



Guide to the Robert E. "Spud" Lake Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lake, Robert E. (Earnest), 1857-1932
Title:	Robert E. "Spud" Lake Photographs
ID:	PH-00041
Date [inclusive]:	1905-1947
Physical Description:	0.2 Linear Feet (2 hanging folders)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Robert E. "Spud" Lake Photographs depict "Spud" Lake, his family, and Las Vegas, Nevada from 1905 to 1947. The photographs include the Las Vegas town site auction, Stewart (Kiel) Ranch, Clark County Courthouse, Eglington Ranch, Helldorado Parade, and Colorado River and the Hoover (Boulder) Dam. The photographs also depict a Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce luncheon honoring Las Vegas pioneers, the Gold Bar Club tent in Pahrump, Nevada, and Fremont Street in Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

Robert E. "Spud" Lake Photographs, 1905-1947. PH-00041. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Robert E. "Spud" Lake was a Las Vegas pioneer and civic developer for whom an elementary school was named. He was born in 1857 in Illinois. He married Mary Ellen Osborn in Missouri in 1885, and they moved to Ontario, Canada, before eventually settling in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1904. He started a barbershop for railroad workers and other settlers in the area. Lake participated in the land auction for the Las Vegas town site and purchased two parcels. The first school was built on one of his parcels; and he served as the first president of the school board, and later as a trustee.

Source: Ann Thalken, "Robert E. Lake." Accessed September 14, 2015. <https://sites.google.com/site/robertlake516/our-namesake>

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Arrangement

Materials are roughly arranged by subject.

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Administrative Information

Access

The collection is open for research. Portions of this collection are digital and [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1977 by Spud Lake; accession number 1977-138.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

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

Lake-Eglington Family Papers, 1905-1983. MS-00142. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lake-Eglington Family Photograph Collection, 1900-1976. PH-00010. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lake, Robert E. Interview, September 27, 1975. OH-01052. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lake, Mary Lake. Interview, February 1951. OH-01051. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Kiel Ranch (North Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Clark County (Nev.)
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Early Las Vegas, Nevada	
Auction, Clark town site, 1905 May 15 (0041_0001)	folder 01
Main Street, undated (0041_0002) (view online)	folder 01
Postcard: Stewart Ranch, undated (0041_0003) (view online)	folder 01
Postcard: Clark County Courthouse; Frank Waite and Nellie Waite on horseback, 1914 (0041_0004)	folder 01
Sports field, undated (0041_0005) (view online)	folder 01
New York Store baseball team, undated (0041_0006) (view online)	folder 01
Postcard: freighting team in front of Cottage Hotel, including Ed Marshall, E. G. Waite, Earl Rockwell, and Spud Lake, 1914 (0041_0007)	folder 01
Postcard: U.S. Air Mail plane, 1926 April 17 (0041_0008)	folder 01
Postcard: mounted rider giving mail sack to pilot, Western Air Express, 1926 April 17 (0041_0009)	folder 01
Snow on 4th and Fremont Street, 1921 (0041_0010) (view online)	folder 01
Eglington Ranch, undated (0041_0011) (view online)	folder 01
Petrified wood gathered by the Lakes, undated (0041_0012) (view online)	folder 01
Helldorado Parade: Spud Lake and George Hathaway, 1935 (0041_0013) (view online)	folder 01
Helldorado Parade: Spud Lake in costume with a car, 1935 (0041_0014) (view online)	folder 01
Colorado River and Hoover Dam	
Murl Emery, Spud Lake, Frank Waite, Nellie Waite, and Ada Young in a boat, undated (0041_0015) (view online)	folder 01
Congressional party visiting Black Canyon dam site, 1923 March 13 (0041_0016) (view online)	folder 01
Spud Lake at the Colorado River, undated (0041_0017) (view online)	

	folder 01
Spud Lake at the Colorado River, undated (0041_0018) (view online)	folder 01
Person at the Colorado River, undated (0041_0019) (view online)	folder 01
Hoover (Boulder) Dam, upstream, undated (0041_0020) (view online)	folder 01
Spud Lake at Lucky Dutchman Railroad Pass, undated (0041_0021) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Depot, Rhyolite, Nevada, approximately 1920-1929 (0041_0022)	folder 01
Tent mining town, 1928 (0041_0023) (view online)	folder 01
Gold Bar Club tent near Pahrump, Nevada; George Sanders on right, 1928 (0041_0024) (view online)	folder 01
Gold Bar Club: Nellie Waite, Claude Mackie, and George Sanders, 1928 (0041_0025) (view online)	folder 01
Gold Bar Club: Fred Hesse and Spud Lake, 1928 (0041_0026) (view online)	folder 01
Gold Bar Club: Gilbert Brothers, 1928 (0041_0027) (view online)	folder 02
Biplane, possibly near Las Vegas, Nevada, undated (0041_0028) (view online)	folder 02
Automobiles, undated (0041_0029) (view online)	folder 02
Driveway gate, undated (0041_0030) (view online)	folder 02
Two people near automobiles, undated (0041_0031) (view online)	folder 02
Postcard: possibly Cliff Lake on telephone, approximately 1913 (0041_0032) (view online)	folder 02
Robert E. Lake, undated (0041_0033) (view online)	folder 02
Spud Lake on horseback, undated (0041_0034) (view online)	folder 02
Jack Tuck and burro, undated (0041_0035) (view online)	folder 02
Nellie Waite in front of petroglyphs near Sloan, Nevada, undated (0041_0036) (view online)	folder 02
Frank and Nellie Waite, undated (0041_0037) (view online)	

	folder 02
Frank Waite and Spud Lake at Fort Callville as the waters of Lake Mead rise, approximately 1936 (0041_0038) (view online)	folder 02
Possibly Ed Waite standing by an automobile in the desert, undated (0041_0039) (view online)	folder 02
Tom Lake, Spud Lake, and Jack Tuck using a burro to pull a wagon, undated (0041_0040) (view online)	folder 02
Robert and Mary Lake and two other people in the desert, 1928 (0041_0041) (view online)	folder 02
Robert and Mary Lake, Mrs. Oakes, and Reverend Stockton in the desert, 1928 (0041_0042) (view online)	folder 02
Robert and Mary Lake, Mrs. Oakes, and Reverend Stockton in the desert, 1928 (0041_0043) (view online)	folder 02
Nellie Waite and Claude Mackie, 1928 (0041_0044) (view online)	folder 02
Spud Lake, Mike Fisher, Ed Wager, and Franke Waite, undated (0041_0045) (view online)	folder 02
Nana Emrich, Jim and Eugene Bearden, and Bob Eglington at the Eglington Ranch, undated (0041_0046) (view online)	folder 02
Postcard: Frank Waite and two others in a horse-drawn wagon, undated (0041_0047) (view online)	folder 02
Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce luncheon honoring the pioneers of Las Vegas: Bob Ball, Delphine Squires, C. P. Squires, Mary Von Tobel, Ed Von Tobel, Mary Lake, Ada Bearden, Alice Gifford, Minnie Westlake, Otto Westlake, Mrs. Aplin, Charles Aplin, Pearl Payne, Fred Pine, Ann Kramer, Nellie Ball, and Emily Ball, 1947 May 06 (0041_0048) (view online)	folder 02
Prospector and burros near railroad station, San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City No. 12 in background, undated (0041_0049)	folder 02