



Guide to the Eileen Brookman Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Brookman, Eileen B., 1921-2004
Title:	Eileen Brookman Papers
ID:	MS-00620
Date [inclusive]:	1934-2002
Physical Description:	9.70 Cubic Feet (17 boxes, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	10.54 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Eileen Brookman Papers date from 1934 to 2002 and document Brookman's personal life and political career. Brookman was active in the Las Vegas Jewish community. Personal papers include programs from B'nai B'rith, scrapbook materials, correspondence, and photographs. The collection includes documentation from the White House Conference on Aging. She served several terms in the Nevada State Assembly from 1967 to 1977 and again from 1987 to 1989. Political materials include legislative information, bumper stickers, election returns, and newspaper clippings.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Eileen Brookman (1921-2004) dedicated her adult life to public service, as a member of the Nevada State Assembly and in volunteer and civic activities. She was born Eileen Milstein in Denver, Colorado on October 25, 1921. She grew up in Southern California and graduated from Eagle Rock High School in 1940. She married George Brookman on July 11, 1941 and the couple had two children, Michael and Deborah.

The family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1953. George Brookman operated a construction company. The family became involved in the Las Vegas Jewish community and Eileen Brookman held leadership positions in B'nai Brith. She ran for the Nevada Assembly in 1966 for the first time, won the election, and went on to serve a total of eight terms in the legislature. She temporarily left public office in 1978, but returned and successfully ran for reelection in 1986. She retired in 1990 in order to care for her son Michael, a heart transplant recipient.

She belonged to many organizations including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Conference for Christians and Jews. In her political career, Brookman advocated for senior citizens and the underprivileged and also served on the White House Conference on Aging. She was also a member of the Nevada Taxicab Authority, the Nevada Indian Affairs Board, and the Las Vegas Ethics Review Board. The Clark County School District named a Las Vegas elementary school in her honor. Brookman passed away in 2002.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Eileen Brookman Papers date from 1934 to 2002 and document Brookman's personal life and political career. Brookman was active in the Las Vegas Jewish community. Personal papers include programs from B'nai B'rith, scrapbook materials, correspondence, and photographs. The collection includes documentation from the White House Conference on Aging. She served several terms in the Nevada State Assembly from 1967 to 1977 and again from 1987 to 1989. Political materials include legislative information, bumper stickers, election returns, and newspaper clippings.

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into four series:

Series I. Personal Papers, 1934-1993;

Series II. Political Materials, 1949-1993;

Series III. Scrapbook Materials, 1940s-1990s;

Series IV. 2005 Addition, 1965-2002.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1995 by Eileen Brookman and in 2005 by the Brookman Estate; accession number 95-14.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Joyce Marshall Moore in February 1997. In 2005, Su Kim Chung processed an addition that was donated by Brookman's estate. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hana Gutierrez revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor rehoused the materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2020, Jimmy Chang added materials to the collection.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in Eileen Brookman Photo Collection, 1960-1989. PH-00303. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Books on Senate and Assembly history and some legislative manuals have been separated and described individually in the [University Libraries' catalog](#).

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Names and Subjects

- Women -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Politics and government
- photographs
- Businesswomen -- United States -- Nevada
- Nevada. Legislature
- White House Conference on Aging

Collection Inventory

Personal Papers, 1934-1993

Physical Description: 2.49 Cubic Feet (5 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.21 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Personal Papers series dates from 1934 to 1993 and consists of information about Eileen Brookman's personal life, family, community involvement, and political career. The series includes photographs, family papers, and records of Brookman's work with B'nai B'rith, the Jewish community service organization. Personal materials from her political career include speech drafts, election returns, and business cards.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Arvey, Lawrence: criminal case newspaper clippings, photocopies, 1978	box 01
Brookman biographical information, 1972, 1987, 1990	box 01
B'nai B'rith, scrapbook pages, 1957	box 01
B'nai B'rith, newspaper clippings, photocopies, 1960-1975	box 01
B'nai B'rith, correspondence, 1960-1974	box 01
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Brookman, Michael information, 1976	box 01
Brookman Motel information on opening, 1972	box 01
Personal correspondence, 1965-1978	box 01
Jr. High School diploma, Eagle Rock High School diploma and certificates of appreciation, 1934, 1940	box 01
Jewelry appraisal, 1968	box 01
Asian post cards, undated	box 01
Photographs of Brookman's family, friends, and political events, 1930s-1980s	box 02

Physical Description: 3 Files

Photograph negatives, undated	box 02
Programs and invitations, 1954-1987	box 02
UNLV football programs, 1973	box 02
Temple Beth Shalom, Family Album program, 1988 April 23	box 02
Political Career Papers, 1963-1993	
Campaign bumper stickers, posters, and business cards, 1985, 1987, undated	box 03
Campaign endorsements, 1988	box 03
Campaign endorsement thank you letters, 1988	box 03
Campaign materials, 1976-1987	box 03
Correspondence thank you letters to Brookman, 1977-1992	box 03
Holiday cards and letters, 1990-1993	box 03
Newspaper clippings, photocopies, 1975-1992	box 03
Speech drafts and reference material, 1963-1976	box 03
Speech drafts, undated	box 03
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Campaign bank statements, envelopes, and stationary, 1984, undated	box 03
List of Nevada election candidates, 1992	box 04
State of Nevada: Official Returns of the Primary Election, Official Returns of the General Election, 1964	box 04
State of Nevada: Official Returns of the Primary Election, Official Returns of the General Election, 1966	box 04
State of Nevada: Official Returns of the Primary Election, Official Returns of the General Election, 1968	box 04
State of Nevada: Official Returns of the General Election, Official Returns of the General Election Clark County Supplement by Precincts, 1970	box 04
State of Nevada: Official Returns of the Primary Election, Official Returns of the General Election, 1972	box 04
State of Nevada: Official Returns of the Primary Election, Official Returns of the General Election, 1974	box 04
Votes for Brookman by precinct, 1974	box 04
State of Nevada: Official Returns of the General Election, 1976	box 04
Clark County sample ballots, 1988	box 04
Votes for Brookman, computer printout, 1988	box 04

Slides, color, undated	box 05
Brookman campaign promotional items, undated	box 05
Brookman business cards, undated	box 05
Brookman nametags and desk name plate, undated	box 05
Plaque given to Brookman by the Nevada Taxicab Authority, undated	box 05
Nevada 125 Years of Vision desk flag, 1989	box 05
Family mementos, undated	box 05
Film, 8mm, undated Physical Description: 7 Reels	box 05
Hat: I Survived Government Assembly Affairs, 1989	box 05
Tote bag: "Brookman" stitched on it, undated	box 05
Tote bag: Council of State Governments, 1989	box 05
Eagle Rock High School June Class group photograph, 1940	flat file 15

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Political Materials, 1949-1990

Physical Description: 3.22 Cubic Feet (7 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.92 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Political Materials series dates from 1949 to 1993 and documents Eileen Brookman's political work. It contains information about the Nevada legislature and information about political issues. It also includes materials from the White House Conference on Aging which Brookman attended as a representative of Nevada.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Biennial message of Governor Richard Bryan, signed, 1987 January	box 06
Booklets and pamphlets about politics and government, 1955-1992	box 06
Brothels in Nevada, information compiled by Legislative Counsel Bureau, 1985-1988	box 06
Business and Professional Women papers, 1987-1988	box 06
Campus Security Bill information, 1988	box 06
Campus Security, University of Nevada System, 1964-1969, 1988	box 06
Certificates and awards received by Brookman, 1957-1988	box 06
Correspondence, 1970-1989	box 06
Date book, 1988	box 06

Senate of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico directory, 1969	box 06
Equal Rights Amendment pamphlets and clippings, undated	box 06
18th Annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Freedom Fund Banquet program, 1972	box 06
Governor's Conference photograph album, 1973	box 07
Governor's Conference, Houston, Texas, planning materials, 1972	box 07
Governor's Conference, dinner hosted by Alaska, planning materials, 1977	box 07
Governor Mike O'Callaghan file, 1970s	box 07
Inaugural invitations, Nevada governors, 1967, 1990	box 07
Inaugural invitation, United States presidents, 1965, 1993	box 07
Indian Affairs, 1969-1970s	box 07
Key to the Constitution (booklet) by Francis Clay Harley, 1949	box 07
Lobbyist listing, Nevada Legislature, 1989 January	box 07
NAACP, papers and photographs, 1960-1974	box 08
National Conference of Christians and Jews-dinner, program, 1988	box 08
Nevada Parent Teacher Association, member plaque, 1988	box 08
Nevada Public Affairs Review: Ethnicity and Race in Nevada, 1987	box 08
Nevada State Educational Association Handbook, 1988	box 08
Nevada State Health Plan, Vol. I: The General Health System, 1988	box 08
Nevada Wages: A Survey of Wage Information, 1988	box 08
Newspaper clippings featuring Nevada issues or Eileen Brookman, 1968-1988	box 08
Nike House, correspondence, 1987	box 08
Northern Nevada Information and tourist information, 1970-1977	box 08
Orientation to Older Americans, information materials, 1983	box 08
Political History of Nevada, Secretary of State of Nevada, 1965	box 09
Political History of Nevada, Secretary of State of Nevada, 1979	box 09
Presidential Inauguration, invitation and information, 1976-1977	box 09
Pyramid Lake Task Force, newspaper clippings and photographs, 1971	box 09
Questions and Answers on Government, US Government Printing Office, 1969	box 09
Technical Report on American federal elections, 1988	box 09
U.S. Governors booklet, 1975	box 09

Vintage Views and News, Nevada Division for Aging Services newsletter, 1974-1977	box 09
Voting district plat map, Nevada Assembly Districts, undated	box 09
Women in politics, 1985-1987	box 09
Women's Democratic Club of Clark County roster, 1977-1987	box 09
White House Conference on Aging, 1967-1991	
Newspaper clippings and correspondence, 1980-1981	box 10
Correspondence on senior issues, 1975-1991	box 10
White House Engineering work tape, 1981 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 10
Final Reports and profiles on aging people, 1981	box 10
White House Conference on Aging Americans newspaper clippings, 1977-1988	box 10
Aging Conference material and other information on aging Americans, 1981-1993	box 10
White House Conference on Aging handbooks, 1981	box 11
Grant information booklet, undated	box 11
White House Conference mini seminar booklets, 1981	box 11
Photographs of the Las Vegas senior citizen committee meetings and new building, undated	box 11
Committees' recommendations from the White House Conference on Aging, 1981	box 11
Scrapbook, Conference on Aging materials, 1981	box 11
Photographs, Reno, committee meeting, 1981	box 11
Materials for Reno scrapbook, 1981	box 11
Assembly history, Nevada legislature, 1977	box 12
Biographies of members of the Nevada Legislature, 1979	box 12
National Directory of Women Elected Officials, 1987	box 12
Nevada Legislative Handbook, 1967	box 12
Nevada Legislative Handbook, 1973	box 12
Nevada Legislature Assemblyman's Handbook, 1987	box 12
Nevada Legislature informational booklet, 1989	box 12
State Legislative Council, correspondence about AARP list of elected women officials, 1988	box 12

The Sometime Governments: A Critical Study of the 50 American Legislatures, Citizens Conference on State Legislatures by John Burns, 1971	box 12
Women in Congress, booklet, 1976	box 12
Senate, legislation on monorails, 1967	box 12

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Scrapbook Materials, 1940s-1990s

Physical Description: 0.96 Cubic Feet (2 boxes, 1 flat file)

Physical Description: 2.83 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Scrapbook Materials series dates from 1940s to 1990s and consists of folders filled with newspaper clippings, photographs, and other materials saved for scrapbooks by Eileen Brookman. There is also a folder of awards and certificates. There are neither bound nor completed scrapbooks in this series.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Scrapbook materials, 1940s-1990s Physical Description: 3 Files	box 13
Scrapbook materials for Gemco Charitable and Scholarship Foundation, 1980-1985 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 13
Scrapbook materials for George Brookman, 1941-1977	box 13
Scrapbook materials on National Conference of Christian and Jews, 1960-1979	box 13
Scrapbook materials for unidentified scrapbook, 1964-1976 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 14
Scrapbook materials primarily related to O'Callaghan, 1966-1979	box 14
Awards and certificates, 1973-1988	flat file 15

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2005 Addition, 1965-2002

Physical Description: 3.03 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.59 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The 2005 Addition series consists of materials added to the collection from the Brookman Estate after Eileen Brookman's death in July 2004 and contains materials dating from 1965 to 2002. This series includes Assembly bills Brookman worked on, bills she sponsored, and her state Assembly vehicle license plates.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.	
Title/Description	Containers
Brookman appointment book, 1982	box 16
Brookman sponsored bills, 1967-1969	box 16
Brookman sponsored bills, 1971	box 16
Brookman sponsored bills, 1973	box 16
Brookman sponsored bills, 1977	box 16
Brookman sponsored bills, 1987	box 16
Brookman sponsored bills, 1989	box 16
Brookman bills: drafts and research, 1987, undated	box 16
Brookman bills pending: drafts and related documents, 1973	box 16
Brookman school naming, correspondence, 1999-2000	box 16
Candidate declarations of expenditures and campaign, State of Nevada, 1987	box 16
Correspondence, 1972-1977	box 16
Ethics Review Board: City of Las Vegas committee materials, 1993-2002	box 16
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Congratulations for Eileen and George Brookman, 1991	box 16
Memos and correspondence, 1972-1993	box 16
Nevada Legislature information, 1967-1975 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 16
Nevada Legislature information and newspaper clippings, 1989	box 16
Newspaper clippings, 1970-1987 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 16
Photographs, approximately 1970, undated	box 16
Second Wind (organ transplant organization), newsletters and correspondence, 1967-1999	box 16
Women's Democratic Club of Clark County: rosters, constitution, and bylaws, 1994-1995	box 16
Plaque, Life Member of Hadassah, 1986	box 16
Plaque, Vice Chairman, Committee on Legislative Functions, 1989	box 16
Plaque, Las Vegas B'Nai B'rith Women, 1965	box 16
Plaque, Nevada Outstanding Citizen Award for Meritorious Service, undated	box 16
Plaque, Delegate to White House Conference on Aging, 1981	box 16

Plaque, Worst tie Nevada Legislature, 1987	box 16
Assembly Bills, annotated by Brookman, 1969	box 17
Assembly Bills, 1973	box 17
Assembly Bills, 1975	box 17
Assembly Bills, 1977	box 17
Assembly Bills, 1987	box 17
Assembly Bills, 1987	box 17
Assembly Bills, 1989	box 17
Eileen Brookman biography (blank), undated	box 17
Assembly Bills, Senate Bills, and concurrent resolutions, 1977	box 17
Nevada legislature manual, 1977	box 17
Nevada license plates for Nevada Assemblywoman Brookman, 1966-1990	box 18

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