

Guide to the Stocker Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Stocker, Harold J., 1900-1983
Title:	Stocker Family Papers
ID:	MS-00154
Date [inclusive]:	1860-1982
Physical Description:	4.32 Cubic Feet (9 boxes and 2 oversize boxes)
Physical Description:	5.63 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Stocker Family Papers (1860-1982) document the family's personal, political, and business interests including Mayme Stocker's 1931 Nevada gaming license and Harold Stocker's involvement in the Nevada Republican party. The collection contains family correspondence, political documents and planning materials, and business records related to the family's gaming and real estate interests.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Oscar Stocker and Mayme Virginia Clifton were married in Reading, Pennsylvania on December 26, 1891. Oscar Stocker, who was born on April 1, 1872 in Easton, Pennsylvania, was employed by the railroad. Mayme, who had worked at a silk mill in Philipsburg, New Jersey, was born in Reading on September 5, 1875. The Stocker's three sons were all born in Reading. Lester Stocker was born on November 16, 1892, followed by Clarence on April 10, 1894. The youngest son, Harold, was born March 8, 1900.

The Stocker family left Reading, Pennsylvania in 1904 and after numerous moves, settled in Las Vegas in October 1911. Mayme opened the Northern Club at 15 E. Fremont Street in Las Vegas,

Nevada in 1920 after her sons became unemployed as a result of a railroad strike. She became the first recipient of a gaming license, after Governor Fred Balzar signed the bill legalizing gaming in 1931. Oscar's name could not appear on the license, because he was a railroad employee. The Stockers operated the club until the depression forced its closure. They continued to operate the hotel and leased out the first floor.

Lester and Clarence Stocker were charter members of the Las Vegas Elks Lodge. Lester Stocker died in Las Vegas on December 17, 1934. Clarence Stocker died June 5, 1951 in Las Vegas. Their father, Oscar, a thirty-nine year member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, died September 10, 1941 in Las Vegas.

Mayme Stocker was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, a social member of the Royal Neighbors, the D.A.R., and other organizations. Mayme Stocker died December 12, 1972.

Harold Stocker operated Nevada Silica Sand Company in Overton, Nevada, from 1932 to 1940. He was elected to the Clark County Commission in 1938. In 1939, he built the Chief Hotel Court, and in 1948, the Desert Plaza Apartments. Stocker was state GOP chairman in the 1950s. Harold died January 9, 1983 in Las Vegas.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series:

Series I. Family Series, 1860-1982;

Series II. Political Series, 1939-1967;

Series III. Business and Legal Series; 1930-1977.

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Harold Stocker beginning in 1970 and received periodically during the 1970s; accession number T-63.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Marie Imus in 1995. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Separation Note

Some of the publications that were acquired as part of this collection have been separated and described individually in the [University Libraries' catalog](#).

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in Harold Stocker Photographs, 1850-1910. PH-00006. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Related Collections

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

Stocker, Harold. Interview, 1971 November 30. OH-01773. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Businessmen -- United States -- Biography
- Casinos -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Politics and government
- Northern Club (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Businesswomen -- United States -- Nevada
- Stocker, Oscar Wellington, 1872-1941
- Stocker, Mayme V., 1875-1972
- Stocker, Lester Wellington, 1892-1934
- Stocker, Clarence Clifton, 1894-1951
- Stocker, Harold J., 1900-1983
- Chief Hotel Court (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Family Series, 1860-1982

Physical Description: 1.26 Cubic Feet (2 boxes, 1 oversize box)

Physical Description: 1.98 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The family series contains a variety of materials from 1860 through 1982. These materials include such items as Mayme Stocker's autograph book from 1887, family letters, an 1860 Pennsylvania newspaper, several Daily Territorial Enterprise from 1896-97, and miscellaneous papers ranging from Harold Stocker's 1911 report card to certificates of appreciation and inaugural invitations. The material in this portion is about the family's history and about the family's interests and activities.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Autograph book, 1887-1895	box 1	folder 1
Easton Daily Express, March 9, 1860	box 1	folder 2
Daily Territorial Enterprise, June 12, 1896	box 1	folder 3
Daily Territorial Enterprise, January 9, 1897	box 1	folder 4
Daily Territorial Enterprise, April 2, 1897	box 1	folder 5

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Daily Territorial Enterprise, April 3, 1897	box 1	folder 6
Family letter, fragile, 1899	box 1	folder 7
Family letter, working copy, 1899	box 1	folder 8
Harold Stocker, miscellaneous papers, 1911-1952	box 1	folder 9
Personal correspondence and papers, 1923-1976	box 1	folder 10
L.A. Map (1930), Alaska R.R. Travel Guide, undated	box 1	folder 11
Gaming License: copy, 1931	box 1	folder 12
Harold Stocker: Certificates, copy, 1940	box 1	folder 13
Miscellaneous correspondence, 1940-1960	box 1	folder 14
Assorted cards and announcements, 1940s-1970s	box 1	folder 15
Las Vegas...Fun and Sun, Tourist Booklet, approximately 1945	box 1	folder 16
Liberace Program: Riviera Hotel, 1950	box 1	folder 17
Inaugural Invitation (Mayme); Certificates (Harold), 1953; 1960 and 1964	box 1	folder 18
Personal Correspondence, 1959	box 1	folder 19
The Viking Ship Finds, 1963	box 1	folder 20
Programs and Letters, Miscellaneous, 1970-1975	box 1	folder 21
Programs and Menus, 1981-1982	box 1	folder 22
Easton, PA Civil War Veterans, newspaper clippings, undated	box 1	folder 23
Nevada Rehabilitation Division Press Release, undated	box 1	folder 24
World Trade Center Association Addresses, undated	box 1	folder 25
Ledger Pages, undated	box 1	folder 26
Spanish American War "Facts", undated		

	box 1	folder 27
Photos removed to photo collection, undated	box 1	folder 28
Memorabilia, undated	oversized box 11	
Scrapbook: xerox copy, 1899-1982	box 2	folder 1
Scrapbook: disassembled, 1919-1947	box 2	folder 2
Histories of Some Famous Diamonds, 1969	box 2	folder 3
Birthday Correspondences (Mayme), 1960-69	box 2	folder 4
Social Events and Obituaries, 1956-78	box 2	folder 5
D.A.R. Scrapbook, 1970-71	box 2	folder 6
Oversized artifacts, 1974-1976		
Bicentennial Medal Collection Pamphlet, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 1
Bicentennial Medal Collection Description, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 2
Bicentennial Medal Collection Information, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 3
Bicentennial Medal Collection Notebook, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 4
Bicentennial Medal Collection Small Notebook, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 5
Presidential Medals, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 6
Bicentennial Medals in Original Shipping Packages, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 7
Bicentennial Medals in Original Shipping Packages, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 8
Bicentennial Medals in Original Shipping Packages, 1976	oversized box 11	folder 9
Small 48 Star U.S. Flag, undated	oversized box 11	folder 10
Four Golden Nugget Dice, undated.	oversized box 11	folder 11
Button - See Nevada More in '74, 1974	oversized box 11	folder 12
"To Mom on her Birthday" note, Salvation Army certificate for Harold Stocker, Hillsway certificate for Maybe Stocker, approximately 1967 to 1978	box 2	

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Political Series, 1939-1967

Physical Description: 1.29 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 1.25 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The political series consists of Harold Stocker's Republican Party involvement from 1939 to 1967. These materials include party publications, newspaper clippings, state and local correspondence, and bank statements. The bulk of this material is from the early- to mid-1950s.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Precinct: Inspectors, Clerks, 1946-1950	box 3	folder 1
Republican Nominations, 1950	box 3	folder 2
Amy Stanbaugh Correspondence, 1950	box 3	folder 3
State Regional Headquarters, 1950	box 3	folder 4
State Republican Committee, 1950	box 3	folder 5
Republican Central Committee, 1950	box 3	folder 6
Correspondence with Republican Candidates, 1950	box 3	folder 7
Post Election Correspondence, 1950	box 3	folder 8
Republican National Committee Summary, 1950	box 3	folder 9
Republican National Committee, 1950-1951	box 3	folder 10
Sample Ballots, 1950, 1952	box 3	folder 11
Correspondence accompanying newspaper clippings, undated	box 3	folder 12
Republican newspaper clippings, 1938-1965	box 3	folder 13
Miscellaneous Republican Party Correspondence, 1939-1975	box 4	folder 1
Republican Party Expenditures, 1950-1956	box 4	folder 2
Republican National Election Material, 1952	box 4	folder 3
Republican Party Publications, 1952-1957	box 4	folder 4
Texas Swindle, 1952	box 4	folder 5
Senate Hoover Commission Report, 1952	box 4	folder 6
Miscellaneous Republican Party Material, 1940-1952	box 5	folder 1
Republican Party Issue Booklet, 1949	box 5	folder 2

Idaho Republican Committee Victory Plan, 1950	box 5	folder 3
Nevada State Republican Platform, 1950	box 5	folder 4
The 1950 Election, Republican National Committee, undated	box 5	folder 5
Red Herring and Whitewash, 1950	box 5	folder 6
Republican Party 1st National Bank Statements, 1950-1952	box 5	folder 7
Correspondence with Senator Malone, 1950	box 5	folder 8
Republican Party, Churchill County, 1950	box 5	folder 9
Republican Party, Douglas County, 1950	box 5	folder 10
Republican Party, Elko County, 1950	box 5	folder 11
Republican Party, Esmerelda County, 1950	box 5	folder 12
Republican Party, Eureka County, 1950	box 5	folder 13
Republican Party, Humboldt County, 1950	box 5	folder 14
Republican Party, Lander County, 1950	box 5	folder 15
Republican Party, Lincoln County, 1950	box 5	folder 16
Republican Party, Lyon County, 1950	box 5	folder 17
Republican Party, Mineral County, 1950	box 5	folder 18
Republican Party, Nye County, 1950	box 5	folder 19
Republican Party, Ormsby County, 1950	box 5	folder 20
Republican Party, Pershing County, 1950	box 5	folder 21
Republican Party, Storey County, 1950	box 5	folder 22
Republican Party, Washoe County, 1950	box 5	folder 23
Miscellaneous Publicity Material, 1950	box 5	folder 24
Republican Party, Radio Rates, 1950		

	box 5	folder 25
Lincoln Day Celebration, manuscript, 1950	box 5	folder 26
Firing Line, Republican National Committee, 1952 November 20	box 5	folder 27
The Reporter, 1967	box 5	folder 28
The Reporter, 1953 June 9	box 5	folder 28
Inaugural Ball Program, 1967	box 5	folder 29
County Totals of Democrats and Republicans, undated	box 5	folder 30

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Business and Legal Series, 1930-1977

Physical Description: 2.00 Cubic Feet (5 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.60 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The business and legal series consists mainly of Harold Stocker's papers related to his southern Nevada businesses and covers the years from 1930 through 1977. The majority of these files pertain to the years 1950 through 1977. Most of these papers are deeds, leases, and such business agreements. There are also estate papers, civil suits, personal taxes, and Chief Hotel Court statements and room accounts.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers	
Chief Hotel Canceled Checks, 1977	box 6	folder 1
Chief Hotel Court Receipts / Statements, 1976-1977	box 6	folder 2
Chief Hotel Court Room Accounts, 1976-1977	box 6	folder 3
1931 Gambling License Information, 1967	box 7	folder 1
Bracken Street Home: Deeds, 1950-1952	box 7	folder 2
International Village Deed, 1950-1952	box 7	folder 3
Zoning Extension: Bracken Street Home, 1975	box 7	folder 4
Personal Travel, 1951-1957	box 7	folder 5
Personal Taxes, 1956-1977	box 7	folder 6
Civil Suit: M. Stocker v Lucky Strike Club, 1962	box 7	folder 7
Trust Agreements, M.V. Stocker, 1961-1975	box 7	folder 8
Estate Papers, M.V. Stocker, 1973	box 7	folder 9

Ann Bates; Legal Action Against, 1960-1962	box 7	folder 10
Standard Oil Correspondence, 1964-1965	box 7	folder 11
Upland Industries Downtown Industrial Park, 1970-1974	box 7	folder 12
Energy, Alternate Forms, 1976-1978	box 7	folder 13
A.T.F. Film Studio, "General File", 1963	box 8	folder 1
A.T.F. Film Studio, 1963-1976	box 8	folder 2
A.T.F. Film Studio - Enigma Plot, Acct. Budget, 1971-1972	box 8	folder 3
Beverage Industry Nevada (BIN) Correspondence, 1971-1972	box 8	folder 4
Recycling Publications, 1970-1972	box 8	folder 5
Recycling Publications, 1970-1972	box 8	folder 6
BIN Recycling Project newspaper clippings, 1970-1972	box 8	folder 7
Property File: Stocker and Long, undated	box 9	folder 1
Lease: Fox Morris, undated	box 9	folder 2
Legal Agreement: Monte Carlo Club, 1930-1954	box 9	folder 3
Special Powers of Attorney, 1962	box 9	folder 4
Lease: Goldring and Winstrom, 1962	box 9	folder 5
Legal Agreement: Stockers, Byrne and Bowers, 1963	box 9	folder 6
Legal Documents: Desert Plaza Apartments, 1966	box 9	folder 7
Denny's Restaurant #107, 1966	box 9	folder 8
Rental Agreement: Stocker and Eprecht, 1967	box 9	folder 9
Harold Butler Enterprises #107, 1970	box 9	folder 10
Loan Agreement: Harry Shouse, 1970	box 9	folder 11
Delafield Bankruptcy, 1974	box 9	folder 12
Ledger, Chief Motel, 1949-1952	oversized box 10	folder 1
Scrapbook, 1925-1951	oversized box 10	folder 2
1st Gaming License Plaque, undated	oversized box 10	folder 3
Northern Club Pioneer Licensee Plaque, undated		

oversized folder 4
box 10

United States Bicentennial commemorative medals collection, 1976

oversized
box 11

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