

Guide to the Fayle Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Fayle Family
Creator:	Fayle, Leonard, 1904-1983
Creator:	Fayle, Anna Louise Trapnell, 1908-1996
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Abstract:	The Fayle Family Papers (1895-1998) document the family's personal and business interests in Goodsprings, Nevada and Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection contains mining documents, business records, and photographs from Leonard Fayle's work with the Las Vegas Valley Water District, where he documented reservoirs, dams, and both abandoned and functioning mines. The photographs also include family members, vacations, and Southern Nevada fraternal organization pictures.

Preferred Citation

Fayle Family Papers, 1895-1998. MS-00404. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Note

The Fayle family's association with Southern Nevada began in 1904, when 23-year old George Arthur Fayle arrived at Goodsprings Junction with nine horses and two ore wagons. Born in Los Angeles, California in 1881 he had previously worked hauling ore near Barstow, California. In later interviews, George Fayle said he was drawn to Southern Nevada to take advantage of the region's mining boom. Fayle's uncle, Samuel E. Yount, operated a general merchandise store in Goodsprings, a small settlement seven miles from a new railroad junction.

Jean (Henderson) Fayle immigrated to California from Glasgow, Scotland with her parents when she was ten. She met George Fayle in Barstow, where her father worked as a commissary agent for the Santa Fe Railroad. The couple married in California and had two sons, Arthur and Leonard.

By the time the rest of the family arrived in Nevada a year later, George was operating a tent store with an underground storage area for perishable foods. Goodsprings Junction was soon renamed Jean, Nevada, after Jean Fayle, who was the first postmaster of the newly established post office. The couple also named their daughter Jean Nevada when she was born in 1908. Jean's mining business grew with the opening of a narrow gauge railroad, which transported ore from the Yellow Pine Mine to neighboring Goodsprings, Nevada for processing, and then to Jean, Nevada where the ore was transported elsewhere for smelting. In addition to operating the mercantile store, George and his uncle also handled business transactions between miners and smelters. In 1912, George purchased half of the interest in Yount's Goodsprings store. In 1915 Samuel Yount retired, and George took over the business and moved his family to Goodsprings. George soon pursued other ventures, most notably the construction of the Pioneer Saloon and Hotel Fayle. The hotel, which advertised hot and cold running water as well as steam heat, opened in 1916.

George was elected in 1912 to the Board of County Commissioners in Clark County and served until his death. He was also instrumental in the development of the Yellow Pine Mining District. George died in the influenza epidemic of 1918 at the age of thirty-seven. At the time of his death, his estate was valued at over \$175,000.

After George's death, Jean moved the family to Los Angeles, California. In 1928, she married former Las Vegas Police Chief and businessman O.C. Boggs. Throughout her life, Jean remained active in Las Vegas as a member of civic organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and the Order of the Eastern Star, as well as women's clubs like the Mesquite Club and the Hostess Club. She died in Las Vegas on January 9, 1950 at the age of 66.

George and Jean's son, Leonard Fayle, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1926. After completing his education, Leonard moved to Delano, California where he owned and operated a tire store for eleven years. It was while living in California that Leonard met his wife, Anna Trapnell. Anna was a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, and later received her master's degree in education from University of California, Berkeley. The couple married in 1932 and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada during World War II. In addition to being a mother of three, Anna taught high school in Las Vegas. Leonard bought the local Quality Bakery. He sold the business in 1951 and shifted his work toward managing various family properties.

Involvement in local civic and fraternal organizations was important to Leonard and Anna. Leonard was an active and lifelong member of Rotary International, the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, the Shriners of North America, the Royal Order of the Jesters, and the Masons. His ten years (1958-1968) of service as an employee and later chairman of the Las Vegas Valley Water District culminated in the opening of the Fayle Reservoir, named in his honor. In 1970 the University of Nevada, Las Vegas honored him as a "Distinguished Nevadan." Leonard died on July 27, 1983 at the age of 79.

Anna was also an active member of numerous Las Vegas service organizations. These included the Daughters of the Nile, Rotary Ann's, Junior League, Literacy Advocates, and the Mesquite Club. Anna Fayle died on October 30, 1996 at the age of 88.

Sources:

Sullivan, Jack. "George Fayle Saw Opportunity in the Nevada Desert." Accessed November 18, 2019. <http://pre-prowhiskeymen.blogspot.com/2019/02/george-fayle-saw-opportunity-in-nevada.html>

Weisner, Kathy. "Goodsprings, Nevada -- Still Kicking in the Desert Dust." Accessed November 18, 2019. <https://www.legendsofamerica.com/nv-goodsprings/>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Fayle Family Papers (1895-1998) contain correspondence, photographs, and business and legal documents concerning the family's life in Goodsprings and Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection concentrates on the family's mining, grocery, hotel, and bakery businesses, which includes materials such as quitclaim deeds, maps, site location studies, account ledgers, a hotel registry book, and stock documentation for personal and professional investments. The bulk of the collection consists of personal and business correspondence between family members, investors, banking officials, and lawyers. The photograph albums, scrapbooks, and slides mainly depict the Fayle family, their vacations, and involvement with fraternal organizations. A large portion of the photographic slides document Leonard Fayle's work with the Las Vegas Valley Water District, as well as Southern Nevada mining interests. The collection also documents Leonard Fayle and his wife Anna Trapnell's civic accomplishments in Southern Nevada.

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Arrangement

The materials are organized into three series:

Series I. Fayle Family, 1895-1991;

Series II. Business and Financial, 1908-1982;

Series III. Mining, 1902-1998.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1998 by Jane Louise Fayle Nordgren; accession number 1998-018.

Processing Note

Material was processed in 2004 and 2005 by Kate Wintrol. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Lee Hanover rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2019, Lauren Paljusaj revised the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials Note

The majority of photographs in this collection have been separated and placed in Fayle Family Photographs, 1888-1990. PH-00113. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Related Collections

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

Yount Family Papers, 1976. MS-00033. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Yount Papers, 1848-1976. MS-00032. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Fayle, Leonard. Interview, March 6, 1980. OH-00564. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

UNLV University Libraries Collection on Nevada Mining, 1842-1966. MS-00011. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Mineral industry -- Nevada -- Goodsprings
- Business enterprises -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Photographs
- Mining -- Nevada
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century
- Jean (Nev.)
- Goodsprings (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Fayle Family, 1895 to 1991

Physical Description: 7.13 Cubic Feet (11 boxes)

Physical Description: 5.96 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Fayle family series (1895-1991) is comprised of family correspondence, photographs, and files on family member's civic engagement and memberships within fraternal and maternal organizations. The bulk of the series contains files on the Rotary Club, Shriners Club, and photographic documentation of Leonard Fayle's work with the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Arrangement: The materials are roughly organized in alphabetical order by subject.

Title/Description	Containers
Correspondence, 1895-1991	box 01
Physical Description: 36 Files	box 02
Civic participation, merits, and memorabilia	
Bureau of Land Management: Las Vegas Advisory Council, 1982	box 03
Certificates of appointment and appreciation, 1949-1980	box 03
City of Las Vegas Regional Planning Commission, letter of appointment, 1951	box 03
Clark County Commission race, 1950	box 03
Clark County Republican Central Committee, 1976-1980	box 03
Democratic National Convention, delegate ticket, 1924	box 03
Distinguished Nevadan, 1970	box 03
Delano Masonic Lodge, history and correspondence, 1941-1976	box 03
Elks Lodge Las Vegas, membership application, undated	box 03
Ground Water Board, certificate of appointment, 1961-1965	box 03

History of Jean and Goodsprings, Nevada by Leonard Fayle, 1975	box 03
History of Goodsprings: newspaper articles, 1976-1981	box 03
Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas, roster, 1969	box 03
Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1964-1978 Physical Description: 7 Files	box 03
Las Vegas Masonic Lodge, 1982 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 03
League of Elected City and County Officials, undated	box 03
Nevada Citizens Committee, 1951-1954	box 03
Regional Planning Commission, newspaper articles and photo, undated	box 03
Selective Service, 1947-1971 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 03
Las Vegas Shriners Club, 1950-1982 Physical Description: 11 Files	box 04
Rotary Club of Henderson, programs, undated	box 04
Rotary Club of Las Vegas, 1929-1983 Physical Description: 33 Files	box 04 box 05
Rotary Club of Needles, California, banquet program, 1973	box 05
Rotary Club of Southwest Las Vegas, 1973-1983	box 05
Rotary International, 1915-1950 Physical Description: 11 Files	box 05 box 06
Royal Order of Jesters, Reno chapter and national organization materials, 1919-1983 Physical Description: 10 Files	box 06
Scottish Rite, 1951-1983 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 06
Western Shrine Association, 1980-1982 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 06
Civic and community organizations, 1949-1987 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 06
Daughters of the Nile, photographs, undated	box 06
Delano Joint Union High School, employment correspondence and contracts, 1930-1932	box 06
Junior League Activities, newspaper clippings, 1975-1985	box 06
Mesquite Club, 1961-1987	box 06

Trapnell family genealogy and research, undated	box 06
Newspaper articles on assorted topics, 1950-1984 Physical Description: 14 Files	box 06
University of Pennsylvania, alumni information, 1926	box 07
University of Pennsylvania, ephemera, 1925-1927	box 07
Harvard Military School, 1921 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 07
University of California, Los Angeles, correspondence and ephemera, 1928-1930	box 07
Anna and Leonard Fayle's wedding, ephemera, 1930-1932 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 07
Leonard Fayle, burial, 1941-1983 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 07
Greeting cards, pamphlets, and correspondence, 1983 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 07
Family photographs, 1920-1940 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 08
Fayle Family programs, 1926-1930	box 08
Las Vegas and Southern Nevada tourism and history, 1940-1983 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 08
Tour of Europe, study trip, 1959	box 08
Pins, buttons, name tags, and ephemera, undated	box 08
Fallout shelter license, 1974	box 08
Laundry bag, undated	box 08
Clark County newspapers: Goodsprings Gazette, Clark County Review, Las Vegas Age, and Las Vegas Review-Journal, 1916-1980	flat file 26
Genealogy records, diplomas, civic membership certificates, and a dance flier, 1918-1971	flat file 27
Photograph albums and slides	
Slides on Southern Nevada mining, water, and Fayle family life, 1906-1983 Physical Description: 16 Files	box 09
Diaries, journals, a rolodex, and calendars, 1940-1982 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 10 box 11
Photograph album, 1950-1983 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 12
Accounts and bond book, 1975-1983	

box 12

University of Pennsylvania scrapbook, 1920-1925

box 12

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Physical Description: 3.24 Cubic Feet (5 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.71 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The business and financial series (1908-1982) contains the family's business and financial records. The series centers on Leonard's files on the family's real estate properties within Boggs building, located in downtown Las Vegas, his Quality Bakery storefront, and family businesses, such as the Fayle Hotel (Goodsprings Hotel) and their grocery store. The series also contains financial documents, insurance policies, and stock in various companies.

Arrangement: The materials are roughly organized in alphabetical order by subject.

Title/Description	Containers
Contractor's license and correspondence, 1970-1982	box 13
Complaint, O. C. Boggs and B. F. Boggs vs. Anne Kramer, 1937	box 13
Correspondence, regarding contract 17205, 1943-1946	box 13
Grant and quit claim to Los Angeles properties, 1910-1930	box 13
Estate documents and Jane Frost Fayle Bogg's will, 1951-1952	box 13
Estate receipts, tax returns, and reports, 1918-1952	box 13
Physical Description: 5 Files	
Guarantee of title, 1919-1920	box 13
Guarantee policy, 1930	box 13
Assorted legal documents, 1918-1928	box 13
Assorted stock certificates and correspondence, 1920-1940	box 13
Office of Price Administration, 1941-1952	box 13
Ray Andruss settlement, 1920	box 13
Security savings credit certificate and letter, 1932	box 13
Amended trust agreement, 1972	box 13
Certificates of tax redemption, 1938-1939	box 13
County tax receipts, 1930-1941	box 13
Physical Description: 6 Files	
Journal, 1948	box 13
Assorted stock certificates, 1925-1942	box 14
Assorted deposits and paid checks, 1955	box 14

Arizona Hillside Development Company, 1967	box 14
Boggs building: rent agreements, contracts, building maintenance, financial statements, tax returns, and correspondence with JC Penney and Thrifty Drug, 1931-1973	box 14 box 15
Physical Description: 23 Files	
Bonanza road property: appraisals, lease, deeds, financial statements, and correspondence, 1946-1982	box 15
Physical Description: 5 Files	
Colorado River Exploration Company: stock journal, 1925-1933	box 15
Delano Tire Shop: profit and loss statements, 1929-1933	box 15
Downtown development plan, 1962	box 15
General business ledger: business unknown, 1926-1933	box 25 box 15
Goodsprings Hotel: registration book with photographs, 1916	box 25
Goodsprings Improvement Association: correspondence, 1975-1976	box 15
Huntridge subdivision: real estate documents, 1928-1953	box 15
Imperial Diversified Industries: reorganization agreement and correspondence, 1969-1976	box 15
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Natural Soda Products: correspondence and stock, 1908-1934	box 15
New York and Las Vegas Investment Company, 1929	box 15
Overton Syndicate: cash book and journal, 1932-1934	box 15
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Pioneer Heights: addition to the property, abstract of title, and quit claim deed, 1929-1954	box 16
Quality Bakery: WWII food rations, financial statements, inventory, invoices, mortgage, balance sheets, operating statement, and correspondence, 1941-1972	box 16
Physical Description: 14 Files	
Robbins legal suit, 1971-1979	box 16
T.E.R.M.I. Corporation, 1982	box 16
Vegas Valley Development Co. stock journal, 1926-1932	box 16
Physical Description: 2 Files	
First State Bank of Nevada accounts book, 1930-1931	box 17
Grocery store accounts book, 1911	box 17

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Mining, 1902 to 1998

Physical Description: 4.54 Cubic Feet (7 boxes)

Physical Description: 3.79 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The mining series (1902-1998) documents the family's mining interests and records. The series focuses on the family's involvement in Nevada mines, such as the Yellow Pine Mining Company, the Root Zinc Mining Company, and the Columbia, St. Anthony, and St. Patrick mines, which include surveys, field notes, patents, journals, ledgers, maps of the mining sites, and correspondence. The series also contains similar documents for various mines and potential mining sites, as well as the family's legal files.

Arrangement: The materials are roughly organized in alphabetical order by subject.

Title/Description	Containers
Armco Material Resources: promotional materials, invoices, and correspondence, 1980-1982 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 18
American Zinc Institute, ephemera, 1918	box 18
Blue Buzzard Mine: location notices, suspension notices, labor reports, tax receipts, and correspondence, 1917-1983 Physical Description: 6 Files	box 18
Bon Air Mine: claim and labor reports, 1977-1989 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 18
Buffalo and Idaho mines: indentures, 1917	box 18
Bullion Mine: certificate of location and grant deed, 1911-1916	box 18
Christmas Consolidated Mines Company: articles of incorporation, stocks, and contracts, 1915-1919	box 18
Columbia Mine: geological maps and assay certificates, 1974-1981 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 18
Columbia, St. Anthony, and St. Patrick mines: mine leases, patents, writ of attachment, affidavits of labor, field notes, survey, certificates of approval, location maps, correspondence, 1920-1982 Physical Description: 9 Files	box 18
Copper Peak Group: proof of labor, location notices, and correspondence, 1924-1981 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 18
Creststone Mine: photographic slides, receipts, assessment work notice, deed to mining claim, field notes, site map, notice of abandonment, and correspondence, 1932-1982 Physical Description: 8 Files	box 18
Frederickson and Dividend mines: location notices, inventory, and tax receipts, 1902-1955 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 19
Frederickson Mine: proof of labor, 1932	box 19

Full Dinner Pail and Badger mines: indenture, 1917	box 19
Geological survey: ore deposits of Goodsprings quadrangle, undated	box 19
Goodsprings Dividend Mining Company: bankbook, share holds, company stock book, company journal, lease, correspondence, and Frederickson and Dividend mine claims and patent, 1914-1981 Physical Description: 8 Files	box 19
Jubilee Mine: indenture and notice of intention, 1917	box 19
Iron Horse Mine: proof of labor and correspondence, 1979-1981 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 19
Lavina Gold Mines Co.: stock certificates and correspondence, 1969-1981 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 19
Lucky Jew Mine: account papers, 1952	box 19
Lucky 7 Mining Company: mine lease and correspondence, 1973-1982 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 19
Mineral inventory: silica sand resources and map, 1954-1971	box 19
Mining correspondence, 1979	box 19
Assorted mine deeds, 1920	box 19
Employers quarterly tax returns for household employees, 1976-1983	box 20
Financial statements, 1930-1967	box 20
Individual income tax returns, 1941-1977 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 20
Assorted mining correspondence, receipts, stock certificates, patent surveys, and photographs, 1903-1983 Physical Description: 7 Files	box 21
Mongolian Group: maps, notice of non-lien and ore receipts, proof of labor, tax receipts, and correspondence, 1924-1980 Physical Description: 6 Files	box 21
Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology: mining claim procedures, 1987	box 21
Nevada Mining Association: agenda and correspondence, 1979	box 21
Nevada Mining Council: articles of incorporation, constitution, and bylaws, 1979	box 21
New Calamine Mine: assessment work notice, 1985	box 21
Newspaper article: Goodsprings Gazette, 1916 December 30	box 21
Newspaper forfeiture notices, 1974	box 21
Oldenburg Group: certificate of location, notice of location, and proof of labor, 1905-1916	box 21
Ore receipts, 1914-1918	box 21

Pilgrim Mine: underground plan, undated	box 21
Prairie Flower Mining Company: company records, 1970-1976	box 21
Root Hill Mining Company: company records, 1970-1982 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 21
Root Zinc Mining Company: company records, shareholders, leases, financial statements, receipts, bank book and checks, and correspondence, 1918-1986 Physical Description: 10 Files	box 21 box 22
St. Anthony Mine: work notices, proof of labor, mine assessment, quartz claim, mineral reports, patent papers, photographs, and foreclosure notice, 1915-1991 Physical Description: 6 Files	box 22
San Bernardino County Mines: location notices and mining deeds, 1917-1920 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 22
San Francisco Mining District: stock receipts and maps, 1916	box 22
Silver Bell Mine: correspondence and mining deeds, 1917	box 22
Silver Chalice mining claim: lease and option agreement, 1949	box 22
Swansea Mine: assorted work notices, spectrographic report, photographic slides, and correspondence, 1981-1987 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 22
Techatticup Mine: property appraisal, undated	box 22
Viola Consolidated: plat maps, 1914	box 22
Westinghouse Electric: receipts, 1923	box 23
Yellow Pine Mining Company: company journals, ledgers, leases, ore concert, wiring diagrams, certificates of location, indentures, legal drafts, deeds, notices of intention, proof of labor, assessments, bill of sale, and correspondence, 1906-1980 Physical Description: 16 Files	box 23
Quick interest calculator, undated	box 23
Legal files, 1924-1998 Physical Description: 12 Files	box 23 box 24
List of the Yellow Pine Mining Company's holdings at Goodsprings, Nevada, showing all buildings and operations, 1929 January 28	flat file 28

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