

Guide to the Zelvin Lowman Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lowman, Zelvin D.
Title:	Zelvin Lowman Papers
ID:	MS-00184
Date [inclusive]:	1938-2001
Date [bulk]:	1963-1976
Physical Description:	19.22 Cubic Feet (25 boxes)
Physical Description:	16.22 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Zelvin Lowman Papers (1938-2001) contain the papers of Assemblyman Zelvin "Zel" Lowman who served in the Nevada State Legislature from 1967 to 1977. Included are court records, publications, correspondence, reports, and newspaper clippings pertaining to his time in office. Subjects include the Clark County School District, school busing, water and air quality issues, capital punishment, medical malpractice, mental health legislation, and the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The 2018 addition includes newspaper clippings, awards, citations, school records, photographs, occasional cards, invitations, and extensive material on the Lowman's involvement with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Also included are books written by Zel Lowman about scouting and the Presbyterian Church.

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Biographical Note

Nevada District 5 Assemblyman Zelvin "Zel" Lowman moved his family to Las Vegas, Nevada in the early 1950s where he began work for a company that became Nevada Power Company. In 1966 Lowman successfully ran for the Nevada State Assembly and held that office between 1967 and 1977. He was honored as the Outstanding Freshman Legislator by his fellow legislators in his first year of public service. He also served as the Majority Leader and Chairman of several committees. Lowman had a long career at Nevada Power and retired in 1978 as director of public relations. He later worked in real estate as a broker-salesman at the Mary Lowman Realty. He also served as court administrator for the 8th Judicial District of Nevada.

Lowman was a moderator of the Sun Youth Forum during the 1960s. He was presented the Heart Award of the Local Variety Club and was given the Meritorious Service Award of the Secondary School Principals for outstanding service to education. Other civic activities include service as director of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada and Nevada State Council of the Arts. He served as a member of the Civil Service Board and was chairman of the Better Business Bureau, Employers Association of Southern Nevada, and Uptown Kiwanis Club. In 1993, an elementary school was named after him for his service to youth. Zelvin Lowman passed away February 28, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sources:

"Zelvin Don 'Zel' Lowman Obituary," Legacy.com, accessed May 31, 2018, <http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?n=zelvin-don-lowman-zel&pid=142035494>

"Zelvin Don 'Zel' Lowman," Findagrave.com, accessed May 31, 2018, <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=43429634>

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material on the Lowman's involvement with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Also included are books written by Zel Lowman about scouting and the Presbyterian Church.

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Arrangement

Material is arranged alphabetically by subject.

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Access Note

The papers are open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1976 and 2018 by Zelvin Lowman and family; accession numbers T104, 76-194, 91-35, and 2018-019.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore in 2015. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Chris Bruce revised the collection description. In 2018, Joyce Moore processed the 2018 addition, reboxed and arranged the material, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Lowman, Zelvin. Oral Interview, 1981 March 14, OH-01154. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- photographs
- Nevada. Legislative Assembly

Collection Inventory

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Books written by Zelvin Lowman	
A Voice in the Desert: A History of First Presbyterian Church Las Vegas, Nevada, 1992	box 25
Decently and in Order in the Great Basin Including Southern Nevada: A History of Presbytery of Nevada, undated	box 25
50 Years of River, Desert, and Mountain Scouting: A History of the Boulder Dam Area Council, 1994	box 25

Correspondence, itemized inventory, 1969-1973	box 01
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Ecology issues	
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Environmental Task Force minutes, 1971	box 02
Environmental problems reports, exhibits, correspondence, and testimonies, 1972-1975	box 02
Federal Register: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Reports, 1971 April, 1972 June-July	box 02
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Land use, policy statements, and specific guidelines proposal, 1972	box 02
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Legislative considerations for pollution control problems by the EPA, 1971	box 03
"Let's Come Clean," National Association of Manufacturers Conference, 1974	box 03
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Nevada water issues, proposals, amendments, projects, and correspondence, 1972-1975	box 03
Proposal for a master water agency for the Las Vegas valley, maps, correspondence, and clippings, 1973	box 03
The Quiet Revolution in Land Use Control, a report by the Council on Environmental Quality, 1971	box 03
Report for Consolidation of the Metropolitan Las Vegas Interstate Quality Control Region, 1970 June	box 03
State Energy Project Newsletters, 1975-1976	box 03
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Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) land sale correspondence, 1973	box 03
Correspondence and newspaper clippings, 1972-1976	box 03
Community education analysis, guides, grant funds, correspondence, clippings, 1973-1974	box 03
Correspondence against teaching history and government in high school, 1973	box 03
Education legislation on salaries and the right to strike laws correspondence, 1968-1969	box 03
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Medical Malpractice: a Selected Annotated Bibliography, 1975 April	box 04
Medical malpractice information, newsletters, correspondence, and newspaper clippings, 1974-1976	box 04
Medical malpractice insurance crisis correspondence and newspaper clippings, 1975	box 04
Meeting of the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee for the Study of Medical Malpractice Insurance in Nevada minutes, 1975 September 18	box 04
Memoranda and briefings, 1976	box 04
Mental Health Reports, meetings, announcements, and programs, 1975-1976	box 04
Nevada Legislative Meeting for the Handicapped and Developmentally Disabled Report, 1976 November	box 04
On-the-job disability insurance petitions, 1973	box 04
The Problems of Medical Malpractice Insurance Bulletin #71, draft and final copy, 1976 July and September	box 05
Proposed Revision of Nevada Mental Health and Mental Retardation Laws, 1975 May	box 05
Summaries of the bills to be enacted regarding medical malpractice, undated	box 05
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Nuclear testing, Nevada Test Site, reports, safety issues, correspondence, 1971-1975	box 06
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