder 01
Hotel National, undated (0009) (view online)	folder 01
Interior of Hotel National, undated (0010) (view online)	folder 01
Hotel National, undated (0011) (view online)	folder 01
Hotel National, undated (0012) (view online)	folder 01
Hotel National, undated (0013) (view online)	folder 01
Postcard: Hotel National, undated (0014) (view online)	folder 01
Veterans Day Parade, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated (0015) (view online)	folder 01
Pair o' Dice Nite Club owned by Joe Graglia and Frank Detra, future site of the Frontier Hotel, approximately 1930-1940 (0090_0016)	folder 01
Pair o' Dice Nite Club owned by Joe Graglia and Frank Detra, future site of the Frontier Hotel, approximately 1930-1940 (0090_0017)	folder 01
Students, including Donald Schuyler, Reynolds Hudson, Bus Squires, Gerald Crowe, John Graglia, Bud Knickerbocker, and Leonard Noblett, approximately 1919-1920 (0018) (view online)	folder 01
Chuck Fescher, Harold Case, and John Graglia in Helldorado outfits, undated (0019) (view online)	folder 01
Boulder City Stray Elks Helldorado Parade float, undated (0020) (view online)	

	folder 01
"Desert Love Buggy" used in Helldorado Parade, including John Graglia, undated (0021) (view online)	folder 01
Kiwanis Follies, 1928 (0022) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas, Nevada, 1941 (0023) (view online)	folder 01
Lake Mead boat landing, 1935 (0024) (view online)	folder 01
D. Pecetto and others, Rhyolite, Nevada, undated (0025) (view online)	folder 01
Gambling Club, including John Wesley Horden, undated (0026) (view online)	folder 02
Anne Graglia, undated (0027) (view online)	folder 02
John and Anne Graglia as children, undated (0028) (view online)	folder 02
Graglia Family: John, Joe, Frances, and Anne, undated (0029) (view online)	folder 02
Joe Graglia, 1933 February 28 (0030) (view online)	folder 02
Group of people who made the trip up the Colorado River, including U.S. Congressman and future Nevada Governor James Scrugham, 1935 November 11 (0031) (view online)	folder 02
Unloading lunch on the Colorado River, 1935 November 11 (0032) (view online)	folder 02
Frances Graglia, Anne Graglia, and James Scrugham, 1935 November 11 (0033) (view online)	folder 02
Miller's Ranch, Las Vegas, Nevada: Jack Miller, Helen Miller, Mrs. Miller, Clementine Monaco, Anne Graglia, Frances Graglia, Tom Biama, Miss Mosso, Rose Mosso, George Von Tobel, Elizabeth Von Tobel, Mr. Miller, Mary Von Tobel, Edward Von Tobel, Mr. Von Tobel, and Tony Andrino, undated (0034) (view online)	folder 02
Elinor Nora Horden, undated (0035) (view online)	folder 02
Las Vegas dance group, including Elinor Nora Horden, undated (0036) (view online)	folder 02
Las Vegas dance group, including Elinor Nora Horden, undated (0037) (view online)	folder 02
Las Vegas dance group, including Elinor Nora Horden, undated (0038) (view online)	folder 02

Las Vegas theater production, including Elinor Nora Horden, undated (0039)
([view online](#))