

Guide to the H. E. and Ruth Hazard Political Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Contributor:	Hazard, Ruth Evaline
Creator:	Hazard, H. E. (Harry Edward)
Title:	H. E. and Ruth Hazard Political Papers
ID:	MS-00135
Date [inclusive]:	1937-1977
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The H.E. and Ruth Hazard Political Papers (1937-1977) consist of papers and memorabilia related to Nevada and national Democratic politics. It includes materials about the Nevada legislature; clippings and information about the Nevada Tax Commission; political memorabilia including invitations and programs related to the presidential inaugurations of Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter; documents about the purchase of Basic Magnesium Inc. by the state of Nevada; and newspaper clippings.

Preferred Citation

H. E. and Ruth Hazard Political Papers, 1937-1977. MS-00135. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Harry Edward "Hap" Hazard (1893-1971) served two terms in the Nevada State Assembly, served as chairman of the Clark County Democratic Party, and operated a real estate business. Hazard was a member of the Ninth Infantry in World War I. He moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1931 and held leadership positions in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He became very active in the Clark County Democratic Party. In the 1930s, Hazard was appointed to the Nevada Tax Commission, first in the liquor tax division and then in the gasoline tax division. He served in the 1939 and 1947 sessions of the Nevada Assembly and in 1947 was elected Speaker of the Assembly. He also held positions on the State Council of Defense, the State Boxing Commission, and the Clark County Housing Authority. Following Hazard's legislative service, he went into the real estate business. He operated a partnership with former Las Vegas

mayor, Charles Duncan Baker. Hazard passed away in 1971 after a long illness. His wife, Ruth E. Hazard (1907-1997) was active in the Mesquite Club. She passed away in 1997.

Sources:

"Harry Hazard," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. October 24, 1971.

"Ruth E. Hazard," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. April 25, 1997.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1977 by Ruth E. Hazard; accession number T-22.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff in 1977. 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. In 2017 Joyce Moore completed the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Hazard, Ruth. Interview, 1975 March 08. OH-00821. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hazard, Ruth. Interview, 1977 March 27. OH-00823. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hazard, Ruth. Interview, 1981 March 10. OH-00822. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Separated Materials

The photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the H. E. "Hap" Hazard Photograph Collection 1940-1969. PH-00031. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Politicians
- Nevada -- Politics and government
- Memorabilia

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Handbooks of Nevada Legislature; poster of acting and elected Governors of Nevada, 1937-1975	box 01
Correspondence, 1939-1968	box 01
<p>Scope and Contents Note: Letter from Howard Keele, Nevada Federation of Labor; from Nevada Veterans of Foreign Wars; from Governor E.P. Carville appointing H. E. Hazard to the Council of Defense of Nevada; letter of recommendation from Wayne McLeod, Surveyor General of Nevada; letter of recommendation from J. G. Allard, Secretary, Nevada Tax Commission; from E. P. Carville; letter of recommendation from E. P. Carville, governor of Nevada; letter of appointment as Inspector of the Nevada Tax Commission; letter of resignation to Governor Pittman as Inspector of Nevada Tax Commission; from the Legislative Counsel Bureau requesting a biography; letter from Governor Alan Bible; letter from Peyton Ford; letter from William Walker resigning as Director of Planning of the Regional Planning Commission of Clark County, Nevada; letter from Clark County Clerk about the dissolution of the Regional Planning Commission; letter from Judge David Zenoff; correspondence to Mrs. Hazard about book, The Newspapering Murrays; two letters from Senator Alan Bible.</p>	
Documentations, Withdrawals, undated	box 01
Letter from Nevada Day Executive Committee inviting H. E. Hazard to Nevada Day celebration, 1948	box 01
Facts about the University of Nevada; Why the University of Nevada needs additional state support, 1947	box 01
Excerpts from a report submitted to the Nevada chapter of the American Association of University Professors by its committee on salaries, undated	box 01
Invitations and programs, undated	box 01
<p>Scope and Contents Note: Inauguration of Jimmy Carter; program to Jimmy Carter inauguration with note from Senator Howard Cannon; inauguration of Lyndon Johnson; Anti-Defamation League dinner in honor of Harry S. Truman; invitation to hear President John F. Kennedy speak at the Las Vegas Convention Center; list of personnel of the Nevada legislature; inaugural ball honoring Mike O'Callaghan; invitation and ticket to Senator Howard Cannon appreciation dinner; program to inaugural reception and ball for Vail Pittman; program to inaugural reception and ball for E. P. Carville.</p>	
The West Side Roosevelt for President Club, 1944 August 21	box 01
War Ration books; application for home canning sugar allowance, 1944-1945	box 01
Letter from J. G. Allard about Virginia and Truckee Railroad; Basic Magnesium button; telegram from H.E. Hazard to Senator McCarran about his work in saving Basic Magnesium, Incorporated (BMI); letter from Senator McCarran about BMI; McCarran statement on purchase of BMI; report on inspection of BMI, 1948	box 01
Study of assessed valuations by Nevada Taxpayers Association; The Nevada Tax Review, 1947	box 01

Hon. Berkely L. Bunker Speech, "Best Medical Care of Wounded War Veterans a Responsibility of Congress", 1945	box 01
Hon. Edward P. Carville Speech, "Protection and Development of the Mining Industry"; Senate Resolution 171, 1945	box 01
Stamps: First Day Covers, Some Nevada, 1959-1968	box 01
Ephemera: dedication of James H. Down Towers; C.D. Baker business card; H.E. Hazard business card; advertisement for T.M. Carroll, the Pioneer Realtor; family day pass to Nuclear Rocket Development Station, Jackass Flats, Nevada, 1963-1972	box 01
Certificates, 1941-1944	box 01
Application for State Gambling License (blank form) Nevada, undated	box 01
Publications, 1948-1977	box 01
<p>Scope and Contents Note: American Legion convention program; Nevada official emblems and facts paper; Nevada Democrat newsletter; Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce News and Views; Official Inaugural program for Lyndon Johnson; A look at the record, Nevada Legislature; State of Nevada Insurance companies; First National Bank collection of Carson City mint coins brochure; Nevada roster of real estate executives and real estate salesmen; Dedication and open house of Marble Manor public housing project; first annual Las Vegas national horse show; Rules and regulations of the State Land Office, Nevada.</p>	
Political memorabilia: John F. Kennedy pennant flag; acceptance address of Franklin D. Roosevelt to Democratic National Conventions; National conventions booklet; Berkley L. Bunker, US Senator; 1960 National Convention and Election Handbook; advertisement to re-elect Walter Baring, 1940-1962	box 01
Newspaper clippings, 1947-1976	box 01
Newspaper clippings, 1931-1946	box 01