

## **Guide to the Charles P. and Delphine Squires Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Squires, Charles P. (Charles Pember)
<b>Title:</b>	Charles P. and Delphine Squires Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00009
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1882-1964
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1905-1964
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.84 Cubic Feet (4 boxes and one flat file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.67 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Charles P. and Delphine Squires Papers from 1882 to 1964, with bulk dates from 1905 to 1964, contain book and short story manuscripts, articles, press releases, newspaper clippings, and radio scripts written by Squires and his wife, all relating to their early life in Las Vegas. Also included are report cards, certificates, Parent Teacher Association material, Mesquite Club records and church activity materials.

### Preferred Citation

Charles P. and Delphine Squires Papers, 1882-1964. MS-00009, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Charles Pember "Pop" Squires (1865-1958) came to Las Vegas in 1905, and quickly established himself as a community leader and prominent businessman. He is best known as the publisher of the *Las Vegas Age* newspaper, which he edited for almost forty years.

Born in Wisconsin, Charles Squires lived in Los Angeles for many years, where he was active in real estate. He married Delphine Anderson (1868-1961) on July 21, 1889. The Squires moved to Las Vegas in 1905, and Charles acquired hotel, banking, lumber, and utility interests before purchasing the *Las Vegas Age* newspaper in 1908. The *Age* provided him a forum to become influential both in Las Vegas and the state of Nevada.

Active in the Republican Party, Squires received several appointments to government posts; the most distinguished was membership in the Nevada delegation to the Colorado River Commission. He was a founding member of the Nevada State Press Association, and wrote numerous historical articles. His community activities included serving as the director of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Master of the local Masonic Lodge, member of the Las Vegas Rotary Club, and the Elks Lodge. He and Delphine wrote many historical articles together, including a history of Las Vegas.

Delphine Squires was an early member of the California Congress of Mothers (CCM), a forerunner of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and she established a branch of the CCM in Las Vegas in 1907. In addition, she was a founding member of the Christ Church Episcopal, she was active in the Federated Women's Club, Eastern Star, and Mesquite Club, and helped to found the Las Vegas Library.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The papers contain the family history of Las Vegas, Nevada pioneers Charles "Pop" Squires, owner and editor of the *Las Vegas Age* and member of the Colorado River Commission (CRC), and his wife, Delphine, who helped found Christ Church Episcopal and the Mesquite Club. The papers date from 1882 to 1964 with the bulk of the material from 1905 to 1964 and include miscellaneous items relating to early life in Las Vegas, book and short story manuscripts, articles, press releases and radio scripts written by Squires and his wife, and correspondence, including some from President Herbert Hoover. Also included are report cards, certificates, and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) materials, Mesquite Club records, and church activity material.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remains in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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## Acquisition Note

Papers were donated in 1985 by the Southern Nevada Historical Society; accession number T2 (MS9).

## Processing Note

Collection was processed in 1995 by Marie Imus. In 2017 Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the Squires Family Photographs, 1905-1964. PH-00002. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Publishers and publishing--Nevada--Las Vegas--Biography
- Businessmen--Nevada--Las Vegas--Biography
- Politicians--Nevada--Las Vegas--Biography
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.) -- Design and construction
- Men--Nevada--Las Vegas--Societies and clubs
- Women -- Societies and clubs -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Social life and customs
- Photographs
- Squires, Delphine Anderson
- Squires Family

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Civic interests, 1903-1956		
Consolidated Power and Telephone Co., correspondence regarding formation and dissolution of company in Las Vegas, 1905-1907 and 1954	box 1	folder 1
Las Vegas Real Estate and Property Deeds, including the Las Vegas Improvement Company, and Las Vegas Trading Company, 1905-1911	box 1	folder 2
Lincoln County Division Club, miscellaneous papers, petition to Governor, 1907-1911	box 1	folder 3
Petition to incorporate the City of Las Vegas, draft, 1910-1911	box 1	folder 4
Republican State Central Committee bylaws, constitution, minutes, letters, 1916-1956	box 1	folder 5
Miscellaneous Las Vegas and Boulder Dam material, 1914-1947	box 1	folder 6
Colorado River Commission and Colorado River Compact, 1923-1931	box 1	folder 7
Swing-Johnson Bill (a.k.a. Bolder Canyon Project Act) drafts, 1928	box 1	folder 8
Boulder Canyon Project, power generation, 1929-1935	box 1	folder 9
Boulder Canyon Project, speeches and publications, 1920-1930	box 1	folder 10
Nevada Industrial Commission, 1934	box 1	folder 11
"Teddy's Terrors," correspondence, unpublished history, 1903-1956	box 1	folder 12
Nevada Press Association, correspondence, news releases, 1952	box 1	folder 13
"Squires' Park," including a typescript history, 1955	box 1	folder 14
Charleston Park development, correspondence, 1927-1931	box 1	folder 15
LADD Hotel register, undated	box 1	folder 16
Manuscripts, 1920-1958		
Miscellaneous manuscripts (drafts, radio scripts, biography, press releases, some by Delphine), 1920-1950	box 2	folder 1
Miscellaneous manuscripts (drafts, radio scripts, short stories, "The Empty Sleeve," "History of the Las Vegas Elks Lodge," "Vegas Ikey," writings by Delphine Squires), 1920-1958	box 2	folder 2
Miscellaneous manuscripts (incomplete), 1920-1950	box 2	folder 3
Radio scripts, including Las Vegas history, 1940-1942	box 2	folder 4
Manuscript, "History of the Mormon colony at Las Vegas," typescripts, 180 leaves, undated	box 2	folder 5

Manuscript, "Las Vegas, Nevada: It's Romance and History," typescript, pp. 1-214, undated	box 2	folder 6
Manuscript, "Las Vegas, Nevada: Its Romance and History," typescript, pp. 215-427 and index, undated	box 2	folder 7
Nevada history newspaper articles written by Delphine Squires, undated	box 2	folder 8
Correspondence, 1893-1960		
Correspondence, 1910-1923	box 3	folder 1
Correspondence, 1924-1925	box 3	folder 2
Correspondence, 1926	box 3	folder 3
Correspondence, 1927	box 3	folder 4
Correspondence, 1928	box 3	folder 5
Correspondence, 1929	box 3	folder 6
Correspondence, 1930-1935	box 3	folder 7
Correspondence, 1936-1939	box 3	folder 8
Correspondence, 1940-1950	box 3	folder 9
Correspondence, 1950-1960	box 3	folder 10
Correspondence: Herbert Hoover, 1922-1958	box 3	folder 11
Correspondence: Delphine A. Squires, 1893-1951	box 3	folder 12
Correspondence: letter (facsimile), 1787	box 3	folder 13
Correspondence, undated	box 3	folder 14
Family papers, 1882-1951		
Letters of recommendation for Charles Squires, 1887, 1894	box 4	folder 1
School records, Charles Squires, 1882-1894	box 4	folder 2
Family papers, Delphine Squires, 1891-1956	box 4	folder 3
Cards, programs, brochures, etc., 1907-1963	box 4	folder 4
School records, Squires children, 1910, 1920-1921	box 4	folder 5
Certificates and mementos, 1912-1960	box 4	folder 6
Women's Club and Parent Teacher Association programs, 1916 and 1964	box 4	folder 7
Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1917-1964	box 4	folder 8
National Congress of Mother and Child Study Circles, account ledger, 1928	box 4	folder 9
Christ Church, Episcopal, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1936-1938, 1964	box 4	folder 10
Anniversaries, 1939, 1949	box 4	folder 11
Anniversary Guest Book, 1939, 1949	box 4	folder 12

Miscellaneous accounting lists and adverting fees, 1946	box 4	folder 13
Social Security documents, 1951	box 4	folder 14
Small album of family photographs, undated	box 4	
Three Certificates of Appointment of Charles Squires, 1912-1916	flat file 5	
High School Diploma of Della "Delphine" Anderson Squires, 1886	flat file 5	