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Guide to the Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers

Summary Information

**Repository:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.

**Creator:** Butterfield, Georgia H. (Georgia Hanna), 1911-1978

**Contributor:** Butterfield, Spencer, 1904-1960

**Title:** Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers

**ID:** MS-00189

**Date [inclusive]:** 1890s-1978

**Date [bulk]:** 1940-1960

**Physical Description:** 1.12 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)

**Language of the Material:** English

**Abstract:** The Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers (1890s-1978) consist primarily of photographs and scrapbooks pertaining to Spencer and Georgia Butterfield, a prominent Las Vegas, Nevada couple involved in local business and civic activities. The collection also includes newspaper clippings of their social activities, correspondence, and assorted personal memorabilia.

**Preferred Citation**

Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers, 1890s-1978. MS-00189. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Spencer and Georgia Butterfield were a prominent Las Vegas, Nevada couple involved in local business and civic activities. Spencer was born February 11, 1904, in Marseille, Illinois and came to Nevada in 1917. Later, he became the branch manager for the First National Bank in Carson City and in 1941, he transferred to the bank's branch in Las Vegas, Nevada to work as an assistant cashier. In 1943, he began working as a cashier at the Bank of Nevada, eventually becoming its president, as well as president of the Nevada Bankers Association. Spencer was also active in community affairs through involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and
the Las Vegas Press Club. In 1947, he was named Las Vegas' "Man of the Year." Spencer Butterfield died on August 17, 1960.

Georgia (Hanna) Butterfield was born on November 26, 1911 in Elko, Nevada. The Hanna family was one of the first settler families in Elko, Nevada. Georgia attended Wabash Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1931, she married Reese Turner. The couple came to Las Vegas in 1937, and Georgia accepted a secretarial position at First National Bank, which is where she eventually met Spencer Butterfield. Reese Turner and Georgia divorced, and Georgia married Spencer Butterfield on May 6, 1944. Georgia was active in the Mesquite Club, Daughters of the Nile, and the Republican Club, as well as other organizations. She became the first female postmaster for Las Vegas on August 1, 1960, holding that position until February of 1961. In later years, she was an executive with International Hosts, first opening the gift shop at the Hilton Hotel and later supervising the gift shop at Caesar's Palace. In 1978, after a brief illness, Georgia Butterfield died at the age of sixty-six.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers (1890s-1978) consist primarily of photographs and scrapbooks pertaining to Spencer and Georgia Butterfield, a prominent Las Vegas, Nevada couple involved in local business and civic activities. The collection also includes newspaper clippings of their social activities, correspondence, and assorted personal memorabilia. The photographs include family vacations and travel, social events, and several images taken in Jiggs, Nevada. Jiggs, formerly known as Hylton and later Skylton, was founded by Georgia Butterfield’s uncle, John Jesse Hylton.

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Arrangement of the Records

These papers are organized into two series:
Series I. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia, 1929-1978;
Series II. Photographs and scrapbooks 1890s-1960.
Administrative Information

Access Note
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note
Materials were donated in 1978 by Georgia Hanna Butterfield; accession number 78-107.

Processing Note
Material was processed in 1996 by Caryll Batt Dziedziak. In 2017, Joyce Moore revised the collection description. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux rehoused the materials, revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards, and entered the data in ArchivesSpace.

Related Materials

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

Spencer and Georgia Hanna Butterfield Photograph Collection, approximately 1900s-1960. PH-00077. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.
Names and Subjects

• Bankers -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
• Postal service -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Postmasters
• Women postal service employees
• Women executives -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
• Women -- Societies and clubs -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
• Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
• Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Social life and customs
• photographs

Collection Inventory

**Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia, 1929-1978**

Physical Description: 0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The correspondence, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia series (1929-1978) primarily contains correspondence to Georgia Butterfield and newspaper clippings pertaining to both Spencer and Georgia. The series also includes eulogies and a guest book for Spencer Butterfield's funeral, as well as his United States Treasury Distinguished Service Award.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

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<td>Issue of the University of Nevada Gamma Triune; Mesquite Club handbook, Waterloo; Iowa pamphlet; and assorted newspaper clippings and memorabilia, 1929-1957</td>
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### Photographs and scrapbooks, 1890s-1960

**Physical Description:** 0.66 Cubic Feet (1 box)  
**Physical Description:** 1.35 Linear Feet  

**Scope and Contents Note:** The photographs and scrapbooks series (1890s-1960) primarily contains photographs and scrapbooks pertaining to Spencer and Georgia Butterfield and the Hanna and Butterfield families. The scrapbooks include photographs, newspaper clippings, and personal mementos.  
**Arrangement:** Materials remain in original order.

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<td>Photograph of Lavoy Henry Davis, approximately 1920s</td>
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<td>Photograph of Georgia Hanna Turner and Reese Turner, 1930s</td>
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<td>Elko County High School graduation photograph of Lola Hanna and her classmates, 1914</td>
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<td>Photograph of Mary Hoover Hanna and John Quincy Hanna on their ranch in Blackwell, Texas, approximately 1915</td>
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<td>Album with assorted photographs including Spencer and Georgia Butterfield and the Hanna and Butterfield families, 1890s-1950s</td>
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