

Guide to the Thomas McLaughlin Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	McLaughlin, Thomas J.
Title:	Thomas McLaughlin Papers
ID:	MS-00247
Date [inclusive]:	1937-1985
Physical Description:	0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.42 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Thomas McLaughlin Papers (1937-1985) are comprised of newspaper clippings, photographs, and correspondence about real estate, the Clark County Democratic Party, and local fraternal organizations, especially the Knights of Columbus and the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick in Las Vegas, Nevada. Materials also include some clippings on McLaughlin's appointment as trustee of the Las Vegas Park Racetrack in 1955.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Las Vegas businessman Thomas J. McLaughlin (1891-1985) was born in Patterson, New Jersey and grew up in the Bronx, New York. He graduated with an A.B. from Fordham University in 1914, and later took business classes at New York University. He lived in St. Louis, Missouri before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1939. He became a real estate broker in 1946 in Las Vegas. McLaughlin was later appointed to the Nevada Real Estate Commission. He was active in the local Democratic Party and served as a delegate to the Nevada State Democratic Central Committee. He held leadership positions in the Knights of Columbus and the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick. He served as director of the Las Vegas Community Chest and was active in the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He retired from real estate in 1983 and passed away two years later on June 18, 1985.

Sources:

"Businessman, Democrat McLaughlin Dead at 94," *Las Vegas Sun*, June 19, 1985, 3B.

Powers, Rob. "Vegan Helped Guide Infant Town into 'Grown-Up' City," *Las Vegas Sun*, November 25, 1979, 6D.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Thomas McLaughlin Papers (1937-1985) are comprised of newspaper clippings, photographs, and correspondence about real estate, the Clark County Democratic Party, and local business and fraternal organizations. The clippings document the history of the groups to which McLaughlin belonged including: the Las Vegas Board of Realtors, the Nevada Real Estate Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He also served as director of the Las Vegas Community Chest. The collection also includes some clippings on McLaughlin's appointment as trustee of the Las Vegas Park Racetrack in 1955. There are also extensive clippings on Las Vegas, Nevada politicians, in particular the Foley family.

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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 1985 by Lydia Malm; accession number 85-90.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. 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.

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Names and Subjects

- Clark County (Nev.) -- Politics and government
- Las Vegas Racetrack -- History
- Real estate agents
- Knights of Columbus -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Sons of St. Patrick -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Letters, photographs, and newspaper clippings; includes letters related to McLaughlin's service as president of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and their annual dinner, 1944-1979	box 01	folder 01
Newspaper clippings about Clark County, Nevada Democratic party, 1954	box 01	folder 02
Photographs of McLaughlin and the Nebraska Day planning committee, 1945-1964	box 01	folder 03
Newspaper clippings, 1947-1966	box 01	folder 04
Photographs and newspaper clippings, 1945-1964	box 01	folder 05
Newspaper clippings, 1952-1985	box 01	folder 06
Miscellaneous letters, programs, and photographs, 1937-1973	box 01	folder 07
Newspaper clippings, formerly interleaved in brown scrapbook, removed and refolded, 1941-1957	box 01	folder 08
Newspaper clippings, formerly interleaved in green scrapbook, removed and refolded, 1958-1966	box 01	folder 09
Nevada Real Estate Commission Badge Number 1, undated	box 01	

