

Guide to the Grace Hayes Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Hayes, Grace, 1895-1989
Title:	Grace Hayes Papers
ID:	MS-00271
Date [inclusive]:	1957-1962
Physical Description:	1.75 Linear Feet (4 boxes, 1 oversize box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Grace Hayes Papers (1957-1962) include the personal and financial papers of actress and singer Grace Hayes, who owned the Red Rooster, a nightclub on the Las Vegas Strip. The papers include financial documents, newspaper clippings about Grace Hayes and her family, personal correspondence, career mementos, legal documents, and photo albums.

Preferred Citation Note

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Biographical Note

Actress and singer Grace Hayes (1896-1989) played a role in the development of Las Vegas' early entertainment scene. After arriving in Las Vegas, Nevada in the 1940s, she began performing at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, eventually opening her own club on what is now the Las Vegas Strip. Hayes was born in Springfield, Missouri on August 23, 1896 and moved with her family to San Francisco as a child. She began singing in Barbary Coast nightclubs at the age of fourteen and married entertainer Joseph Lind two years later in 1912. In 1915 she gave birth to a child, Joseph Conrad Lind, better known as Peter Lind Hayes. Her second husband was entertainer Charlie Foy, one of "The Seven Little Foyes." Her third husband was producer Robert Evan Hopkins, who co-wrote *San Francisco* with Clark Gable and Spencer Tracey. Hayes' celebrity grew through her roles in theatre and cinema from the 1920s through the 1950s as she worked with stars including W.C. Fields and Bing Crosby. She starred in the films *The King of Jazz* with big-band leader Paul Whiteman and *Babe in Arms* with Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. She also recorded such songs as "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby," "Exactly Like You," "Sunny Side of the Street," "Can't

Help Lovin' That Man of Mine," and "Three O'Clock in the Morning." Hayes also operated the Grace Hayes Lodge, an exclusive Hollywood nightclub in the 1930s.

Hayes first visited Las Vegas in 1939 and returned in 1941 to perform at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel. She performed at several local resorts including the Monte Carlo Club and the El Cortez, earning the nickname "The Sweetheart of Las Vegas." After her performances at Las Vegas resorts, Hayes decided to open her own club on the growing Las Vegas Strip. She bought the Red Rooster nightclub, renamed it the Grace Hayes Lodge in 1952, and operated it until 1960. Later it became The Patio; the Lodge was located at the site where the Mirage stands today. Hayes also made history in Las Vegas politics by running for Constable of the Las Vegas Township against another nightclub owner, Woody Cole, in 1950. She lost the election by eight votes, but made history by becoming the first woman in Clark County to run for law enforcement officer. Hayes lived in Las Vegas and supported local charities until her death in 1989 at the age of 93.

Source: Women's Research Institute of Nevada, Biography of Grace Hayes, http://wrin.unlv.edu/biographies/hayes_grace.html

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Arrangement Note

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access

This collection is open for research.

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1986; accession number 1986-075.

Processing Note

Material was first processed by Marie Imus in 1995 and the finding aid was later encoded by Dana Miller. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently, Ian M. Baldwin entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Ian M. Baldwin to bring into compliance with DACS. June, 2014

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Related Materials

Seperation Note

Eleven photo albums containing 213 loose photos and three slides were removed to UNLV Special Collections Photo Collection PH-0292. Four paper souvenir photo jackets from the Frontier Hotel, the Sahara Hotel, and the Tropicana Hotel were removed to the publicity file.

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Names and Subjects

- Entertainment -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Music Halls - California - Los Angeles
- Women -- Nevada -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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Family photo album, 1900-1929	box 01	folder 01
Sympathy letters, cards, telegrams, obituaries, poems, 1966	box 01	folder 02
Appraisal of residential contents, 1966	box 01	folder 03
Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zona, 1983	box 01	folder 04
Correspondence, graduation announcements, scenes, poems, 1968-1984	box 01	folder 05
Shows, Inc. legal documents, letters, ads, certificates, 1971-1978	box 01	folder 06
Play: "The Push-Cart Affair" by Alex and Myra Coppel, undated	box 01	folder 07
Playbill, TV Guide, Broadway Players Guide, and Grace Hayes Lodge memorabilia, 1944-1968	box 01	folder 08
Peter Lind Hayes memorabilia, newsclippings, 1948-1968	box 01	folder 09
"Hayes-Seed" by Peter Lind Hayes, column in Valley Times, 1981	box 01	folder 10
Newsclippings, 1965-1983	box 01	folder 11
Grace Hayes obituary, 1989	box 01	folder 12
First National Bank passbook, adding machine tapes, deposit box rental and money order receipts, 1958-1961	box 02	folder 01
Bank of Las Vegas commercial checking account, Grace Hayes Lodge, 1959-1960	box 02	folder 02
Bank of Las Vegas cancelled checks, 1960-1961	box 02	folder 03
Bank of Las Vegas check register, 1960-1961	box 02	folder 04
Bank of Las Vegas deposit slips, checking and savings accounts, 1961	box 02	folder 05
Bank of Las Vegas checking account statements, 1960-1961	box 02	folder 06
Bank of America statements, canceled checks and deposit slips, 1960-1961	box 02	folder 07
Pacific Telephone Co. bills, 1960-1961	box 03	folder 01
Household utility bills: Southern California, 1960-1961	box 03	folder 02
Southern Nevada Telephone bills, 1960-1961	box 03	folder 03
State of Nevada Dept. of Motor Vehicles, 1961	box 03	folder 04
Clark County Sanitation Receipts, 1960	box 03	folder 05
Household utility bills: Southern Nevada, 1960-1961	box 03	folder 06
Two 90-minute cassette tapes: St. Jude benefit; unlabeled, 1984, undated Physical Description: 02 Audio Cassettes	box 03	folder 07
Sands Hotel invoices, 1957	box 04	folder 01
Beverly Hills Club invoices, 1961	box 04	folder 02
Lawn and garden invoices, 1960-1961	box 04	folder 03
Building supply receipts: Nevada, 1959-1960	box 04	folder 04

Building supply receipts: California, 1960-1961	box 04	folder 05
Dry cleaning, rugs, linens, drapery, and upholstery receipts, 1960-1961	box 04	folder 06
Sears, Hechts, Sutherland-Rude, Lane Bryant, Saks, Beverly Mens Shop, etc. receipts, 1961-1962	box 04	folder 07
May Co., Thrifty, KitKraft, Sutton Bros., etc. receipts, 1961	box 04	folder 08
Automobile repair, maintenance, and gasoline charge slips and statements, 1959-1961	box 04	folder 09
Medical care and pharmacy receipts, 1957-1961	box 04	folder 10
Grocery store receipts: California, 1961	box 04	folder 11
Moving and storage company receipts, 1960-1961	box 04	folder 12
Mortgage receipts, statements, and correspondence, 1956-1960	box 04	folder 13
City of Los Angeles building permits, 1960 February	box 04	folder 14
Los Angeles County tax statements, 1960-1962	box 04	folder 15
Clark County tax statements, 1959-1961	box 04	folder 16
Plat map, lease, and correspondence concerning property rental to Standard Oil, 1959-1960	box 04	folder 17
Correspondence with accountant , 1959-1961	box 04	folder 18
Accountant's ledger, payment of bills, 1960	box 04	folder 19
Hayes Lodge inventory and licenses, 1957-1960	box 04	folder 20
Insurance papers, 1960-1970	box 04	folder 21
IRS form 1099, 1960	box 04	folder 22
Past due letter to The Patio Co., 1954	box 04	folder 23
Miscellaneous receipts, gifts, TV repair, newspaper, postal, etc., 1959-1961	box 04	folder 24
Desert Inn Country Club Souvenir Scrap book: 25th Anniversary Celebration , 1981 November 07	oversized box 05	
Photographs	box 06	