

## **Guide to the Kane Springs Ranch, Meadow Valley Wash, Nevada Records**

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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>	Stuart, Joan
<b>Title:</b>	Kane Springs Ranch, Meadow Valley Wash, Nevada Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00553
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1930-2005
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.25 Linear Feet (3 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Kane Springs Ranch, Meadow Valley Wash, Nevada Records (1930-2005) contain records related to the Kane Springs Ranch outside of Moapa, Nevada. The collection primarily focuses on the property itself, but also contains a genealogy of the Huntsman family, the ranch's first owners. Records include deeds and materials from the sale of the Kane Springs Ranch to the Bureau of Land Management in 2005. The bulk of the collection documents how the Stuart family used its resources from 1952 to 2003. These materials are related to water usage on the property and a rock and sand mining operation, from which the Stuarts earned royalties.

### Preferred Citation Note

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## Historical Background

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The Kane Springs Ranch was located along the Upper Muddy River in the Moapa Valley of Clark County, Nevada. In 1891, David and Emmeline Huntsman moved onto the property to homestead. The Kane Springs Ranch, as it came to be called, was known for its large orchard and mining operations. The ranch became well known after 1905 when the railroad to Caliente, Nevada was completed. The tracks crossed over the Huntsman property and trains often made unofficial stops to taste Emmeline's cooking and receive medical treatment. David Huntsman died in 1907, leaving Emmeline to look after the property until her death in 1920. Emmeline Huntsman was especially well-loved by the people around her, most notably after she rode into the Muddy Valley Wash to rescue those injured in a disastrous flood in 1910. G.W. Birnie purchased a portion of the property in 1929 and the entire property was purchased by Bradley Stuart in 1947. He passed

the Stuart Ranch on to his son Robert and his daughter-in-law Joan. Joan Stuart was the last private owner of the property before she sold it to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Today, the property is still owned by the BLM and is a tourist destination because of its historic buildings and Native American petroglyphs.

Source: "Stories of the Old West," *The Nevadan*, August 10, 1969

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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## Acquisition Note

Material was donated in 2009 by Joan Stuart; accession number 2009-11.

## Processing Note

Material was minimally processed during accessioning by Joyce Moore in 2015. Joyce Moore and Franklin Howard wrote the finding aid.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Photographs
- Water rights
- Ranching
- Mining -- Nevada
- Kane Springs Ranch
- Meadow Valley Wash, Nevada
- Birnie, G.W.
- Huntsman, David

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Property transfer information, 1930-2003	box 01
Property deeds, 1977-2003	box 01
Stuart Ranch Photographs and maps, 1996	box 01
Stuart, Joan extension requests for water resources, 1995-2005	box 01
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) acquisition, clean up, 2004	box 01
BLM Ranch sale and closing, 2005	box 01
Kane Springs Ranch and Huntsman genealogy, 2000	box 01
Septic tank permits, 1986-1995	box 02
Property tax receipts, 1975	box 02
Leases and terminations, 1995	box 02
Micron Minerals Corp., lease, 1987-1993	box 02
Ranch water, 1952-1980	box 02

Ranch well, water rights, 1947-1997	box 02
Original Stuart Ranch papers, 1953-1986	box 02
Meadow Valley Rock and Sand, royalties, 1996-1997	box 03
Meadow Valley Rock and Sand, equipment, lease termination, clean air violation, 1977	box 03
P.R.E. Engineering, sand and gravel pit use permit, Clark County Planning Commission, 1996-1997	box 03
Professional Investigators, Inc., 1996-1997	box 03
Stuart vs. Jay Bingham, County Commissioner, 1996	box 03
Clark County Planning Commission, public hearings, 1996-1999	box 03
Water diversion violation, 1996	box 03
News clippings on illegal water diversions, 2004-2007	box 03