

Guide to the UNLV Libraries Collection of Gaming Artifacts and Ephemera

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Libraries. Special Collections and Archives
Title:	UNLV Libraries Collection of Gaming Artifacts and Ephemera
ID:	MS-00110
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1863 to 2012
Date [bulk]:	approximately 1960 to 1980
Physical Description:	11.78 Cubic Feet (6 boxes, 3 oversized boxes, 1 flat file, and 3 unboxed items)
Physical Description:	24.79 Linear Feet
Abstract:	The UNLV Libraries Collection of Gaming Artifacts and Ephemera (approximately 1863-2012) is comprised of Las Vegas, Nevada casino gaming artifacts; games such as Pai Gow, Las Vegas themed board games, Piquet, and punchboards; and ephemera items about gaming. The collection contains postcards and newspaper clippings advertising for casinos in Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, the Bahamas, France, and California. The collection also contains information on gaming legislation in Europe and the United States, writings on gambling systems, gaming tickets, and various pamphlets on how to play different games such as roulette and baccarat, as well as several decks of souvenir playing cards, dice, and buttons.

Preferred Citation

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were periodically collected by the University Libraries Special Collections and Archives; accession numbers 1025, 75-324, 79-170. In 2014, Hunt & Co. ephemera purchased from Potter & Potter was added.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, John Grygo revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2020, Christen Tranate rehoused the collection, added material, and revised the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- Gambling
- Memorabilia
- Ephemera
- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Casinos -- Nevada -- Las Vegas

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and gaming tickets from casinos in De Nice, France, undated Language of the Material: English.	box 13
<i>First entry into the National Preparatory School</i> booklet; <i>Admission to Professional Schools</i> booklet; <i>Casinos in Austria</i> pamphlet; <i>Instructions on Games</i> booklet; "World travel at the expense of casinos" postcard addressed to University of Nevada, Special Collections; <i>New Offers</i> booklet; roulette system booklet; advertisements from Resorts International and "The Very Respectful Address" card with room rates for the Hotel Ritz in Madrid, Spain, 1970 to 1993 Language of the Material: Materials are in Spanish and German.	box 13
Various pamphlets about games, gambling and Las Vegas, Nevada, coupon book, keno card with coupon, Las Vegas motel brochures, Local 711 Union of Gaming and Affiliated Casino Employees of America business card, approximately 1969 to 1975 Language of the Material: English.	box 13
Pamphlets about slot machines, undated Language of the Material: English.	box 13
Various pamphlets, brochures, articles, and notes about gaming systems; roulette system cards from Harold's Club in Reno, Nevada and Hotel Fremont in Las Vegas, Nevada; bibliography and gambling quiz from York University; bibliography of recommended gambling books, approximately 1948 to 1975 Language of the Material: English.	box 13
Gaming legislation: newspaper articles about gambling legislation in England and a report on Statutory Instruments, London, England; state of Illinois tax forms; copy of a Massachusetts Act on raffles and bazaars; congressional record of 92th Congress, first session; report on New York State lottery and a report on New York city police brutality; memorandum of First International Conference on Gambling; dictionary of police terms used in Knapp Commission hearings; a photocopy of article of "Casino sued by attorney," and a copy of <i>The Sportsman Magazine</i> , 1950 to 1971	box 13

Language of the Material: English.

Paradise Island Resort Nassau, Bahamas: pamphlets, advertisements, and General Manager Eddie Cellini's business card; <i>Paradise Island News</i> newspaper and opening night invitation, approximately 1968 to 1979	box 13
Language of the Material: English.	
El Casino and Monte Carlo Casino Freeport, Grand Bahama Island: fliers, brochures, souvenir gaming guide, and fifth Anniversary Party invitation, approximately 1970 to 1979	box 13
Language of the Material: English.	
Promotional events: invitations to attend various events at Lucayan Beach Hotel Freeport, Grand Bahamas; Curacao Hilton Hotel Curacao, Netherlands Antilles; and the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada; fliers for trips to St. Maarten Isle Hotel Netherlands Antilles; and San Jeronimo Hilton sales representative Frank Farrell's business card, approximately 1966 to 1975	box 13
Language of the Material: English.	
Table advertisement for Coors beer, undated	box 13
Language of the Material: English.	
Testimonials of Lamb's Henny Game Fowls from the Detroit Bird Store, Shester A. Lamb proprietor, 1898 to 1900	box 13
Language of the Material: English.	
Sweepstakes and Jai Alia tickets; sweepstakes tickets from Cambridgeshire, England, New York, New York; and Dublin, Ireland; Jai Alia tickets and program from Fronton, Mexico, approximately 1964 to 1975	box 13
Language of the Material: English.	
Gaming artifacts	
California Hotel Casino nickel slot sign, approximately 1970 to 1979	oversized box 07
The Franklin Mint: The Official Gaming Coins of the World's Great Casinos, 1985 August 15	box 03
Megabucks sign, approximately 1980 to 1989	oversized box 07
Harvey's Wagon Wheel slot machine sign, approximately 1944 to 1980	oversized box 07
James A. Woods dice, approximately 1863 to 1869	box 01
Poker chips, approximately 1999 to 2012	box 01
Pioneer Club cocktail glass and drink coasters, approximately 1950 to 1980	box 03
Match-Pak coupons, 1943	box 04
Fitzgerald Casino black jack table, approximately 1987 to 2012	no_container_00
Tropicana Casino craps table, approximately 1957 to 2000	no_container_00
Punch boards, approximately 1890 to 1940	box 01

Waltling Brownie slot machine, approximately 1923 Language of the Material: English.	no_container_00
Miniature wooden roulette box, approximately 1920 Language of the Material: English.	box 03
Annabelle's Casino coaster, approximately 1960 to 1980	box 03
Holland's Casino miniature pamphlet, approximately 1995 Language of the Material: English.	box 01
Bud Jones Company dice, approximately 1980 Language of the Material: English.	box 06
Comedy gambling posters by Gary Patterson, approximately 1980 Physical Description: 5 Items Language of the Material: English.	flat file 09
<i>Fortune Teller Bishop and Company</i> print, approximately 1867 March	flat file 09
<i>Puck Magazine</i> clipping, approximately 1930 to 1970 Language of the Material: English.	flat file 09
<i>Harper's Weekly</i> newspaper, 1871 July 10 Language of the Material: English.	flat file 09
Postcards, business cards, advertisements, and coupons for various casinos in Nevada, California, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas, approximately 1970 to 1990 Language of the Material: English.	box 02
Desert Inn carving dice display, approximately 1950 to 1970 Language of the Material: English.	box 03
Denver and Rio Grande Western and Western Pacific Railways souvenir playing cards, actors of silent movies souvenir playing cards, and Buffalo and Niagara Falls souvenir playing cards, approximately 1906 to 1940 Physical Description: 3 Items Language of the Material: English.	box 13
Metal and plastic dice sets, undated Physical Description: 2 Items Language of the Material: English.	box 13
Tourism Works for Las Vegas. I've Been on Easy Street: buttons, undated Physical Description: 2 Items Language of the Material: English.	box 13
Twenty dollar roll from the Golden Goose, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated Language of the Material: English.	box 13
Games	
Pow Gai game, 1965	box 06

High Stakes: board game by Hasbros, 1974	oversized box 08
The Original Game of Las Vegas: board game, 1973 Physical Description: 2 Items	oversized box 05
Piquet game with velvet box, 1896	box 06
Poker throw dice and slot throw dice cards, 1949	box 01