

## Guide to the Frank Scott 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>	Scott, Frank
<b>Title:</b>	Frank Scott Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00738
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1940-1984
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.55 Linear Feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Frank Scott Papers date from 1940 to 1984 and contain promotional materials, photographs, and menus from the Union Plaza Hotel; University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) basketball memorabilia; and KRLR TV documentation, correspondence, and news clippings. The collection also contains a scrapbook and photographs of the re-opening of the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah, Nevada.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Businessman and hotel owner Frank Scott came to Las Vegas with his family in 1936. He was born in Los Angeles, California in 1920. His father was the storekeeper for the Union Pacific Railroad. After World War Two, where Scott served in the Army as a Second Lieutenant, he returned to Las Vegas and within two years purchased a roofing and flooring company. He also became owner of a wholesale building material company and a ready mix concrete plant. He served as chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of First Western Financial Corporation of Nevada, director of Nevada Power Company, president of the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Nevada Resort Association.

Scott had an interest in building an underground parking garage on the Union Pacific property. An official casually mentioned that a hotel would be ideal for that site. Scott, who always wanted to be a hotel owner, decided to pursue that idea. He formed the Scott Corporation with his partners Sam Boyd, Jackie Gaughan, and Howard Cannon; hence, the Union Plaza Hotel Casino became a reality in 1971, built only a short distance from where Scott's father had worked for the railroad.

In 1976 Scott and his partner Frank Maggio took over ownership and operation of the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah, Nevada, which they were able to remodel and re-open in 1979. They remained owners for five years. Scott's son Rick was in charge of the day to day operations. In 1984 Frank and Rick Scott started KRLR Channel 21 television. The station offered 24 hours a day of free music videos, which they called Vusic 21, and also broadcast all the UNLV Runnin' Rebels' away games. The station was sold ten years later to a large firm from Los Angeles.

Frank Scott passed away in April of 2006.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Frank Scott papers date from 1940 to 1984 and contain promotional materials, photographs, and menus from the Union Plaza Hotel; University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) basketball memorabilia; and KRLR TV Channel 21 documentation, news clippings, and correspondence. The photographs of the Union Plaza are extensive and include interior and exterior views. There is a scrapbook of news clippings about Scott's re-opening the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah, Nevada in 1979, including the ribbon cutting ceremony and interior prints of the hotel from this event.

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## Arrangement

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Material is arranged in alphabetical order according to themes.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 by Rick Scott; accession number 2015-064.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

Frank Scott interview, local oral history project by Roske, 1978 January 1. OH-01657. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada. There is no transcription for this interview.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Gaming venues
- Union Plaza Hotel Casino
- Mizpah Hotel--Tonopah (Nev.)
- KRLR TV--Channel 21--Las Vegas, Nev

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Correspondence, 1961, 1971	box 01
Invitations and stationery, 1971	box 01
KRLR TV Channel 21 miscellaneous, 1984	box 01
Newsclippings, 1940-1984	box 01
Re-opening of the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah, Nevada photographs, undated	box 01

Union Plaza Hotel Casino photographs, undated	box 01
Union Plaza Hotel Casino promotional material, undated	box 01
Slides of the Plaza Hotel Physical Description: 7 Photographic Slides	box 01
Over-sized prints, undated	box 02
Scrapbook about the Mizpah Hotel, 1980-1982	box 02
Menus, undated	box 02
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) basketball memorabilia, undated	box 02
Dealer apron, undated	box 02
Garter, undated	box 02
Wine openers, undated	box 02