



Guide to the Spencer and Georgia Hanna Butterfield Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Butterfield, Georgia H. (Georgia Hanna), 1911-1978
Title:	Spencer and Georgia Hanna Butterfield Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00077
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1900 to 1978
Physical Description:	0.30 Cubic Feet (4 hanging folders and 1 shared box of negatives)
Physical Description:	0.40 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Spencer and Georgia Hanna Butterfield Photograph Collection (approximately 1900-1978) consists of black-and-white photographic prints and negatives of the Hanna and Butterfield families. It also contains images of early and prominent residents of Las Vegas, Nevada such as James Cashman Sr., Las Vegas Chamber of Congress members, Union Pacific Railroad president George Ashby, and many other notable persons from early Las Vegas. The collection also includes photographs taken in Elko County, Nevada, the Hoover Dam, and other Las Vegas area images.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Spencer and Georgia Butterfield were a prominent Las Vegas, Nevada couple involved in local business and civic activities. Spencer was born February 11, 1904, in Marseille, Illinois and came to Nevada in 1917. Later, he worked as the branch manager for the First National Bank in Carson City, and in 1941, he transferred to the bank's branch in Las Vegas, Nevada to work as an assistant cashier. In 1943, he worked as a cashier at the Bank of Nevada, eventually becoming its president,

as well as president of the Nevada Bankers Association. Spencer participated in community activities through involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Las Vegas Press Club. In 1947, he was named Las Vegas' "Man of the Year." Spencer Butterfield died on August 17, 1960.

Georgia Hanna Butterfield was born on November 26, 1911 in Elko, Nevada. The Hanna family was an early settler family in Elko, Nevada. Georgia attended Wabash Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1931, she married Reese Turner. The couple came to Las Vegas in 1937, and Georgia accepted a secretarial position at First National Bank, where she met Spencer Butterfield. Reese Turner and Georgia divorced, and Georgia married Spencer Butterfield on May 6, 1944. Georgia was active in the Mesquite Club, Daughters of the Nile, and the Republican Club, as well as other organizations. She became the first female postmaster for Las Vegas on August 1, 1960, holding that position until February of 1961. In later years, she was an executive with International Hosts, first opening the gift shop at the Hilton Hotel and later supervising the gift shop at Caesar's Palace. In 1978, after a brief illness, Georgia Butterfield died at the age of sixty-six.

Source:

Lyle, Michael. "Banker Spencer Butterfield is believed to be the namesake of Spencer Street." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, October 1, 2012. Accessed October 22, 2016. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/local-las-vegas/downtown/banker-spencer-butterfield-is-believed-to-be-the-namesake-of-spencer-street/>

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1978 by the Butterfield family; accession number 78-107A.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Nicole Batten wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collection

The following resources may provide additional information on materials in this collection:
Spencer and Georgia Butterfield Papers, 1890s-1978. MS-00189. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Stella Butterfield oral history interviews, 2005 October 14, 2005 October 25. OH-02685. [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.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Portrait photography
- Community organization -- United States
- Societies
- Elko County (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints, approximately 1900 to 1978	folder 01
	folder 02
	folder 03
	folder 04
Photographic negatives, approximately 1900 to 1978	box SH-020