

Guide to the Steven Hart Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Hart, Steve
Title:	Steven Hart Papers
ID:	MS-00839
Date [inclusive]:	1950s-1980s
Physical Description:	0.06 Cubic Feet (1 folder (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.78 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Papers are comprised of photographs, newspaper clippings, and correspondence dating from the 1950s to the 1980s collected by Steven Hart, son of the Las Vegas, Nevada chef, Nat Hart. The papers include information about Steven Hart's childhood and his service in Vietnam. Also included in the collection are photos of Steven Hart's father, Nat Hart.

Preferred Citation

Steven Hart Papers, 1950-1980. MS-00839. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Steven Hart was born on April 7, 1946, and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada as a one-year-old with his parents, Nat and Sylvia Hart. After graduating from Las Vegas High School, Steven Hart went through an apprenticeship program to become a journeyman carpenter. He then enlisted in the United States Navy and joined its construction battalion during the Vietnam War.

Upon his return to Las Vegas, Steven followed in his father's footsteps working in the casino industry. His father Nat Hart was one of the city's original celebrity chefs, well-known for his restaurants at Caesars Palace and the Desert Inn, and for his popular gourmet cooking school. During his long career as a successful gaming executive, Steven worked at several properties, including the International Hotel as food and beverage controller, and Bill's Gamblin' Hall and Hotel as casino credit junket representative.

Source:

Hart, Steven. Interview, 2014 October 23. OH_02181. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas.

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Scope and Contents

Papers are comprised of personal ephemera collected by Steven Hart from the 1950s to the 1980s. The materials focus on Hart's childhood and young adult life growing up in the Jewish community in Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition to materials focusing on Hart's life in Las Vegas, the materials document Hart's activities serving in the military during the Vietnam War. Also included are photos of Steven Hart's father, Nat Hart, a well known Las Vegas chef. The material provides insight into the Las Vegas Jewish community as well as Jewish activities among soldiers during the Vietnam War.

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Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2017 by Steven and Wendy Hart; accession number 2017-021.

Processing Note

The materials in this collection were minimally processed during accessioning by Maggie Bukowski in 2017. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials.

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Names and Subjects

- Vietnam War, 1961-1975
- Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographs of Steven Hart as a child and young adult including picture from Vietnam military service, newspaper clippings that mention Hart, comics created by Hart for the Las Vegas Israelite, Bar Mitzvah announcement, and letter to parents from a Jewish Navy Chaplain describing his meeting with Steven Hart, 1953-1988	box SH-039