

## **Guide to the Sidney R. Whitmore Collection**

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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>                  | Whitmore, Sidney R., 1921-2003   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Sidney R. Whitmore Collection  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | MS-00068   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | approximately 1885 to 1970   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 9.14 Cubic Feet (1 shared box, 1 flat file, 2 oversized boxes, and 6 unboxed items)  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 6.51 Linear Feet   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | The Sidney R. Whitmore Collection (approximately 1885-1970) contains land deeds and other documents about Mount Diablo, Nevada; documents detailing parts of his family history; and eight framed paintings of landscapes and portraits. |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Sidney Roxton Whitmore was born in St. Thomas, Nevada on December 31, 1921 to Roxton and Adella Whitmore. He graduated from Overton High School and served in the United States Army as a stenographer during World War II. He met and married his wife, Suzette Fortune Ziza, in 1946 while stationed in Algeria. After the war, the couple returned to the United States and Whitmore earned his law degree at George Washington University. He passed the Nevada Bar Exam in 1951 and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada to work as deputy clerk at the newly opened U.S. Federal District Court. The Las Vegas City Commission appointed him city attorney in 1960 and he was later reelected. He also worked in real estate, farming, and ranching, and was a 52-year resident of Las Vegas. Whitmore died on February 1, 2003.

Sources:

"District Court Opens Here." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, December 30, 1951.

"Sidney R. Whitmore Obituary." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, February 2, 2003.

"Whitmore Stands on Record." *Las Vegas Sun*, March 30, 1965.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Sidney R. Whitmore Collection (approximately 1885-1970) consists of documents pertaining to property in Southern Nevada, family history documents, and paintings formerly belonging to Whitmore's personal art collection. The collection contains a list of Moapa Fruit Land Company stockholders, a family history detailing Whitmore's relatives George Burton Whitney and his wife Lovina Syphus Whitney, a quitclaim deed, land deeds for holdings at Mount Diablo, Nevada, and an election ballot envelope. The collection also includes eight framed paintings of landscapes and portraits.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1979 by Sidney R. Whitmore; accession number 1979-205.

## Processing Note

Materials were processed by Christine Marin in 1979. In 2015 as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, John Grygo revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2019, Lauren Paljusaj updated the inventory and revised the finding aid.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Roxton Whitmore oral history interview, 1972 October 22. OH-01971. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sidney R. Whitmore Photograph Album, 1920. PH-00219. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Nevada -- History
- Land titles -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Lincoln County (Nev.)
- Painting

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## Collection Inventory

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| Title/Description  | Containers |
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| Moapa Fruit Land Company stockholder list, 1913 January 31 |            |

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
|  | box<br>SH-005         |
| Quitclaim deed by Brigham Whitmore regarding Mount Diablo, Nevada, 1911 January 17   | box<br>SH-005         |
| Notice of Location by Brigham Whitmore of the "Little Frankie" mining claim in Lincoln County, Nevada, 1907 March 28   | box<br>SH-005         |
| Family history of George Burton Whitney and Lovina Syphus, 1846-1934: photocopy, approximately 1940 to 1970  | box<br>SH-005         |
| "Inspector of Election" ballot envelope for Clark County, Nevada, 1911 June 01   | flat file<br>01       |
| Article of Agreement between the State of Nevada Land Department and Elizabeth Whitmore regarding the Mount Diablo base and meridian, Lincoln County, Nevada, 1885 November 25 | flat file<br>01       |
| Land patent issued to Brigham Whitmore for the Mount Diablo base and meridian, Lincoln County, Nevada, 1898 November 01  | flat file<br>01       |
| "The San Fernando Valley" framed watercolor painting by Marion Kavanaugh Wachtel, approximately 1900 to 1940   | oversized<br>box 02   |
| "White Cliffs of Dover" framed oil painting by Felice A. Rezia, approximately 1886 to 1906   | oversized<br>box 03   |
| "The Saint Blessing the Animals" framed oil painting by Massimo Stanzione, approximately 1900 to 1940  | no<br>container<br>00 |
| "Children Sitting" framed oil painting by Wieslaw Pilawski, approximately 1930 to 1970   | no<br>container<br>00 |
| "The Portrait of a Woman" framed oil painting by Peter Szule, approximately 1900 to 1944   | no<br>container<br>00 |
| Framed oil painting of a landscape by Maurice Braun, approximately 1900 to 1941  | no<br>container<br>00 |
| Framed oil painting of a girl, unknown artist, approximately 1900 to 1950  | no<br>container<br>00 |
| Framed oil painting of a landscape by Raymond Perry Rodgers Neilson, 1907  | no<br>container<br>00 |