

Guide to Ruth Hermann's Emma Nevada Collection

Series 1: Nevada Family Personal Papers

Arrangement: Arranged as received

Scope and Contents: Contains personal papers, correspondence, original ephemera and artifacts, and photographs, belonging to Emma or Mignon Nevada. Subseries 1 contains personal and family papers, correspondence, and manuscript notes; Subseries 2 contains programs, press extracts, professional biographies, and news clippings (both series arranged by category and date); Subseries 3 contains photographs of Emma Nevada, painted family portraits and ephemera.

Subseries 1: Personal papers and correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Documents for Emma Nevada, Raymond Palmer, and Mignon Nevada, including identity papers, birth, marriage, and death certificates, contracts and letters.	1853-1945
1	2	Personal papers of Mignon Nevada, including address book, Palmer family history in hand of Raymond Palmer, calling cards, and professional autobiography.	1966
1	3	Correspondence. C.A. Chizzola	1887-1888
1	4	Personal and family correspondence, including: Emma to Raymond from Catania's Bellini event; J.J. Castellanos ("Helios") and Mignon; royal condolences from Buckingham Palace, April 4, 1936	1923-1939
1	5	Correspondence. Mignon to Emma Nevada	undated
1	6	Professional correspondence relating to Mignon's performances	1931-1934
1	7	Correspondence, including letters from censorship departments	1944-1945
1	8	Correspondence, including letter with obituaries of Elvin Wixom and another with a poem by J. Barbier entitled "A Emma Nevada" dated 1885.	1950-1957
1	9	Correspondence, including pension award letters from 10 Downing Street and Admiralty House; a letter from Ruth Hermann.	1960-1968
1	10	Correspondence. Mills College. Mignon Nevada and Flora Reynolds, with copies of material relating to Emma Nevada's correspondence and visit	1963-1964
1	11	Correspondence. General	undated

Subseries 2: Promotional Material

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	12	Page of sheet music and notebook of song lyrics.	undated
1	13	Printed material. Programs. Emma Nevada, including performance for Queen Victoria at Osborne, 25 July 1899	1899-1902
1	14	Printed material. Programs. Emma Nevada	undated
1	15	Printed material. Programs and press extracts. Mignon Nevada	1922-1941
1	16	Printed material. Programs and biographical summaries. Mignon Nevada	undated
1	17	Newspaper clippings.	1872-1943

1	18	Newspaper clippings.	undated
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Subseries 3: Photographs and Ephemera

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	1	Emma Nevada. Studio portraits and early With photograph of Pablo Casals	undated
2	2	Emma Nevada. Operatic roles	undated
2	3	Mignon Nevada. Early studio portraits	undated
2	4	Mignon Nevada. Operatic roles	undated
2	5	Photogravure postcards. Mignon Nevada. Operatic roles	undated
2	6	Emma and Mignon Nevada. With audiocassette from George Moore to Mills College archives: Emma and Mignon Nevada, greetings, Esmeralda-Polacoa; Mignon, Faust, Act 2, Air des Bijoux	undated
2	7	Family and friends	undated
2	8	Photogravure postcards of opera composers and photograph of portrait in unknown medium of Bellini	undated
3	1	Pair of studio portraits of Raymond and Emma Nevada Palmer in gilt-tooled leather diptych [split]	undated
3	2	"Helios": snapshots, studio portraits, etc.; letter (in French). In small aquamarine and cherry leather four-flap portfolio	undated
3	3	Mounted studio portraits of Raymond Palmer, Emma Nevada as "Mignon," and Mignon Nevada in an operatic role.	Emma c.1883-1884
3	4	Oval miniature portrait of Raymond Palmer's paternal grandfather.	18th century
3	5	Baby portrait of an ancestor of Raymond Palmer (?) painted on wood panel	18th or 19th century
3	6	Star Coal lithographic trading card with color and gilt, separate recto (with portrait of Emma Nevada) and verso. Two tiny photographs of Emma. Gift of Bob Paine.	1882-1883?
3	7	Early Palmer family photographs; passport and other small family photos; mostly unidentified cabinet portraits; miscellaneous ephemera	undated
3	8	Emma Nevada's mother-of-pearl-inlaid penholder	undated
3	9	Emma Nevada's fur purse	undated

Series 2: Ruth Hermann Research

Arrangement: Arranged as received

Scope and Contents: Research Materials, consists of Ruth Hermann's research for a biography of Emma Nevada (1956-1972). It contains Ruth Hermann's notes from newspapers, official records and other sources and from her trips to sites, photocopies of newspaper articles, photographic copies of original photographs, and modern snapshots of people, places and monuments.

Subseries 1: Family History and Regional Background, Nevada

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	1	Draft of title-page for The Miner's Canary	undated

4	2	Notes from newspapers and official records, including those involving the Wixoms	Sources: 1852-1880
4	3	Memories of Emma Nevada. Photocopies of news clippings.	Source: 1933
4	4	Notes from marriage license of L.P. St. Clair and Kate O'Boy.	Source: 1863
4	5	Notes from newspapers and historical works on Nevada (including L.P. St. Clairs)	Sources: 1863-1864
4	6	Notes from newspapers on Emma's early performances, Emma's father, and Austin events. Notes of Dr. Effie Mack.	Sources: 1863-1875
4	7	Mills Seminary - Centennial Spirit of the Times (photocopies and notes) on 1876 class grade points and closing ceremonies.	Source: July 4, 1876
4	8	Mills Seminary - News of and from Emma Nevada, White and Gold, etc. Notes.	Sources: 1884; 1895
4	9	Material on Ira Winchell Adams from Charles Adams.	1959-1961
4	10	Notes on Emma's aunt and Uncle I. Wixom, notes on Ira Adams including interview notes with Dorothy Mae Gibbs	1859-1965
4	11	Nevada. Photocopies of excerpts from Ira Adams' diary that mention Emma with cover note from Dorothy Mae Gibbs.	Source: 1900

Subseries 2: Family History and Regional Background, Michigan

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	12	Correspondence with Michigan Department of Health in search of William Wallace Wixom's marriage certificate.	1965
4	13	Materials relating to author's trip to Fenton, Michigan, and notes on Wixoms from newspapers.	1872-1956
4	14	Notes and photocopies from Born Strangers (set in Fenton, Michigan, with a chapter on the Wixoms)	undated
4	15	Material on Fenton and Argentine, including correspondence and photographic copies of original photographs of Wixom monument, the home of Dr. Isaac Wixom, the Argentine Hotel and Mill.	undated
4	16	Notes from Emma Nevada's obituary and Nevada official family records.	undated

Subseries 3: *The Miner's Canary*

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	17	Illustrations. Chapter 1. Photographic copy of original photograph of young Emma Nevada.	Original: circa1862
4	18	Illustrations. Chapter 2. Photographic copies of original photographs and Vic Hermann's photographs of Alpha, Fenton and Argentine family landmarks.	Originals: 1930s-1960s
4	19	Illustrations. Chapter 3 [-6]. Photographic copies of original photographs and Vic Hermann's photographs of Washington, California	Originals: various dates
4	20	Illustrations. Chapter 7. Photographic copy of news photo and Vic Hermann's photographs of Nevada City.	Originals: various dates
4	21	Illustrations. Chapter 8, Part 1. Photographic copies of original photographs of Austin, Nevada, of Ira Winchell Adams, Emma's first singing teacher, and of friends who sang.	Originals: various dates
4	22	Illustrations. Chapter 8, Part 2. Photographic copies of original Emma Nevada photo portraits	Originals: various dates

Subseries 4: Research from Harvard Libraries

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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4	23	Correspondence	1965
4	24	Photographic copies of original cabinet photographs and portraits in other media of Emma Nevada	Originals: various dates
4	25	Photographic copies of original photographs of Emma Nevada in "La Sonnambula"	Originals: 1884
4	26	Photographic copies of original photographs of Emma Nevada in "Mignon"	undated
4	27	Photographic copies of original photographs of Emma Nevada in "Mirella"	Originals: 1884-1885
4	28	Photographic copies of original photographs of Emma Nevada in "Lucia di Lammermoor"	Original: 1885
4	29	Photocopy of Metropolitan Magazine profile and photographic copies of the illustrations	Original: 1900
4	30	Photographic copies of original photographs of Mignon Nevada	undated
4	31	Photographic copy and photocopy of letter written by Emma from Paris to her Aunt Louisa.	Original: 1900
4	32	Photocopies of handbills and newspaper articles	Originals: 1884-1901
4	33	Notes on archival material	undated

Subseries 5: Subject Files

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	1	Photographic copies of original photographs and photos by Vic Hermann of Austin, Nevada and Washington, California.	undated
5	2	Photographic copies of original photographs of the Wixom family.	undated
5	3	Photographic copies from original photographs of Ira Winchell Adams in the Adams family collection, with photocopy of a poem written by Adams.	Originals: 1860s-1913
5	4	Photographic copy of original photograph of Susan Mills from Helene May, Mills College alumna.	Original: before 1905
5	5	Photograph of news photo of William Wixom's Oakland, California home; photograph of Wixom cemetery plot, with notes and map	News photo 1940, undated
5	6	Photograph of Emma Nevada's piano in California State Library and notes from 1927-28 correspondence as to its history	undated
5	7	Photographic copies of original photographs. "Emma Wixom - 'Emma Nevada'"	undated
5	8	Photographic copies of original photographs inscribed to L(?)ita and L(?)ita Braumern(?). "Mignon" and "Juliet"	undated
5	9	Photographs of Col. A. Andrews' Comstock silver invitation to Mme. Nevada Palmer to visit The Diamond Palace, San Francisco	1885
5	10	Photograph of lithographic advertising trading card for Star Coal with notes.	Original: 1886
5	11	Photocopy of "Mme. Nevada" from R.N. Stephens' The Queens of Song	Original: 1889
5	12	The California concerts. Photographic copies of original photographs; photographs of handbills, publicity and news photos; notes.	Originals: 1885, 1900
5	13	Virginia City, Nevada. Photographic copies of original photographs.	undated
5	14	Nevada City, last professional performance. Photographic copies of original photographs (portrait and place); photographs of program, hotel register	Originals: 1902
5	15	Europe. Photographs of picture puzzles from 19th century lithographs of opera house and ballet (collection of Ruth Hermann); French engraving with color	Originals: no date

5	16	Vienna. Study with Mathilde Marchesi (1877-1880). Photographic copies of original photographs of Emma Nevada, Mme. Marchesi, and S.D.E. Marchesi; photographs of magazine photos	Originals: 1886-1907
5	17	Paris. Photographs of English Passionists Church, site of marriage to Dr. Raymond Palmer 1885	undated
5	18	London. Photographic copies of depictions in various media of the Crystal Palace, Covent Garden and conductor Luigi Arditi	undated
5	19	London. Snapshots of Her Majesty's Theatre, Covent Garden and Emma Nevada's home from 1905-1906	undated
5	20	London. Photographic copies of original photographs of Emma's manager, Col. J.H. Mapleson, and of Marie Rose (Pousin) Mapleson	undated
5	21	England. Osborne House, Isle of Wight. Photograph of watercolor; photographic copy of cabinet photograph of Queen Victoria; photocopy of 1899 concert program, snapshots of the building and grounds	undated
5	22	England and the Continent. Photographic copies and photocopies of original photographs, photograph of portrait etching, snapshots, material from reference works.	undated
5	23	Spain. Studio portraits by Kaulak of King Alfonso XIII and of matador Luis Mazzantini; snapshot of portrait in oils and photographs of original photographs of Queen Maria Christina and the future Alfonso XIII	undated
5	24	Portugal. Photographs of portrait in oils of Queen Maria Pia de Saboia, photographs and photographic reproductions of depictions in other media of Teatro Nacional de San Carlos, Lisbon.	undated
5	25	Photographic copies of inscribed cabinet photographs of notable associates: Isabelle de Bourbon, Luisa Tetrazzini and Ambroise Thomas	Originals: 1888-1921
5	26	Original photograph of Emma Albani and photographic copies of original photographs of others including Gounod, Verdi and Edwin Booth.	undated
5	27	Photographs of two lithographs of Adelina Patti and letter from Emma Nevada in London to Mme Patti.	circa 1905
5	28	Photographs of telegrams from the royal family answering Emma Nevada's condolences.	1901-1938
5	29	Photographic copies of original photographs of Mignon Nevada Palmer and one autographed postcard photogravure.	Originals: 1911, undated
5	30	Photographic copy and photocopy of letter from Emma Nevada in Paris to Mr. William Powell.	Original: 1929
5	31	Photographs of Bellini's quill pen and other objects of Emma Nevada's, most or all gifts from Mignon Nevada to Ruth Hermann. Photographic reproduction from Mignon of memorial picture of Emma.	undated
5	32	Photographs of portrait, Bellini Square statue (base with statue of Emma Nevada), other Naples sites, archival material. Letter from Mignon Nevada to her father from Bellini event in Sicily.	Letter: 1935
5	33	Audiotape cassette of address by Professor Boscale in Naples (in Italian). With correspondence between Victor Hermann and Mills Music Department	1966 & 2000
5	34	Material relating to the death of Raymond Palmer, including copies of condolences from Queen Mary to Mignon Nevada.	1936
5	35	Photographic copies of original photographs of Emma Nevada, from Mignon Nevada	Originals: 1901-1930s
5	36	Emma Nevada obituaries, and a 6-page MS biographical note by Mignon Nevada	1940

5	37	Photographs of the dedication of the Alpha and Omega landmarks plaque and of surroundings, with program and news clippings.	1958-1966
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Subseries 6: Research on Opera Houses

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	British Museum: London theaters. Notes, photocopies, color photographs and photographic copies of original photographs; with correspondence	undated
6	2	Museo Teatro alla Scala, Milan: La Scala, Bellini, Verdi, Patti, Pasta, and Nevada. Photographic copies of paintings, engravings and original photographs; with postcards	undated
6	3	Teatro della Pergola, Florence. Photographs by Alinari. Modern programs for the Pergola and for Teatro La Fenice, Venice.	undated
6	4	Teatro Pagliano, now Teatro Verdi, Florence. Photographs of engravings, modern photographs by the Hermanns. With notes in English and Italian, including from Nazione, 1882.	undated
6	5	Florence. Correspondence from Dabney C. Dauphine.	1969-1971
6	6	Florence. Photograph of Nevada's places of residence, Via Palestro and Albergo del Nord. With copies of letters from Hermann to Dabney Dauphine and Prof. Piero Aranguren.	Letters: 1970
6	7	Italy. Teatro Goldoni, Livorno; Teatro Verdi, Pisa; Carlo Felice Opera House, Genoa; with an unidentified residence. Photographs by Ruth Hermann.	undated
6	8	San Carlo, Naples. Modern photographs and postcards, modern program, correspondence with conservatory and notes taken there.	undated
6	9	Theatre de l'Opera, Paris. Modern photographs and postcards. Photographs of engraving and lithograph of L'Opera Comique.	Original circa 1883
6	10	Staatsoper, Vienna; La Salle Garnier, Monte Carlo; and Teatro Real, Madrid	undated

Subseries 7: News Clippings

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	1	<i>Daily Record Union</i> and <i>Daily Transcript</i> , Nevada City. Notes.	Originals: 1880-1881
7	2	<i>The Times of London</i> . Notes and photocopies.	Originals: 1880-1885
7	3	Wedding to Frank Percival and records of Percival family. Notes from <i>Daily Transcript</i> and registries with photocopies of wedding license.	Wedding 1883
7	4	<i>Freund's Weekly</i> . Photocopies of typescript copies on microfilm of two articles on Emma Nevada.	Originals: 1884
7	5	Clippings, notes and photocopies from newspapers and monograph of first U.S. tour	Originals: 1884-1885
7	6	The first U.S. tour. Nevada. Notes from various news sources.	Originals: 1884-1885
7	7	The first U.S. tour. Emma Nevada's blackmail charge against critic Frederick Schwab. <i>Daily Record-Union</i> . Notes.	Originals: 1885
7	8	"Days Gone By ... 80 Years Ago [1885]." Clippings	Reference: 1885
7	9	Wedding to Dr. Raymond Palmer. U.S. press. Photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1885

7	10	Birth of Mignon Nevada. Truth. Photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1886
7	11	Illness of Dr. Wixom and his death. Notes from California newspapers	Originals: 1885, 1888
7	12	New York Times. Notes.	Originals: 1884
7	13	<i>Daily Alta Californian</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	14	<i>Daily Alta Californian</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	15	<i>Daily Alta Californian</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	16	<i>Evening Bulletin</i> , San Francisco. Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	17	<i>Evening Bulletin</i> , San Francisco. Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	18	<i>Evening Bulletin</i> , San Francisco. Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	19	<i>Evening Bulletin</i> , San Francisco. Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	20	<i>Evening Bulletin</i> , San Francisco. Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	21	<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	22	<i>The San Francisco Chronicle</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
7	23	<i>Alta California</i> and <i>New York Times</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: 1885
8	1	<i>Daily Transcript</i> , Nevada City. Notes	Original: 1894
8	2	<i>The Argonaut</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1900
8	3	<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1900
8	4	<i>San Francisco Bulletin</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1900
8	5	Last U.S. tour. Notes and photocopies from domestic press	Originals: 1901-1902
8	6	<i>The Argonaut</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1902
8	7	<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1902
8	8	<i>San Francisco Bulletin</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1902
8	9	Article on Emma Nevada, <i>Sacramento Bee</i> . Photocopies of typescript on microfilm	Original: 1925
8	10	Article on Emma Nevada, <i>Grass Valley Union</i> . Photocopies of typescript on microfilm	Original: 1939
8	11	Obituaries for Emma Nevada. Photocopies of newspaper and typescript on microfilm	Originals: 1940
8	12	Articles on Emma Nevada, <i>Pony Express Courier</i> , Placerville. Notes and photocopies of microfilm. With list of later issues in her collection	Originals: 1939-1940
8	13	Emma Nevada articles, <i>Pony Express Courier</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1940
8	14	Emma Nevada articles, <i>Pony Express Courier</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1941
8	15	Emma Nevada articles, <i>Pony Express Courier</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1941
8	16	Emma Nevada articles, <i>Pony Express Courier</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1942-1948
8	17	Emma Nevada articles, <i>Pony Express</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm	Originals: 1949-1954
8	18	Emma Nevada articles, <i>Pony Express</i> . Notes and photocopies of microfilm and original of one issue.	Originals: 1957-1959
8	19	Emma Nevada articles, Nevada newspapers. Clippings	1960s
8	20	Article, "The Town that Laughed itself to Death" [Austin, Nevada], by Bob Young, from unknown periodical.	undated
8	21	List of newspaper holdings	undated

Subseries 8: Emma Nevada and other musician: reference materials

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	1	"Mme. Nevada," Queens of Song. Photocopy with notes and list of other divas.	Source: 1889
9	2	The Mapleson Memoirs. Photocopies	Original text: 1888
9	3	Adelina Patti. Photocopies and notes.	undated
9	4	Pablo Casals. With Casals correspondence.	Casals letters 1965
9	5	Emma Nevada and various musical figures.	undated
9	6	Emma Nevada. Photocopies of microfilm.	Originals: various
9	7	Newspaper references. Emma Nevada. Notes.	undated
9	8	Notes from the press pertaining to family and places, including published letter from Emma, excerpts from Dr. Wixom's journal, reminiscences of Sen. William Morris Stewart of Nevada.	Sources: 1934-1959
9	9	List of stage coach drivers	Ref. few dates
9	10	Austin, Nevada trip. Notes on Emma, Austin ephemera, postcard photo of Emma's piano and notes on and postcard photo of Piper's Opera House, Virginia City	1939-1965
9	11	Austin, Nevada trip. Newspaper and interview notes relating to Dr. Wixom and others	1865-1965
9	12	Austin, Nevada trip. Reference and interview notes, notes on records of Wixom property and information on Wixom reputations	1863-1964
9	13	Austin, Nevada trip. Notes on Austin and Eureka (boundaries, mining claims). Elvin Wixom's obituary.	Sources: various dates
9	14	Austin, Nevada trip. Notes on Washington and Alpha; news clippings, interview and newspaper notes	1902-1964
9	15	Austin, Nevada trip. Interviews.	1965
9	16	Austin, Nevada trip. Material on Eliza Prisk, a singing teacher of Emma. Notes from interviews; obituaries.	1902-1965

Subseries 9: Mignon Nevada

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	17	Mignon Nevada. Correspondence with Mignon Nevada (via others) and Margaret Haworth with photographs of both	1965-1971
9	18	Mignon Nevada. Hermann's first London visits. Annotated snapshots and interview notes.	1966
9	19	Mignon Nevada. Hermann's second London visit. Annotated snapshots	1969
9	20	Liverpool trip. Photographs of Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul, cemetery and Emma Nevada's grave marker erected by the Hermanns	1969
9	21	Mignon Nevada. Long Melford trip. Last visit. Photographs; snapshots and pamphlets of retirement home.	1971
9	22	Death of Mignon Nevada. Correspondence with Ann Le Beau, Pamela Forbes, and Barry Duncan together with a 1956 letter from Arthur Knight to Mignon Nevada.	1971
9	23	Mignon Nevada. Birth certificate; photographic copies of photographs of Mignon as a child; photocopies, clippings and notes; 6-page MS description of Mignon's wartime activities	1910-1933
9	24	Mignon Nevada. Correspondence: Dr. Jean Laborde; Opera Italiana, l'Opera Comique.	1934

Subseries 10: Ruth Hermann publications

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	25	Ruth Hermann. Publications. The Paiutes of Pyramid Lake. A Narrative concerning a Western Nevada Indian Tribe. San Jose: Harlan-Young Press	1972, 1973 printing