



Guide to the Earl Rockwell Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Rockwell, Earl, 1892-1980
Title:	Earl Rockwell Papers
ID:	MS-00145
Date [inclusive]:	1852 to 1978
Physical Description:	1.08 Cubic Feet (2 boxes and 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	3.01 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Earl Rockwell Papers (1852-1978) consists of newspaper clippings, diaries, books, correspondence, and ephemera related to Las Vegas, Nevada pioneer Earl Rockwell. The collection documents Rockwell's life in Las Vegas and Elmira, New York and also contains seven nineteenth-century diaries that belonged to Rockwell's grandmother, Amanda Brees.

Preferred Citation

Earl Rockwell Papers, 1852-1978. MS-00145. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Earl Rockwell was born on August 17, 1892 in Elmira, New York and in 1906 moved to Las Vegas, Nevada with his brother, Leon Rockwell. The two brothers helped to found the Las Vegas Volunteer Fire Department and became prominent citizens of early Las Vegas. The Rockwell brothers also constructed one of the first airfields in Las Vegas, and leased it to Western Air Express in 1920 which opened the city to aircraft. Later in life, both Earl and Leon Rockwell were involved in real estate ventures in the greater Las Vegas area. Earl Rockwell died in 1980.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1981 by Alice L. Rockwell; accession numbers T-053 and 1981-084. In 2022, additional materials were found in UNLV Special Collections by curator Su Kim Chung and added to the collection; accession number 2022-003.

Processing Note

Material was processed by UNLV Special Collections staff in 1981. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin wrote the collection description and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2018 and 2022, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Leon Rockwell Papers, 1829-1986. MS-00013. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Account books

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Township Map of the State of New York, 1852	box 01
Account book, 1873	box 03
<i>Elementary English Grammar</i> book, 1882	box 01
Marriage certificate of Ronald Rockwell, 1886	flat file 02
Amanda Brees diaries, 1866 to 1902 Physical Description: 7 Items	box 01
<i>Elmira Gazette Illustrated Monthly Supplement</i> bound volume, 1873	box 03
<i>Ray's New Practical Arithmetic</i> book, 1877	box 03
Correspondence, 1889, 1960-1978	box 01
<i>Buffalo Bill's Wild West</i> booklet, 1895	box 03
Newspaper clippings and brochure, 1898-1978	box 01
"Land of Sunshine" magazine, vol. IX no. 3, 1898 August	box 03

Leather billfold with receipts, 1900	box 01
<i>Some Glimpses of Elmira</i> book, 1902	box 01
<i>The New Testament</i> inscribed to Earl Rockwell "from your teacher, Miss Buckley" in 1903, 1902	box 03
Financial records and business cards, 1908-1937	box 01
"Instructions in Hat Cleaning, Renovating, and Blocking", 1912	box 01
World War One Enlistment certificates, 1917	flat file 02
"Instruction for Operating an using Burroughs Visible Adding and Listing Machines", 1922	box 01
Abstract of title for property in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1929	box 01
Address book, 1930	box 01
<i>Elmira Star-Gazette</i> newspaper clippings, 1939 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
<i>Recognition: Pictorial Manual of Naval Vessels</i> created by U.S. War Department, 1943	box 03
Southern Nevada Telephone Co. directory, 1950 April	box 03
Bonanza Village tract map in Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	box 01
Stationary: Hotel Rockwell, undated	box 01
<i>Souvenir of Graham County, Arizona</i> book by A. N. Segal, undated	box 03
Pocket-sized <i>The New Testament</i> with snap case, undated	box 03