

Guide to the Charles Duncan (C. D.) Baker Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Baker, C. D. (Charles Duncan)
Title:	Charles Duncan (C. D.) Baker Papers
ID:	MS-00141
Date [inclusive]:	1951-1972
Physical Description:	1.8 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Charles Duncan (C.D.) Baker Papers (1951-1972) consist of clippings, correspondence, and political brochures related to the life and career of Las Vegas, Nevada Mayor Charles Duncan (C.D.) Baker. The collection also contains several scrapbooks of clippings and a mayoral plaque of appreciation from the City of Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Educator, engineer, and politician Charles Duncan (C.D.) Baker was born in 1901 in Terra Haute, Indiana and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1922 as a high school mathematics teacher. After taking a year off to survey and map the Alaska coast, he returned to Las Vegas and started his own engineering company. During the Great Depression, Baker began to take an interest in Democratic politics and worked closely with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the Works Progress Administration (WPA), both New Deal programs. Baker joined the United States Army Corps of Engineers during World War Two. In 1946 Baker was elected as a Nevada State Senator and served until 1951, when he successfully ran for Mayor of Las Vegas. Mayor Baker earned a reputation as a blunt but effective progressive leader and became an important broker in state Democratic politics. Baker retired from politics in 1967 and passed away six years later in 1972.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1975 by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Teal; accession number T-35, 75-53.

Processing Note

Material was processed by staff in 1975. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin created the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

C.D. Baker Field Notebooks, MS-00272, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- History -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Politicians

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Biographical material, 1951-1964	box 01	folder 01
Election brochures, ephemera, and newsletters, 1958	box 01	folder 02
Awards and certificates, 1953-1969	box 01	folder 03
Correspondence and invitations, 1951-1966	box 01	folder 04
Mayoral documents, 1951-1961	box 01	folder 05
Political speeches, 1951-1964	box 01	folder 06
Rotary Club of Las Vegas correspondence, 1926-1971	box 01	folder 07
Photographs, undated	box 01	folder 08
Pamphlets and brochures, 1952-1969	box 01	folder 09
Clippings, 1951-1972	box 01	folder 10
Scrapbooks of clippings, 1953-1957	box 01	
Honorary mayoral plaque, 1959	box 01	