

## Guide to the Perry Kaufman Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Kaufman, Perry Bruce
<b>Title:</b>	Perry Kaufman Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00414
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1930-1974
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.0 Linear Feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Perry Kaufman Papers (1930-1974) are comprised of research material gathered by Kaufman for his doctoral dissertation, "The Best City of Them All: A History of Las Vegas, 1930-1960." Kaufman's research focused on the Las Vegas, Nevada Chamber of Commerce's role in promoting Las Vegas as a tourist destination. The collection primarily consists of newspaper clippings from the <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> and the <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> . It also includes Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce minutes and publications, research on the history of Las Vegas, and Kaufman's notes and writings.

### Preferred Citation

Perry Kaufman Papers, 1930-1974. MS-00414. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Perry Kaufman was born in Casper, Wyoming on September 13, 1942. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri in 1966. He served in the US Army in Vietnam in 1966 to 1967. He earned his doctorate in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1974. He taught history at Burlington County College in Pemberton, New Jersey for several years.

Source:

Kaufman, Perry. "The Best City of Them All: A History of Las Vegas, 1930-1960." Doctoral dissertation, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1974.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2000 by Perry Kaufman; accession number 2000-07.

## 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.

## Revision Description

The finding aid was revised and enhanced by Angela Moor to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. July 2015

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following interviews were conducted by Perry Kaufman and may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Albright, George "Bud." Interview, 1975. OH-00015. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Armstrong, Bryne. Interview, 1975. OH-00046. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bell, Lloyd. Interview, 1972 April 13. OH-00106. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Binion, Benny. Interview, 1975. OH-00017. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, John Francis. Interview, 1975. OH-00153. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Franklin, George E. Interview, 1981 March 09. OH-00617. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Greenspun, Hank. Interview, 1975. OH-00733. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Johnson, Lubertha. Interview, 1972 April 17. OH-00956. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- History -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce -- History

## Collection Inventory

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Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce clippings and research, 1944-1959	box 01	folder 01
Chamber of Commerce Livewire fund minutes and clippings, 1952-1963	box 01	folder 02
Atomic Energy Commission clippings, 1951-1960	box 01	folder 03
Airport and Nellis Air Force Base clippings, 1948-1963	box 01	folder 04
Annexation of Las Vegas Strip clippings, 1946-1960	box 01	folder 05
Biographical research and general Las Vegas history clippings, 1948-1971	box 01	folder 06
Basic Magnesium and Henderson clippings and research, 1941-1959	box 01	folder 07
Boulder City and Hoover Dam clippings and research, 1941-1962	box 01	folder 08
Bugsy Siegel clippings and research, 1947-1968	box 01	folder 09
Chamber of Commerce minutes, correspondence, documents, and clippings, 1948	box 01	folder 10
Book chapter, "Ideals and Sacred Things: Clifford Clinton and the Last Reform Movement," no author, undated	box 01	folder 11
Las Vegas changes clippings, 1954-1960	box 01	folder 12
Chamber of Commerce minutes, correspondence, and financial statements, 1951-1959	box 01	folder 13
Chamber of Commerce minutes, speeches, publications on Las Vegas, and clippings, 1942-1971	box 01	folder 14
Las Vegas city government clippings, 1945-1960	box 01	folder 15
Chamber of Commerce minutes, research on Nevada economy and taxes, and Kefauver hearing clippings, 1942-1971	box 01	folder 16
Civil Rights and Westside Las Vegas clippings, 1943-1968	box 01	folder 17
Student papers on blacks in Las Vegas, NAACP, and Civil Rights clippings and research, 1940-1977	box 01	folder 18
Las Vegas climate and weather clippings, 1956-1958	box 01	folder 19
Conventions and convention center clippings; World Congress of Flight program, 1951-1960	box 01	folder 20
Las Vegas entertainment and marriage and divorce clippings, 1947-1960	box 01	folder 21

Las Vegas traffic and freeway construction clippings, 1948-1960	box 01	folder 22
Las Vegas gaming, resorts and casinos, and Nevada laws and regulations clippings, 1942-1950	box 01	folder 23
Las Vegas Strip entertainment and attitudes toward gambling clippings, 1947-1960	box 01	folder 24
Gamblers and casino owners and investors, clippings, 1941-1960	box 01	folder 25
Gaming revenue clippings and research, 1950-1970	box 01	folder 26
Hank Greenspun clippings, 1949-1972	box 01	folder 27
Hoodlums and crime clippings, 1947-1960	box 01	folder 28
Handwritten and typed interview notes, correspondence with interviewees, 1972-1973	box 01	folder 29
Notes and research on early Las Vegas history; The Oral History Project of the University of Nevada, Reno bibliography, 1971	box 01	folder 30
Correspondence and papers from Burlington County College (New Jersey), 1972-1973	box 01	folder 31
Growth of Las Vegas and employment statistics clippings, 1949-1960	box 01	folder 32
Las Vegas economic growth clippings, 1949-1960	box 01	folder 33
Las Vegas promotion clippings, 1951-1957	box 01	folder 34
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Chamber of Commerce maps and clippings, 1939-1972	box 01	folder 38
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Kaufman paper, "The Impact of Defense Installations on the Growth of Las Vegas"; Nellis Air Force Base clippings and research, 1943-1971	box 02	folder 40
Nevada Tax Commission and regulation of gaming clippings and research, 1950-1960	box 02	folder 41
Nevada Tax Commission and regulation of gaming clippings and research, 1945-1967	box 02	folder 42
North Las Vegas clippings, 1947-1956	box 02	folder 43
Nevada Test Site research, 1957-1971	box 02	folder 44
Observations on Las Vegas clippings, 1939-1963	box 02	folder 45
Kefauver and the mob clippings, 1947-1960	box 02	folder 46
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Nevada and Las Vegas tourism and population growth clippings and research, 1930-1970	box 02	folder 55
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Kaufman paper, "Defense Industries and the Growth of Las Vegas", undated	box 02	folder 57
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