



Guide to the J. D. Smith Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Smith, J. D. (Jay Dayton), 1895-1984
Title:	J. D. Smith Papers
ID:	MS-00722
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1922 to 1972
Physical Description:	1.70 Linear Feet (3 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection is comprised of various account and appointment books dating from approximately 1922 to 1972 kept by Las Vegas, Nevadan dentist, Dr. Jay Dayton "J. D." Smith, who operated a dental practice near 1st and Fremont streets. Also included in this collection are sympathy cards to Dr. Smith's family upon his passing, copies of his obituary from the <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> , copies of the <i>Las Vegas Age</i> with a front page article on Dr. Smith's appointment as U.S. Marshal, and a copy of the book <i>K.O. Knudson: His Life</i> by James Monroe Harvey.

Preferred Citation

J. D. Smith Papers, 1922-1972. MS-00722. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Dr. Jay Dayton Smith, commonly known as "J. D.," was born in Monona, Iowa on March 22, 1895. He graduated from the University Minnesota College of Dentistry in 1922 and had his first practice in a mining region of Minnesota. In 1927 Dr. Smith moved to Las Vegas, where he operated a dental practice located at 1st and Fremont streets for over four decades until his retirement. Dr. Smith was actively involved with several community organizations including the American Legion; the Clark County Democratic Central Committee, where he was twice elected chairman; and the Elks Lodge. Dr. Smith served on the Clark County School District Board of Education from 1935 to 1953. In 1964, he had the distinction of having the first junior high school in North Las Vegas, J. D. Smith Junior High, named after him. Dr. Smith was also a member of the Nevada State

Board of Medical Examiners and was the first Las Vegas dentist to be appointed to that body. Dr. J. D. Smith passed away in 1984 at age of 89.

Source: <http://www.jdsmithms.org/pdf/JDSmithBio.pdf>

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Scope and Contents

The J. D. Smith Papers date from approximately 1922 to 1972 and contain various appointment books and daybooks used by Dr. Smith in running his dental practice at 1st and Fremont streets in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection includes copies of a February 26, 1937 issue of the *Las Vegas Age* with a cover story on Dr. Smith's appointment as United States Marshal. The collection also includes copies of Dr. Smith's obituary upon his death in 1984; sympathy cards to his family; and a copy *K.O. Knudson: His Life* by James Monroe Harvey that was presented to Leslie Smith, son of Dr. J. D. Smith.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by type and chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 by Leslie H. Smith, Sr. and Leslie H. Smith, Jr.; accession number 2015-043.

Processing Note

This collection was minimally processed by Tammi Kim in 2016 at the time of accessioning. The materials were quickly reviewed to provide a general description of the contents of each box and an estimate of dates represented in the material. Loose papers were foldered. No further work has been performed on the materials.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

Smith, J. D. Interview, 1979 October 31. OH-01716. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Daybooks
- Dentists
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Social life and customs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Cash, check, day, and dental appointment books kept by Dr. J. D. Smith.	box 01
February 26, 1937 issue of the <i>Las Vegas Age</i> with front page story on Dr. Smith. Copy of book, <i>K. O. Knudson: His Life as told to James Monroe Harvey</i> , signed by Knudson, presented to Leslie Smith, son of Dr. Smith., 1927 to 1972	box 02
	box 03