



Guide to the Central Credit, Inc. Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Early, Charles Alvin, Jr., 1924-2012
Title:	Central Credit, Inc. Records
ID:	MS-00542
Date [inclusive]:	1956-1987
Physical Description:	3.82 Cubic Feet (10 boxes)
Physical Description:	4.70 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Central Credit, Inc. Records (1956-1987) contain meeting minutes, employee records, business ledgers, newspaper clippings, membership applications, photographs, and reports. Also included are incorporation papers, a Code of Ethics, Credit Law, Tod Early's personal calendars/diaries, and audiovisual materials. Central Credit, Inc. had branches in Reno, Las Vegas, and Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and also in London.

Preferred Citation

Central Credit, Inc. Records, 1956-1987. MS-00542. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

Central Credit was a business established in 1956 by Charles A. "Tod" Early, a casino cashier at the Mapes Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The company's purpose was to provide casinos a centralized warehouse for casino check and credit information based upon what was known as "early returns." Casino cashiers called Central Credit on a direct line to check a customer's credit, thus allowing casinos to share player information through secure lines. In 1964 Early incorporated Central Credit with his brother Ray and opened an office in Las Vegas, Nevada. They elected to be a Subchapter S Corporation. Charles and his family moved to Las Vegas and Ray and his family remained in Reno. In 1968 Charles started the first Casino Cashiers School in Las Vegas and Ray

did the same in Reno. By 1969 the Central Credit office in Las Vegas had 42 subscribers. Since many casino patrons had credit abroad, Charles decided to travel to London and was successful in securing many casino subscriptions; the first subscriber was the Playboy Club.

In 1986 Charles and his brother Ray sold Central Credit to the Chilton Corporation, a subsidiary of Borg Warner. Charles agreed to stay on with the new owners for two years as a consultant at which time he sat as the President of the committee to update the Code of Ethics. He renamed it the "Gaming Industry's Code of Ethics for the Exchange of Credit Information."

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Arrangement

Collection is in alphabetical order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Collection was donated in 2008 by Linda (Early) Mesiner; accession number 2008-020.

Processing Note

Collection was processed in 2017 by Joyce Moore.

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Related Materials

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

Early, Charles Alvin Jr. Interview, 1981 March 25. OH-00510. 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

- Organized crime -- Las Vegas (Nev)
- Check fraud
- photographs
- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Central Credit, Inc.

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Billing schedules, 1986-1987	box 01
Business ledger, 1958	box 01
Bylaws and agreements, 1966, 1968, 1971, 1975	box 01
Budget preparation worksheets, 1981	box 01

Casino Operations and Management by Bill Friedman, manuscript, undated	box 01
Check Registers, 1977-1986	oversized box 09
Code of Ethics for the Exchange of Information, 1969	box 01
Company listings, undated	box 01
Comparative Grocery Pricing Guide, 1963-1964	oversized box 09
Credit Law, 1970-1977	box 01
Credit Manager's Lists, 1977-1985	box 02
Calendars/diaries, 1965-1986	box 08
Director minutes, 1968-1977	box 02
Early Returns, 1957, 1967	box 02
Employees' Profile and Sharing Plan and Trust, 1978	box 02
Financial Statements, 1972-1981	box 02
General information, 1980-1981	box 03
Forgery notifications, 1963	box 02
Forgery notifications, 1963	box 03
Forgery rings operating in California, 1972-1973	oversized box 09
Handwritten employee records, 1957-1974	box 04
Handwritten files, 1958-1962	box 04
Harrah's credit installation, 1985	box 03
Herd and Gardena Gangs, 1967-1972	box 03
History of Central Credit, 1987	box 03
Incorporation Papers for Central Supply, 1974-1975	box 03
Information on Credit Law, 1968-1981	box 03
Information System Study Report, 1970	box 03
Installation and maintenance companies, undated	box 04
Invoice statements, 1986-1987	box 04
Master Reports, 1988 March	box 04
Meetings with credit managers, 1973-1980	box 04
Meetings with hotel/casinos, 1969-1986	box 05
Membership applications, 1962-1978	box 05

Miscellaneous ephemera	
Matchbook covers, undated	box 08
Miniature tapes, undated	box 08
Physical Description: 3 Audio Cassettes	
Discussion on the early days of Central Credit, undated	box 08
First Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	box 08
London chip importing for V13, undated	box 08
Gardena gang files, undated	box 08
Business cards, undated	box 08
Central Credit Embosser, 1966	box 10
Miscellaneous records, 1963-1976	box 05
Newspaper clippings, 1966-1983	box 05
Organized counterfeit check ring, 1972-1973	oversized box 09
Original organization, 1956	box 05
Photographs, undated	box 05
Photographs of casino chips, undated	box 05
Profit and Loss Statements, 1969	box 06
Proposed rate structures, 1983 July 1	box 06
State Gaming Board Agenda, 1974 July	box 06
Stockholder meetings, 1983, 1986	box 06
Texas Department of Public Safety and Crime Reports, 1973	box 06
Tod Early, interview, 1 DVD, undated	oversized box 09
Tropicana Hotel/Casino Management System, undated	box 06
Valley Bank calls, 1980	box 06