



Guide to the Lawrence Revere Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Revere, Lawrence
Title:	Lawrence Revere Papers
ID:	MS-00064
Date [inclusive]:	1965-1970
Physical Description:	0.1 Linear Feet (7 folders (shared box))
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Lawrence Revere Papers primarily consist of correspondence between Lawrence Revere and the developers of blackjack betting systems dating from 1965 to 1970. The collection includes information about blackjack gambling systems, correspondence with gambling experts, and press material regarding the publication of Revere's book <i>Playing Blackjack as a Business</i> .

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Lawrence Revere, born Griffith K. Owens, was a former casino pit-boss and the "Master of Blackjack." He is most famous for the co-development of several blackjack systems and for writing *Playing Blackjack as a Business* in 1969. During the 1960s and 1970s, Revere, also known as Leonard "Specs" Parsons and Paul Mann, was considered a blackjack expert. After his career ended, he retired to teach blackjack and gambling. Revere died April 23, 1977 after a bout with lung and liver cancer.

Sources:

"Biography," Official Website of Lawrence Revere, accessed June 1, 2015, <http://www.reverebj.com>

Dalton, Michael. *Blackjack: A Professional Reference, The Encyclopedia of Casino Twenty-One*. Merritt Island, Florida: Spur of the Moment Publishing, 1999.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Lawrence Revere Papers are comprised of resources related to the creation and publication of Lawrence Revere's book, *Playing Blackjack as a Business*. The collection includes Revere's correspondence with other gamblers and developers of blackjack betting systems, including Allan N. Wilson, Louis G. Halloway, Julian H. Bruan, Edward O. Thorpe, and John Reppert, between 1965 and 1970. Furthermore, the collection includes public announcements regarding the publication of the book along with graphs and charts from the book.

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

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Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections Staff in 1970. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

Revision Description

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Names and Subjects

- Blackjack (Game)
- Gambling -- Nevada
- Gambling systems

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Correspondence, 1968 December 9-1970 September 9	box SH-004	folder 01
Correspondence, 1968 October 1-1970 October 4	box SH-004	folder 02
Public announcements, 1969-1970	box SH-004	folder 03
Correspondence, 1968-1970	box SH-004	folder 04
Correspondence, approximately 1970	box SH-004	folder 05
Correspondence, 1968-1970	box SH-004	folder 06
Correspondence, 1965-1970	box SH-004	folder 07