Down (James H. Sr.) Scrapbook Collection

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Summary Information

Creator: Lawrence, Dorothy Down
Title: James H. Down, Sr. Scrapbook Collection
ID: MS-00236
Date [inclusive]: 1933-1979
Physical Description: 1.3 Linear Feet 1 box
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The James H. Down, Sr. Scrapbook Collection (1933-1979) contains two scrapbooks about James H. Down, Sr. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings and political advertisements about his political and civic involvement in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

James H. Down Sr. Scrapbooks Collection, 1933-1979. MS-00236. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

Biographical Note

James H. Down, Sr. (1877-1946) was born in Michigan on September 20, 1877. After the death of both of his parents, he was adopted by Walter A. Down. In 1907, James H. Down married his first wife, Rogena Mahar. They moved to Nevada in 1916 and settled in Goodsprings, Nevada where he worked for George A. Fayle. In 1923, Down relocated to Las Vegas and operated a garage. He opened a Studebaker automobile dealership at the corner of Main and Carson Streets in downtown Las Vegas. In Las Vegas, James H. Down, Sr. was active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and a founding member of the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club. He served as president of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce in 1932 and remained actively involved with the Chamber until his death. He sought political office in Las Vegas several times, running for Las Vegas mayor, Las Vegas City Commission, and Clark County Commission. Voters elected him for one term to the Las Vegas City Commission in 1933 and to the Clark County Commission in 1942. James H. Down, Sr. died from a heart attack in 1946. His son, James H. Down,
Jr., was a member of the Las Vegas Housing Authority and also served as president of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce in 1948.

Scope and Contents Note

The James H. Down, Sr. Scrapbook Collection (1933-1979) contains two scrapbooks about James H. Down, Sr. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings and political advertisements about his political and civic involvement in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

The finding aid was revised and enhanced by Angela Moor to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. August 2015
Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1979 by Dorothy Down Lawrence; accession number 79-209.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Angela Moor revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

Related Materials

Separated Materials

The photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in James Down Photographs. PH-00015. Special Collections, 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:


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### Controlled Access Headings

- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Politicians--Nevada--Las Vegas--Biography
- Lawrence, Dorothy Down
- Down, James H., Sr.

### Collection Inventory

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<td>Scrapbook: James Henry Down, Sr., Public Service Record, Las Vegas and Clark County, Nevada. Project and materials by: Dorothy Down Lawrence, daughter of James H. Down, Sr. Contains newspaper clippings and political advertisements for James H. Down, Sr., 1933-1946</td>
<td>Box 01</td>
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<td>Scrapbook: James Henry Down, Sr., Pioneer Southern Nevadan. Contains family history of Down family; copies of photographs from the James H. Down Photograph Collection; newspaper clippings, 1946-1979</td>
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