Revere (Lawrence) Papers

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Summary Information


Creator: Revere, Lawrence

Title: Lawrence Revere Papers

ID: MS-00064

Date [inclusive]: 1965-1970

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet 7 folders (shared box)

Language of the Material: English

Abstract: The Lawrence Revere Papers primarily consist of correspondence between Lawrence Revere and the developers of blackjack betting systems dating from 1965 to 1970. The collection includes information about blackjack gambling systems, correspondence with gambling experts, and press material regarding the publication of Revere's book Playing Blackjack as a Business.

Preferred Citation


Biographical Note

Lawrence Revere, born Griffith K. Owens, was a former casino pit-boss and the "Master of Blackjack." He is most famous for the co-development of several blackjack systems and for writing Playing Blackjack as a Business in 1969. During the 1960s and 1970s, Revere, also known as Leonard "Specs" Parsons and Paul Mann, was considered a blackjack expert. After his career ended, he retired to teach blackjack and gambling. Revere died April 23, 1977 after a bout with lung and liver cancer.

Sources:


**Scope and Contents Note**

The Lawrence Revere Papers are comprised of resources related to the creation and publication of Lawrence Revere's book, Playing Blackjack as a Business. The collection includes Revere's correspondence with other gamblers and developers of blackjack betting systems, including Allan N. Wilson, Louis G. Halloway, Julian H. Bruan, Edward O. Thorpe, and John Reppert, between 1965 and 1970. Furthermore, the collection includes public announcements regarding the publication of the book along with graphs and charts from the book.

**Arrangement**

Collection is arranged chronologically.

**Administrative Information**

**Publication Statement**

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Controlled Access Headings

- Blackjack (Game)
- Gambling -- Nevada
- Gambling systems
- Revere, Lawrence

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