



Guide to the Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Butterfield, Georgia H. (Georgia Hanna), 1911-1978
Contributor:	Butterfield, Spencer, 1904-1960
Title:	Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers
ID:	MS-00189
Date [inclusive]:	1890s-1978
Date [bulk]:	1940-1960
Physical Description:	1.12 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.77 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers (1890s-1978) consist primarily of photographs and scrapbooks pertaining to Spencer and Georgia Butterfield, a prominent Las Vegas, Nevada couple involved in local business and civic activities. The collection also includes newspaper clippings of their social activities, correspondence, and assorted personal memorabilia.

Preferred Citation

Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers, 1890s-1978. MS-00189. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Spencer and Georgia Butterfield were a prominent Las Vegas, Nevada couple involved in local business and civic activities. Spencer was born February 11, 1904, in Marseille, Illinois and came to Nevada in 1917. Later, he became the branch manager for the First National Bank in Carson City and in 1941, he transferred to the bank's branch in Las Vegas, Nevada to work as an assistant cashier. In 1943, he began working as a cashier at the Bank of Nevada, eventually becoming its president, as well as president of the Nevada Bankers Association. Spencer was also active in community affairs through involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and

the Las Vegas Press Club. In 1947, he was named Las Vegas' "Man of the Year." Spencer Butterfield died on August 17, 1960.

Georgia (Hanna) Butterfield was born on November 26, 1911 in Elko, Nevada. The Hanna family was one of the first settler families in Elko, Nevada. Georgia attended Wabash Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1931, she married Reese Turner. The couple came to Las Vegas in 1937, and Georgia accepted a secretarial position at First National Bank, which is where she eventually met Spencer Butterfield. Reese Turner and Georgia divorced, and Georgia married Spencer Butterfield on May 6, 1944. Georgia was active in the Mesquite Club, Daughters of the Nile, and the Republican Club, as well as other organizations. She became the first female postmaster for Las Vegas on August 1, 1960, holding that position until February of 1961. In later years, she was an executive with International Hosts, first opening the gift shop at the Hilton Hotel and later supervising the gift shop at Caesar's Palace. In 1978, after a brief illness, Georgia Butterfield died at the age of sixty-six.

Source:

Lyle, Michael. "Banker Spencer Butterfield is believed to be the namesake of Spencer Street." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, October 1, 2012. Accessed October 22, 2016. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/local-las-vegas/downtown/banker-spencer-butterfield-is-believed-to-be-the-namesake-of-spencer-street/>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers (1890s-1978) consist primarily of photographs and scrapbooks pertaining to Spencer and Georgia Butterfield, a prominent Las Vegas, Nevada couple involved in local business and civic activities. The collection also includes newspaper clippings of their social activities, correspondence, and assorted personal memorabilia. The photographs include family vacations and travel, social events, and several images taken in Jiggs, Nevada. Jiggs, formerly known as Hylton and later Skylton, was founded by Georgia Butterfield's uncle, John Jesse Hylton.

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Arrangement of the Records

These papers are organized into two series:

Series I. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia, 1929-1978;

Series II. Photographs and scrapbooks 1890s-1960.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1978 by Georgia Hanna Butterfield; accession number 78-107.

Processing Note

Material was processed in 1996 by Caryll Batt Dziedziak. In 2017, Joyce Moore revised the collection description. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux rehoused the materials, revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards, and entered the data in ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Spencer and Georgia Hanna Butterfield Photograph Collection, approximately 1900s-1960. PH-00077. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Bankers -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
- Postal service -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Postmasters
- Women postal service employees
- Women executives -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
- Women -- Societies and clubs -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Social life and customs
- photographs

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia, 1929-1978

Physical Description: 0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)

Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The correspondence, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia series (1929-1978) primarily contains correspondence to Georgia Butterfield and newspaper clippings pertaining to both Spencer and Georgia. The series also includes eulogies and a guest book for Spencer Butterfield's funeral, as well as his United States Treasury Distinguished Service Award.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Correspondence		
Office of Indian Affairs and Resettlement Administration, 1935	box 1	folder 1
Assorted correspondence to Georgia Butterfield, 1937-1978	box 1	folder 2
Eulogies for Spencer Butterfield, 1960	box 1	folder 3
Greeting cards, undated	box 1	folder 4
Typewritten excerpts from assorted books on the history of Black Hawk County, Iowa, undated	box 1	folder 5
"Las Vegas Today" newspaper with an article about Georgia Butterfield, 1975 July 30	box 1	folder 6
Issue of the University of Nevada Gamma Triune; Mesquite Club handbook, Waterloo; Iowa pamphlet; and assorted newspaper clippings and memorabilia, 1929-1957	box 1	folder 7
Newspaper clippings		
Georgia Butterfield, 1956-1970	box 1	folder 8
Spencer Butterfield, 1948-1960	box 1	folder 9

Georgia and Spencer Butterfield, 1949-1957	box 1	folder 10
Guest and memory book from the funeral of Spencer Butterfield, 1960	box 1	
United States Treasury Distinguished Service Award presented to Spencer Butterfield, 1960 May 26	box 1	

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Photographs and scrapbooks, 1890s-1960

Physical Description: 0.66 Cubic Feet (1 box)

Physical Description: 1.35 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The photographs and scrapbooks series (1890s-1960) primarily contains photographs and scrapbooks pertaining to Spencer and Georgia Butterfield and the Hanna and Butterfield families. The scrapbooks include photographs, newspaper clippings, and personal mementos.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Photograph of Philip C. Hanna, U.S. consul general to Monterey, Mexico, 1912 November	box 1	folder 11
Photograph of Lavoy Henry Davis, approximately 1920s	box 1	folder 11
Photograph of Georgia Hanna Turner and Reese Turner, 1930s	box 1	folder 11
Elko County High School graduation photograph of Lola Hanna and her classmates, 1914	box 1	folder 11
Photograph of Mary Hoover Hanna and John Quincy Hanna on their ranch in Blackwell, Texas, approximately 1915	box 1	folder 11
Hanna family scrapbook with photographs of George, Rose, Lola, Maude, Scott, and Georgia Hanna, 1900s-1930	box 1	folder 12
Album with photographs of the Hanna family taken primarily in and around Bingham, Utah and Jiggs, Nevada, 1910s-1920s	box 2	
Album with assorted photographs including Spencer and Georgia Butterfield and the Hanna and Butterfield families, 1890s-1950s	box 2	
Scrapbook with assorted newspaper clippings and photographs primarily of the Hanna and Butterfield families, 1900s-1960	box 2	
Scrapbook with assorted newspaper clippings pertaining to Spencer and Georgia Butterfield, 1944-1957	box 2	

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