

## Guide to the Beckley Family Papers

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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>	Beckley family
<b>Title:</b>	Beckley Family Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00232
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1920 to 1961
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Beckley Family Papers date from 1920 to 1961 and briefly document the lives of the Beckley family, who were pioneers in early Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection contains family correspondence and newspaper clippings mentioning the family members.

### Preferred Citation

Beckley Family Papers, 1920-1961. MS-00232. Special Collections and Archives. University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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The Beckley name represents one of the few pioneer families that helped establish Las Vegas, Nevada. In Las Vegas the Beckley name represents two families: the Jake Beckley and Will Beckley families. Jake moved to Las Vegas in 1905 to start a lumber company with Ed Von Tobel. When the two split up Jake called his brother Will to join him in Las Vegas, and in 1908 the brothers created a men's clothing store. The two brothers met a pair of sisters; in 1910 Will married one of the sisters and in 1913 Jake married the other sister. Will Beckley and his wife had one son Bruce Beckley, who was an attorney in Las Vegas. In 1920 Jake Beckley brought attention to the Beckley name when he was part of the team that flew the first airplane into the Las Vegas airport.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1982 by Bruce Beckley; accession number T187.

### Processing Note

Material was processed by Special Collections Staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hana Gutierrez created the collection description and brought it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Hana Gutierrez entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Beckley Family Photograph Collection, approximately 1891-1982. PH-00148. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Virginia Beckley Richardson oral history interview, 2009 November 05. OH-01043. 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

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- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History -- Pioneer

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers	
News clippings mentioning Beckley family members, 1920-1961	box 01	folder 01
Correspondence between Beckley children and to funeral home, 1922-1958	box 01	folder 02
Newspaper Article about Mary Lake Mark's 90th Birthday and photocopies of sign informing store closure due to a funeral, approximately 1960	box 01	folder 03