

Guide to the Pittman Family Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Brewington, Ann E., 1889-1993
Contributor:	Pittman, Ida Brewington, 1893-1984
Contributor:	Pittman, Vail, 1883-1964
Title:	Pittman Family Photographs
ID:	PH-00053
Date [inclusive]:	1922-1989
Physical Description:	1.6 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder and 1 flat file)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Pittman Family Photographs depict members of the Pittman and Brewington families in Nevada from 1922 to 1989. The photographs primarily depict Nevada Governor Vail Pittman and his wife Ida Louise "Liz" Brewington Pittman at political campaign and fundraising events, including the Helldorado Parade in Las Vegas, Nevada and at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City, Nevada. The photographs also depict Governor Pittman with President Harry S. Truman, Jim Cashman, and family members. The photographs also include a group photograph of U.S. Senator Key Pittman with business executives representing the Union Pacific Railroad and the San Pedro Railroad. Lastly, the collection also contains family photographs of Ann Brewington, Ida Brewington Pittman's sister.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note for Key Pittman

Key Pittman was a U.S. Senator from Nevada from 1913 to 1940. He was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1872. He became a lawyer in 1892 and opened a practice in Seattle, Washington.

In 1897, Pittman joined the gold rush in Klondike, Alaska, where he worked as a miner until 1901. Pittman married Mimosa Gates in 1900. In 1902, Pittman moved to Tonopah, Nevada, and practiced law. After unsuccessfully running for the U.S. Senate in 1910, he was elected in 1913. Pittman held several important positions in the Senate, including President pro tempore from 1933 to 1940 and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations from 1933 to 1940. He was a member of the Democratic Party. Pittman died in Reno, Nevada on November 10, 1940, shortly after winning reelection for another term as a U.S. Senator.

Sources:

Glad, Betty. *Key Pittman: The Tragedy of a Senate Insider*. New York City: Columbia University Press, 2013.

"Pittman, Key, (1872-1940)." *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*. Accessed October 2, 2015. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=P000372>

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Biographical Note for Vail Pittman

Vail Pittman was the nineteenth governor of Nevada and served from 1945 to 1951. He was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1883. He became a successful newspaper publisher, and in 1920, with his wife Ida Brewington Pittman, he purchased the *Ely Daily Times* in Ely, Nevada. In 1924, Pittman successfully ran for Nevada State Senate, in which he served from 1925 to 1928. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of Nevada in 1943, and when Governor Edward P. Carville resigned in 1945 in order to serve in the U.S. Senate, Pittman became governor of Nevada. He was reelected as governor in 1946, but was defeated in 1950. In 1954, he unsuccessfully ran for governor again. In 1960, he served as a member of the Democratic National Committee. Pittman died in 1964.

Sources:

Glad, Betty. *Key Pittman: The Tragedy of a Senate Insider*. New York City: Columbia University Press, 2013.

"Nevada Governor Vail Montgomery Pittman." *Former Governors' Bios*. National Governors Association. Accessed October 2, 2015. http://www.nga.org/cms/home/governors/past-governors-bios/page_nevada/col2-content/main-content-list/title_pittman_vail.html

Gottschalk, Gertrude. "Ida Louise (Brewington) Pittman (1893 – 1984)." *Nevada's First Ladies*. December 2009. Nevada Women's History Project, University of Nevada, Reno. http://www.unr.edu/nwhp/bios/nv1st/pittman_i.html

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Biographical Note for Ida Brewington Pittman

Ida Louise "Liz" Brewington was born in 1893 in Macon, Missouri. She became a music teacher, first in Centralia, Missouri, and then Tonopah, Nevada. After marrying Vail Pittman in Reno in 1919, she helped him organize and publish the *Ely Daily Times* in Ely, Nevada. When Pittman was away in Carson City, Nevada, Ida Pittman ran the newspaper. After Pittman's electoral defeat in 1950, Ida and Vail Pittman moved to Las Vegas, Nevada and sold the newspaper. After her husband died, Ida Pittman traveled extensively. She died in 1984.

Sources:

Glad, Betty. *Key Pittman: The Tragedy of a Senate Insider*. New York City: Columbia University Press, 2013.

"Nevada Governor Vail Montgomery Pittman." *Former Governors' Bios*. National Governors Association. Accessed October 2, 2015. http://www.nga.org/cms/home/governors/past-governors-bios/page_nevada/col2-content/main-content-list/title_pittman_vail.html

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1982 and 1983 by Ann Brewington; accession numbers 1982-91 and 1983-37.

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Related Materials

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

Ida Brewington Pittman Photographs, 1896-1976. PH-00289. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ida Brewington Pittman Collection, 1945-1977. MS-00243. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ann Pittman Brewington Collection, 1984-1987. MS-00286. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Key Pittman Correspondence, 1933-1940. MS-00074. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Politicians
- Political campaigns
- Governors' spouses
- Pittman, Key, 1872-1940
- Union Pacific Railroad Company
- San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Company

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
President Levy, Union Pacific Railroad Company; Emmet Boyle; Buckley Wells; President Sproule, San Pedro Railroad Company; Key Pittman; Charles B. Henderson; Roy Hardy; Jon M. Fulton; Fred Shorfless; Walter Reed; Walter C. Clark; Fred G. Farish, 1922 (0002) (view online)	flat file 02
John Nance Gardner and Vail Pittman, possibly at the U.S. Capitol, undated (0003) (view online)	flat file 02
President Harry S. Truman, Nevada Governor Vail Pittman, and Postmaster General James "Jim" Farley, approximately 1945-1951 (0004) (view online)	folder 01
Ann Brewington, undated (0005) (view online)	folder 01
Jim Cashman presenting Governor Vail Pittman with a western outfit at Elks Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, approximately 1945-1951 (0006) (view online)	folder 01
Ann Brewington, 1954 (0007) (view online)	folder 01
Governor Vail Pittman and Ida B. Pittman and their dog, approximately 1945-1951 (0008) (view online)	folder 01
Governor Vail Pittman in the Helldorado Parade, undated (0009) (view online)	folder 01
Ida B. Pittman entertaining former governors' wives: Marianne (Williamson) Griswold, Daisy (Rendall) Oddie, Vida Margaret (McClure) Boyle, Una (Reilly) Dickerson, Irma Marie (Callahan) Carville, Julia (McCann) Scrugham, approximately 1945-1951 (0010) (view online)	folder 01

Governor Vail Pittman in the Helldorado Parade, undated (0011) (view online)	folder 01
Vail and Ida Pittman on a cruise, 1961 (0012) (view online)	folder 01
Governor's mansion, 1961 (0013) (view online)	folder 01
Ida Louise "Liz" Brewington Pittman autographed portrait, undated (0014) (view online)	folder 01
Ida Louise "Liz" Brewington Pittman portrait, 1978 (0015) (view online)	folder 01
Vail Pittman, undated (0016) (view online)	folder 01
Pittman's dog, undated (0017) (view online)	folder 01
Governor Vail Pittman, approximately 1947-1950 (0018) (view online)	folder 01
Vail Pittman, Ida Brewington Pittman, Ann Brewington, George F. Brewington, Rose Brewington, and Frances Brewington pose during the celebration of George and Rose Brewington's golden wedding anniversary in Ely, Nevada, 1938 (0019) (view online)	folder 01
Eva Sutherland, Ann Brewington, and others in Haskell Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, approximately 1930-1939 (0020) (view online)	folder 01
Ida Louise "Liz" Brewington Pittman portrait, undated (0021) (view online)	folder 01
Ann Brewington celebrating her 98th birthday, 1987 July (0022) (view online)	folder 01
Ann Brewington at reception for her 100th birthday, 1989 July 22 (0023) (view online)	folder 01
Ann Brewington and Alice Maher, 1989 July (0024) (view online)	folder 01
Ann Brewington's "season's greetings" card, approximately 1988 (0025) (view online)	folder 01