



Guide to the Harmon Family Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Harmon family (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Creator:	Harmon, Harley E., 1918-2001
Title:	Harmon Family Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00182
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1900 to 1983
Physical Description:	0.18 Cubic Feet (2 hanging folders, 1 flat file, 1 shared box of negatives, and 1 shared binder of slides)
Physical Description:	1.20 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Harmon Family Photograph Collection contains black-and-white and color photographic prints, negatives, postcards, and slides of the Harmon family in Las Vegas and Boulder City, Nevada between approximately 1900 and 1983. Las Vegas photographs depict the Harmon family in their home, at a ranch, and at Las Vegas High School. Boulder City photographs include a wedding and a view of Black Canyon, Nevada. Lastly, the collection also includes photographs of the Harmon family with various people, including the Wengert family and Howard Cannon, at receptions, ceremonies, and posing in front of Las Vegas buildings.

Preferred Citation

Harmon Family Photograph Collection, approximately 1900-1983. PH-00182. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Harley A. Harmon was born in 1882 in Wier City, Kansas. His father, Elmer Harmon, was an attorney who moved the family to Los Angeles, California when Harmon was nine years old. In 1903, Harley A. Harmon unsuccessfully ran for Los Angeles City Clerk. In 1905, Harley A. Harmon

joined the Union Pacific Railroad as an engineer and drove one of the first construction trains to Las Vegas, Nevada, where Harley A. Harmon was stationed in 1908.

That same year, Harley A. Harmon attended the Democratic State Convention and advocated for the establishment of Clark County in Las Vegas, which passed in the next session and became effective on July 1, 1909. When Las Vegas was incorporated in 1911, Harley A. Harmon became Clark County's first City Clerk. Harmon took his bar examination and passed in 1919, and in 1921 he was elected District Attorney. Harmon held the office until 1934, when he ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for governor. After the election, the newly elected Democratic Governor Richard Kirman appointed Harmon the chairman of the State Public Service Commission. Harmon ran again for the gubernatorial nomination in 1938 and lost a second time. He was a member of the Colorado River Commission which negotiated rights for the water and power emanating from the Colorado River and the Boulder Dam.

Harley A. Harmon married Leona McGovern in 1911 and had two children, Charles E. Harmon and Harley E. Harmon. Harley A. Harmon died October 10, 1947.

Harley Emmett Harmon was born November 21, 1918 to Harley A. Harmon and Leona Gates Harmon in Las Vegas, Nevada. He attended school in Las Vegas, Nevada and graduated in 1937. Harley E. Harmon graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1947, Harley E. Harmon married Cleo L. Katsaros, and the couple had two sons, Harley L. Harmon and Jeffrey E. Harmon. Harley E. Harmon was elected to the Nevada State Assembly for one term in 1948 and to the Board of Clark County Commissioners in 1950, where he served for twelve years and was a chairman for eight years. He established and was president of the Harley E. Harmon Insurance Agency, Frontier Fidelity Savings and Loan Association, and in 1961 organized the purchase of Nevada State Bank and became president. In 1976, he moved from the Nevada State Bank and joined Valley Bank as Vice President for Marketing. He resigned from that position in 1979 and later began Harley E. Harmon Insurance with his wife. Harley E. Harmon died on September 24, 2001.

Sources:

The First One Hundred: Portraits of the Men and Women Who Shaped Las Vegas, F849.L35 F58 1999.

Hopkins, A.D. "Harley Harmon." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. October 28, 2017. Accessed March 12, 2018. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/harley-harmon/>.

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Scope and Contents Note

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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 1983 by Harley E. Harmon; accession number 1983-061.

Processing Note

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

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Harmon Family Papers, 1910-1999, MS-00301. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Harley E. Harmon oral history interview, 1972 April 14. OH-00793. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Harley E. Harmon oral history interview, 1998 September 16. OH-00793. 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
- Las Vegas High School
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Harley, Harmon L., 1948-2006
- Harmon, Harley, 1882-1947

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints, negatives, and slides, approximately 1900 to 1959	folder 01
	folder 02
	flat file 03
	box SH-025
	binder PB-004
Harmon home (later known as the Houssels House after it was sold to J. Kell Houssels Jr.) under construction: photographic print, approximately 1933 (0182_0001)	folder 01
Eighth grade graduation class at Las Vegas High School. Charles E. Harmon is among the graduates: photographic print, 1928 May 25 (0182_0002)	folder 01
Picnic at the Old Ranch: photographic print, 1900 to 1920 (0182_0003)	

	folder 01
Picnic at the Old Ranch: photographic print, approximately 1900 to 1920 (0182_0004)	folder 01
Wedding of "Ma" Kennedy with a group of people standing at a cliff over Black Canyon, Nevada: photographic print, 1932 (0182_0005)	folder 01
Wedding of "Ma" Kennedy with Art Ham, Alta Ham, Veronica Harmon, and Harley A. Harmon present, Black Canyon, Nevada: photographic print, 1932 (0182_0006)	folder 01
Wedding of "Ma" Kennedy with a group of people standing at a cliff over Black Canyon, Nevada: photographic print, 1932 (0182_0007)	folder 01
Two couples standing together underneath large trees with the image caption "Our First Picnic": photographic print, 1906 July 08 (0182_0008)	folder 01
Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Quinn and Uncle Joe: photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1930 (0182_0009)	folder 01
Harley A. Harmon and his sons Harley E. Harmon and Charles E. Harmon: photographic print, approximately 1920 to 1930 (0182_0010)	folder 01
Eighth grade graduation class at Las Vegas High School. Charles E. Harmon is among the graduates: photographic print, 1925 May 25 (0182_0011)	folder 01
Portrait photograph of Ham family. Top row is Marcy Ham, Teri Ham, and possibly Debbie Ham (identified left to right), and the bottom row is Cyril Ham and Margret Ham (identified left to right): photographic print, 1950 to 1960 (0182_0012)	folder 01
Louella Wengert Ham, Harley E. Harmon, Mildred Wengert Marshall, Veronica Wengert Harmon, and Cleo L. Harmon (identified left to right) seated at a table at the Flamingo Las Vegas: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1960 (0182_0013)	folder 01
A group of people shaking hands at a reception at Harley A. Harmon Elementary School, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1973 to 1983 (0182_0014)	folder 01
A group of people at a reception at Harley A. Harmon Elementary School, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1973 to 1983 (0182_0015)	folder 01
Students performing a play at Harley A. Harmon Elementary School: photographic print, approximately 1973 to 1983 (0182_0016)	folder 01
Students performing a play at Harley A. Harmon Elementary School: photographic print, approximately 1973 to 1983 (0182_0017)	folder 01
Students at a reception table eating desserts at Harley A. Harmon Elementary School: photographic prints, approximately 1973 to 1983 (0182_0018)	folder 01
A group of people at a reception at Harley A. Harmon Elementary School, including Veronica Harmon and Senator Howard Cannon: photographic print, approximately 1973 to 1983 (0182_0019)	folder 01

Virgil Ham, Jr., Veronica Harmon, Harley E. Harmon (on a pony named Lady June), Charles Harmon, D. Carl, and Cyril Ham (identified left to right) , approximately 1930 to 1940 (0182_0020)	folder 01
Veronica Harmon posed in a field: photographic print, approximately 1920 to 1930 (0182_0021)	folder 01
Frank Wengert (right) in the first power station in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1916 (0182_0022)	folder 01
Frank Wengert, the father of Mildred Wengert Marshall, Veronica Wengert Harmon, Cyril Wengert, Louella Wengert Ham, and Delano Wengert, with the image caption "Salon Portrait": photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1916 (0182_0023)	folder 01
Ella Wengert holding flower in front of a house with the image caption "Salon Portrait": photographic print, approximately 1906 to 1916 (0182_0024)	folder 01
Harley L. Harmon on a rocking horse: photographic print, approximately 1949 to 1954 (0182_0025)	folder 01
Harley L. Harmon in a suit posing for a portrait: photographic print, 1949 to 1954 (0182_0026)	folder 01
Harley E. Harmon, 4 years old, standing in front of a house on a Easter Sunday, reproduction of image from approximately 1922: photographic print, 1951 (0182_0027)	folder 01
Harley E. Harmon riding a pony named Lady June: photographic print, approximately 1920 to 1930 (0128_0028)	folder 01
Harley L. Harmon portrait: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1960 (0182_0029)	folder 01
Harley L. Harmon and Veronica Harmon: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1970 (0182_0030)	folder 01
Harley E. Harmon portrait: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1960 (0182_0031)	folder 01
Cleo L. Harmon portrait: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1960 (0182_0032)	folder 01
Veronica Harmon and Ella Wengert posing in front of a house (identified left to right): photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1960 (0182_0033)	folder 01
Veronica Harmon portrait: photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1920 (0182_0034)	folder 01
Veronica Harmon portrait: photographic print, approximately 1910 to 1920 (0182_0035)	folder 01
Artist's rendering of Sal Sagev Hotel overlooking the Union Pacific Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: postcard, 1936 March 31 (0182_0037)	folder 01
Artist's rendering of Vegas Vic in front of the Pioneer Club, Las Vegas, Nevada: postcard, approximately 1951 to 1961 (0182_0040)	folder 01
Artist's rendering of Fremont Street with a mushroom cloud in view, Las Vegas, Nevada: postcard, approximately 1951 to 1961 (0182_0041)	folder 01

Artist's rendering of Fremont Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: postcard,
approximately 1951 to 1961 (0182_0042)

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