

Donor / Source : Fleming, Madeline

Collection: Morris Fleming Civil Defense Papers

Identity Statement:

Title: Morris Fleming civil defense papers, 1951-1983.

Physical description: 1.56 cubic ft. ; (2 boxes: 26 x 42 x 33 cm., 8 x 38 x 48 cm. and 1 folder of 20 photographs)



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Language of material: English

Finding Aids: Finding aid available in the Douglas County History Research Center and on the internet.

Received as Gift

Received date 10/22/1999

Archival History: Donated to the DCHRC by Madeline Fleming (Mr. Fleming's wife) and their daughter Barbara Fleming.

Scope and Content / Abstract:

Morris Fleming served as Douglas County Civil Defense Coordinator at the height of the Cold War from 1962 – 1968. Mr. Fleming and other Douglas County residents worked in the wake of the invasion of the Bay of Pigs in 1961, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of President Kennedy, the US's growing involvement in Vietnam, the Kent State Riots, and the nuclear test ban treaty between the US, Great Britain and the USSR. Douglas County tried to plan for the very real possibility of a nuclear attack on the area between the North American Air Defense Headquarters in Colorado Springs and the missile factories, air bases and nuclear testing facilities of Denver.

Through a series a weekly articles, pamphlets and other methods, Mr. Fleming tried to keep Douglas County prepared in the event of an emergency. The office of Civil Defense was most useful in handling local emergencies such as the flood of 1965 and the UFO hoax of 1968. Civil Defense also staged training sessions on testing for radiation, provided instructions for the construction of bomb shelters, ran training scenarios for local medical personnel, and maintained a network of local radio operators. Mr. Fleming did all this while continuing to operate his jewelry and watchmaking business in downtown Castle Rock. He collected newspaper articles about civil defense, the Kennedy Assassination, and a 1965 murder in Douglas County.

The collection contains training materials, pamphlets, planning calendars, newspaper articles, and other materials relating to the efforts of Douglas County, Colo., in regards to Civil Defense during the Cold War. Some articles of personal correspondence are also included in the collection, as well as the beginning of a manuscript on Mr. Fleming's experiences called "The Reluctant Giant." The original donated notebooks have been disassembled and their content organized alphabetically by subject. The original copies of full-page newspaper articles that Mr. Fleming collected, and that were originally bolted to a board, comprise box 2 of the collection. The articles by Morris Fleming pertaining to Douglas County civil defense have been photocopied and placed in box 1 of the collection under the heading "collected articles." There are also copies of some articles collected by Mr. Fleming on other subjects, including the JFK assassination. The collection also includes a set of 20 photographs documenting the mock emergency exercises that were scheduled on June 16, 1965, ironically on the same day as a flood taht caused significant destruction in Douglas County and areas north.

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Structure:

Accruals: 1995.005 - Barbara Fleming images.

System of Arrangement: Organized by subject, chronologically within subjects.

Context:

Dates of accumulation: 1951-1983

Administrative / Biographical history: 1962 – May 1. Morris Fleming is appointed Civil Defense Director. Experience and training includes WWII Military Service, Los Angeles Police Extension Civil Defense Training and an FCC Radio Telephone License.

1965 – June 16 Major flood in Douglas County. County Civil Defense ran a mock hospital simulation earlier in the day.

1968 - January 3 “UFO” sighting in Castle Rock. Turned out to be a hoax.

1968 - November – December Mr. Fleming was dismissed from his duties as Civil Defense Director.

Allied Materials:

Existence of copies:

Related units of description in this repository: Sue and Fred Meacham Papers (Flood)

Clippings Notebooks (Flood, Courthouse Fire, UFOs)

Microfilm (Newspaper Articles)

Subjects	Classification
Civil defense	Colorado
Emergency medical services	Douglas County (Colo.)
Floods	
Floods -- Colorado -- Castle Rock -- 1960-1970.	
Floods -- Colorado -- Douglas County -- 1960-1970.	
Floods -- Colorado -- East Plum Creek -- 1960-1970.	
Floods -- Colorado -- Plum Creek -- 1960-1970.	
Nuclear fallout	
Nuclear holocausts	
Nuclear war	
Nuclear weapons	
Disasters	
Fallout shelters	
Unidentified flying objects	

Search terms	People
1965 Flood Douglas County (Colo.).	Fleming, Morris (1912 - 1984)

Notes

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Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
1	01		1964	Billing for Federal Contributions to States – form
1	02		1960	Brief History of Arapahoe County, A
1	03	Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce	n.d. [1963-1975]	Castle Rock Brochures
1	04		1951-1967	Civil Defense Emergency & Disaster Preparedness
1	05		1963-1968	Civil Defense Correspondence and Ephemera
1	06	Department of Defense - Office of Civil Defense and others	1960-1966	Civil Defense – Fallout Shelters
1	07		n.d.	Civil Defense Liability Act, The
1	08		n.d.	Civil Defense Manuals Covers
1	09	Various	n.d.	Civil Defense Publications – Emergency Preparedness
1	10		1959-1968	Civil Defense – Radio Communications
1	11		1968-1969	Civil Defense Training Courses – Civil Defense USA
1	12		1963-1969	Civil Defense Training Courses

Description *Medical Self Help Training, Civil Defense Adult Education Course, Emergency Mass Feeding, Emergency Preparedness, University of Colorado, County Defense Boards*

1	13		1966	Civil Defense Training Courses – University of Colorado – Civil Defense Management
1	14	Morris Fleming	10 May 1962 – 27 December 1962	Collected Articles
1	15	Morris Fleming	3 January 1963-23 May 1963	Collected Articles
1	16	Morris Fleming	6 June 1963-19 December 1963	Collected Articles
1	17	Morris Fleming	2 January 1964-27 August 1964	Collected Articles
1	18	Morris Fleming	September 1964 – May 1965	Collected Articles
1	19	Morris Fleming	3 June 1965 – 16 December 1965	Collected Articles
1	20	Morris Fleming	2 June 1966 – 23 May 1968	Collected Articles
1	21	Morris Fleming	n.d.	Collected Articles - Jewelry Advertising
1	22	Morris Fleming	1968	Collected Articles - Castle Rock UFO
1	23		1951	Colorado Civil Defense Act of 1950
1	24		October 1966	Colorado Civil Defense Association Meeting
1	25		1978	Collected Articles - Courthouse Fire
1	26		April 1978	Denver Magazine (Civil Defense Article)
1	27	Douglas County	1968	Douglas County Basic Civil Defense Plan
1	28		n.d.	Douglas County Civil Defense – Nuclear Radiation Course
1	29		n.d.	Douglas County Civil Defense Agency – Stationary
1	30		1956	Fallout – “Living With Radiation” and Los Angeles County School Districts Radiological Monitoring CI
1	31	Department of Defense - Office of Civil Defense	1963-1979	Fallout – Technical Aspects of Fallout
1	32		1964-1968	Fleming, Morris – Civil Defense Agency Correspondence
1	33		1956	Fleming, Morris – Notes
1	35		1945, 1957-1971 and 1983	Fleming, Morris – Professional Correspondence
1	36		1965	Fleming, Morris – Timecards
1	37		17 June 1965-July 1967	Flood Items
1	38		n.d.	Flood Items
1	39		1933, 1973	Floods – Douglas County
1	40		1950	House Resolution 8396 Federal Assistance to States in Major Disasters
1	41		n.d.	Hatch Act
1	42		16 June 1965	Hospital Emergency Training
1	43		1982	Manuscripts – The Reluctant Giant
1	44		1965	Merit System Council
1	45		1964-1982	Newspaper Articles by Morris Fleming
1	46		n.d.	Newspaper Articles – Civil Defense and Local Denver Metro
1	47		n.d.	Newspaper Articles – General & Miscellaneous
1	48		May-Sept. 1965; April – July 1967; June 1968	Planning Calendars
1	49		1967	Radiological Monitoring Map
1	50		1966-1967	Vouchers – Budget Items

1	51	n.d.	Watchmaker – Jeweler Papers
2		1962-1968	Stack of Newspaper Articles,

Description *Stack of Newspaper Articles, formerly held on a board by two bolts. (Includes JFK Assassination Covers). 1962-1968.*