

## Guide to the Bella Tyktin Stern 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>	Stern, Bella Tyktin, 1914-2001
<b>Title:</b>	Bella Tyktin Stern Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00296
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1930 to 1997
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.42 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Most of the material in the collection is English; materials in Russian and German are indicated at the file level.
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Bella Tyktin Stern papers (approximately 1930-1997) document the life and travels of Las Vegas, Nevada resident Bella Tyktin Stern. The collection focuses on the trips she took within the state of Nevada as a guide for Nevada Discovery Tours, featuring travel itineraries and travel brochures. The collection also includes biographical materials, such as personal correspondence, legal documents, postcards sent to Stern from her Aunt Rose, and an untranslated copy of Stern's unpublished autobiography written in German, <i>Unser Kampf</i> .

### Preferred Citation

Bella Tyktin Stern Papers, approximately 1930-1997. MS-00296. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Bella Tyktin Stern (1914-2001) was an avid traveler and resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born in Bialystok, in what is now Poland. Her family fled west after World War I, stopping in Germany and Palestine before arriving in the United States around 1938. Stern taught English as a member of the Society for Ethical Culture in New York City. By 1963, she was an officer of the Universal Securities Corporation in Las Vegas, Nevada. During the 1980s, she worked as a guide for Nevada Discovery Tours. Mrs. Stern married, but never had children. Before her death in 2001,

Stern was affiliated with many organizations and institutions, such as the Last Frontier Hotel, Sunrise Hospital, and the Educational Foundation for Foreign Study.

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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.

### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1988 by Bella Tyktin Stern and in 2022 by Dennis McBride; accession numbers 88-108, 2022-034.

### Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections Staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melanie O'Keeffe rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the

collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2022, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2022 addition during accessioning and updated the finding aid.

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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:

Bella Tyktin Stern Photographs, 1943-1960. PH-00224. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

### Separated Materials

Some of the promotional material for the Last Frontier Hotel was removed from this collection and placed in Promotional and Publicity Material:

Frontier Hotel and Gambling Hall, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1943. HD 9999 G25 F76. 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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- World War, 1914-1918
- Tourism -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Women -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
- Postcards
- Las Vegas Valley Tours

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers	
Boulder Club magazine advertisements, approximately 1944	box 01	folder 01
Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch menu, approximately 1943-1945		

	box 01	folder 02
Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar press clippings, 1945	box 01	folder 03
15th Annual Jim Butler Days in Tonopah, Nevada, 1985	box 01	folder 04
Nevada Discovery Tours tour bus license plate, undated	box 01	folder 05
Nevada Discovery Tours evaluation form, undated	box 01	folder 06
Nevada Discovery Tours trip to the Southern Utah Shakespeare Festival itinerary, 1985	box 01	folder 07
Nevada Discovery Tours trip "Life on the Old Spanish Trail" itinerary, 1985	box 01	folder 08
Nevada Discovery Tours itineraries and publicity, 1984-1985	box 01	folder 09
Nevada Discovery Tours brochures, circulars, maps, undated	box 01	folder 10
Nevada Discovery Tours tour guide training material, undated	box 01	folder 11
Nevada Discovery Tours convention tour form, 1984	box 01	folder 12
Biographical material, 1939-1997 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01	folder 13
Translated excerpts and untranslated German text of "Unser Kampf", undated Language of the Material: German	box 01	folder 14
Russian language notes and materials, approximately 1980-1990 Language of the Material: Russian	box 01	folder 15
Postcards sent to Stern, primarily from her Aunt Rose sent from Russia, Israel, and Palestine, approximately 1930 to 1955 Language of the Material: German	box 01	