



Guide to the Bruce Trent and Morrissey Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Trent Morrissey, Patricia
Creator:	Trent, Bruce
Creator:	Morrissey, Michael
Title:	Bruce Trent and Morrissey Family Papers
ID:	MS-01232
Date [inclusive]:	1957 to 2018
Physical Description:	0.10 Cubic Feet (2 folders (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.10 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Bruce Trent and Morrissey Family Papers (1957-2018) consist of materials documenting the career of Las Vegas Recreation Department Superintendent Bruce Trent and the family of Patricia Trent and Michael Morrissey. The collection contains a newspaper clipping, resume, and narrative of Bruce Trent's life and career, and articles, fliers, and event programs related to the Morrissey family's business and philanthropic work in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Hanford Bruce Trent began his long career in parks and recreation in 1946 as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Wadsworth, Ohio. In 1953, the Trent family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where Bruce was hired as the Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Las Vegas. Trent oversaw the growth of parks and recreation throughout the city in his role as

superintendent until his resignation in 1962. He later returned to the city's recreation department in 1969 as a Recreation Supervising Specialist. Bruce and his late wife Wanda Trent had three children, Bruce, Jr. Jacqueline, and Patricia. Bruce Trent passed away on June 21, 1991 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Patricia Trent Morrissey grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada and graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She then earned her juris doctor from the Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida. Patricia practiced probate and guardianship law for over forty years and earned several awards for her work.

After completing law school and returning to Las Vegas, Patricia met Michael Morrissey, her future husband and longtime Las Vegas resident. Michael attended Bishop Gorman High School and the University of Nevada, Reno, graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science. He returned to Las Vegas in 1978 and entered the insurance industry, later forming his own firm, Morrissey Insurance. Michael was a founding member of the Bank of Nevada and co-founder and president of the Irish Bar Company. The Morrisseys have three children, Megan, Sean Patrick, and Erin, and their philanthropic efforts across the Las Vegas Valley include supporting Opportunity Village and the Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2025 by Patricia Trent Morrissey; accession number 2026-020.

Appraisal Note

Acquired by Stefani Evans, Oral History Research Center Project Manager, as part of a related UNLV Special Collections and Archives oral history project. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

Processing Note

In 2026, Landon Paljusaj processed the collection and wrote the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Patricia Trent Morrissey and Michael Morrissey oral history interview, 2025 June 19, in Game On! The Oral History of Las Vegas Sports interviews, 2024-2025. OH-03922. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1kz1d>

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Names and Subjects

- Philanthropists
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Clark County (Nev.). Department of Parks and Recreation (1963-2001)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Newspaper clipping, resume, and biography of Bruce Trent, 1957 to 1970	box SH-087	folder 01
Articles, fliers, event programs, and biographies of the Patricia Trent and Michael Morrissey family, 2011 to 2018	box SH-087	folder 02