



The Guide to the Leonard Blood Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Blood, Leonard T., 1894-1962
Title:	Leonard Blood Papers
ID:	MS-00161
Date [inclusive]:	1888 to 1962
Date [bulk]:	1930 to 1950
Physical Description:	1.28 Cubic Feet (1 box and 1 flat folder)
Physical Description:	2.75 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Leonard Blood Papers (1888-1962) consist photographs and personal documents from his work in the United States Navy, Las Vegas Labor Commission, and on the Boulder (Hoover) Dam in Nevada. The bulk of the papers date between 1930 to 1950. Included are correspondence, telegrams, newspaper clippings, a scrapbook, family photographs, and various ephemera.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

District Deputy Labor Commissioner Leonard Blood worked for the Las Vegas Labor Commission, hiring employees for the construction of the Boulder (later renamed Hoover) Dam from 1931 to 1938 in Nevada. Blood, born on November 7, 1894, came to Nevada from Lincoln, Nebraska with his parents, William Blood, a train conductor and his mother, Carrie Blood, a nurse.

During Blood's time as the District Deputy Labor Commissioner, it was his responsibility to hire employees for the construction of the Boulder Dam. By a personal proclamation from President Franklin Roosevelt, Blood became the first deputy to implement the Veterans Preference Law, which gave job preference to World War One veterans.

Blood was a navy veteran of World War One and World War Two and worked on the Nellis Air Force base in Las Vegas, Nevada before retirement. He also belonged to the Las Vegas Chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American League, the Masons, and was a Charter Officer in the Elks Lodge.

Leonard Blood passed away on August 24, 1962, at the age of 65.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were a gift of Alfreda R. Blood in 1975; accession number T-74, 1975-348.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Carol Remter in 1987. The finding aid was created by Wendy Halford in 2010. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Kayla McDuffie revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2016 Joyce Moore added content and updated ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Leonard Blood Photograph Collection, undated. PH-00062. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ray Cutright Photograph Collection, undated. PH-00123. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Dam construction -- Nevada -- Boulder City -- 1930-1940
- World War, 1939-1945
- Public service employment -- United States -- 1930-1940
- photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Nevada Employment Services: Investigation of discrimination against Clark County residents, 1932-1935	box 01	folder 01
US Labor Commission: Organization and operation of US Department of Labor's office in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1935	box 01	folder 02

US Department of Labor: Veterans' placement and preference: addresses and briefs, 1935	box 01	folder 03
US Department of Labor and Veterans' placement: correspondence, 1930-1945	box 01	folder 04
US Navy documents, expense vouchers, navy correspondence lessons, 1929-1949	box 01	folder 05
US Naval Reserve papers, applications, Coast Guard ID, negatives, 1942-1954	box 01	folder 06
Leonard Blood's personal employment history, 1917-1945	box 01	folder 07
Correspondence to Mrs. Blood after Leonard Blood's death, 1962	box 01	folder 08
Carrie Blood: commencement program, correspondence with her father, 1911-1915	box 01	folder 09
Miscellaneous: Social Security card, magazines and maps, 1934-1946	box 01	folder 10
Silhouette, 1888	box 01	folder 11
Scrapbook: photographs, newspaper clippings, mementos, 1917-1962	box 01	folder 12
Family Photographs, undated	box 01	folder 13
Family Photograph Album, undated	box 01	folder 14
Photographs in studio folders, undated Physical Description: 09 Photographic Prints	box 01	folder 15
Memorial record, 1950 January 4	box 01	folder 16