Guide to the Beckley Family Papers

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Summary Information

Creator: Beckley Family
Title: Beckley Family Papers
ID: MS-00232
Date [inclusive]: 1920-1961
Physical Description: 0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description: 0.21 Linear Feet
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Beckley Family Papers date from 1920 to 1961 and briefly document the lives of the Beckley family, who were pioneers in early Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection contains family correspondence and newspaper clippings mentioning the family members.

Preferred Citation


Biographical Note

The Beckley name represents one of the few pioneer families that helped establish Las Vegas, Nevada. In Las Vegas the Beckley name represents two families: the Jake Beckley and Will Beckley families. Jake moved to Las Vegas in 1905 to start a lumber company with Ed Von Tobel. When the two split up Jake called his brother Will to join him in Las Vegas, and in 1908 the brothers created a men's clothing store. The two brothers met a pair of sisters; in 1910 Will married one of the sisters and in 1913 Jake married the other sister. Will Beckley and his wife had one son Bruce Beckley, who was an attorney in Las Vegas. In 1920 Jake Beckley brought attention to the Beckley name when he was part of the team that flew the first airplane into the Las Vegas airport.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1982 by Bruce Beckley; accession number T187.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Special Collections Staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hana Gutierrez created the collection description and brought it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Hana Gutierrez entered the data into ArchivesSpace.
Names and Subjects

• Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History -- Pioneer

Collection Inventory

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