

## Guide to the Aplin Family Scrapbooks

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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>	Aplin, Hilda B., 1907-1972
<b>Title:</b>	Aplin Family Scrapbooks
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00152
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1927 to 1971
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.32 Cubic Feet (2 oversized boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.71 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Aplin Family Scrapbooks (1927-1971) consists of four handmade scrapbooks compiled by Hilda Aplin. The scrapbooks contain photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and handwritten captions. The majority of the collection focuses on Hilda and Charles Aplin's involvement in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Las Vegas Eagles Auxiliary #1213. Also included is a photograph album that details the family's activities from 1927 to 1959, including notable locations around Las Vegas, Nevada such as Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, Mt. Charleston, and annual Helldorado parades.

### Preferred Citation

Aplin Family Scrapbooks, 1927-1971. MS-00152. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Charles William Aplin was born on March 30, 1887 to Amanda Jane and William Luther Aplin. He was raised in Southern California, where his father worked painting buildings. Charles first came to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1904, and then returned with his family to settle permanently in Las Vegas in 1905. Charles and his father William established a painting business that same year. Charles went to Bakersfield, California in 1910 to work in the oil industry, and it was there that he joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles in 1911. In 1921, Charles established the Pioneer Painting Co., which

he operated until 1942. He helped establish the first painter's union in Las Vegas, Local No. 159, and was the chapter's first president. After selling his painting company in 1942, Charles began working for the Nevada State Highway Department, where he was employed until he retired in 1962. Hilda and Charles Aplin married in 1927, were longtime residents of Las Vegas, Nevada, and active in community organizations. Charles Aplin was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Pythias, North Las Vegas Lions Club, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Charles served as president of the Las Vegas Eagles in 1938 and 1949, and State Aerie President in 1957. The Aplins had four children: Charles Milton, William, Thelma, and Nadine.

Charles Aplin died at age 84 on November 13, 1971.

Sources: Aplin, Charles W. "Charles W. Aplin: An Old Timer of Las Vegas." Interview by Mary Ellen Glass. University of Nevada Oral

History Program, February 26-29, 1968. Transcript. <https://archive.org/details/AplinCharles/mode/2up>. "Charles Aplin Funeral Services Set." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, November 15, 1971.

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## Biographical Note

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Hilda Bush was born in 1907 in Chernigov, Ukraine, Russia. Her family immigrated to the United States and settled in Bakersfield, California. She completed her elementary school training coursework through the Mennonite Church of America Board of Education in September 1925. Hilda and Charles Aplin married in 1927.

The Aplins were longtime residents of Las Vegas, Nevada and were active in community organizations. Hilda Aplin was involved with the Pythian Sisters, Navy Mothers, American Red Cross, and local Parent Teachers Association chapters. Hilda was a charter member of the Las Vegas Eagles Auxiliary #1213, which formed in 1934. She served as the auxiliary's fourth president, and also served as the first Nevada State Auxiliary president. Hilda dropped most of her activities due to health concerns around 1963, choosing to focus solely on the Eagles. The couple had four children: Charles Milton, William, Thelma, and Nadine. Hilda Aplin died on December 27, 1972 at age 65.

Sources:

"Rites for Hilda Aplin Slated for Saturday." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, December 29, 1972.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Aplin Family Scrapbooks (1927-1971) contain four handmade scrapbooks created by Hilda B. Aplin. The majority of the items detail Hilda and Charles Aplin's involvement in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Las Vegas Eagles Auxiliary #1213. The albums contain correspondence, certificates, photographs, and newspaper articles featuring members of the Aplin family and their involvement with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other fraternal organizations. There are handwritten notes on almost all of the pages by Hilda Aplin.

Also included is a photograph album that details the family's activities from 1927 to 1959, including notable Las Vegas, Nevada landmarks such as Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, Mt. Charleston, annual Helldorado parades, the Union Pacific train depot in Las Vegas, and Lorenzi Park.

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Charles M. Aplin in 1972; accession number 1972-002.

## Processing Note

Material was processed in 1996 by Marie Imus. In 2016, Joyce Moore revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2020, Lauren Paljusaj enhanced the inventory and revised the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Charles Aplin Photograph Collection, approximately 1935-1955. PH-00236. 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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- Women -- Societies and clubs -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Women
- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Aplin, Charles W., 1887-1971
- Fraternal Order of Eagles (Las Vegas, Nev.)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Fraternal Order of Eagles First International Grand Auxiliary Convention official program, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1952 August 13 to 1952 August 17	oversized box 01
Red photograph album containing photographs of the Aplin family and their activities and travels, including a handwritten index, 1927 to 1959	oversized box 01
Black scrapbook detailing Las Vegas and Nevada Eagles members and events; Aplin family portraits; certificates; articles and programs about the First	oversized box 01

International Grand Eagles Auxiliary Convention; correspondence and cards; and items documenting construction of the new Las Vegas Eagle Aerie building, 1934 to 1963

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Beige scrapbook containing correspondence and newspaper articles about Charles Aplin's involvement in early Las Vegas, the Nevada Highway Department, and Eagles presidency; certificates from various fraternal organizations; articles about the Eagles and Auxiliary; and correspondence to Hilda Aplin, 1939 to 1963

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Beige scrapbook labeled "Book #2" containing correspondence, photographs, and newspaper articles about Eagles events, information about the Max Baer Heart Fund, and handwritten commentary by Hilda Aplin, 1963 to 1971