



## Guide to the Maurine and Fred Wilson and Dr. William S. Park Photograph Albums

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Contributor:</b>	Park, William S., 1879-1946
<b>Creator:</b>	Wilson, Fred Holmes, 1896-1958
<b>Creator:</b>	Wilson, Maurine Hubbard, 1898-1990
<b>Title:</b>	Maurine and Fred Wilson and Dr. William S. Park Photograph Albums
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00222
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1900 to 1939
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.31 Cubic Feet (1 box and 1 oversized box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.81 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Maurine and Fred Wilson and Dr. William S. Park Photograph Albums (1900-1930s) consist of twelve albums containing black-and-white photographic prints and three black-and-white photographic negatives. The photographs are primarily related to the families of William S. Park, John S. Park, and Fred and Maurine Hubbard Wilson. Included are images of the Park homes in Las Vegas, Nevada; Park and Wilson family members; scenes of early Las Vegas, Nevada; outdoor activities, and vacation trips to California, Colorado, and Mexico.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Maurine Hubbard Wilson (1898-1990) was born in Missouri, but moved to Colorado with her parents where she graduated from Colorado Women's College in Denver as a music major. In

1922, she married Fred Holmes Wilson (1898-1958), a native of Cañon City, Colorado who had served in the Naval Geologic Services during World War I. In 1925 the couple moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where Fred worked for the Post Office and Maurine taught music and served as the organist for the First Methodist Church.

Dr. William B. S. Park (1879-1946), son of John S. and Nancy Park, was born in Kentucky but raised in California. He received his degree in dentistry in 1900. In 1907, William followed his father to the new town of Las Vegas, Nevada, and worked alongside his father at the First State Bank until 1912, when he established his dental practice. William S. Park became interested in archaeology and worked with Dr. Mark R. Harrington on the excavations of the Lost City site in 1924, and Gypsum Cave site in the early 1930s. Park's interest continued after the excavations and alongside Richard "Chick" Perkins, he developed an extensive collection of pre-ancestral Puebloan pottery, points, and other artifacts from the Lost City area. The artifacts would form the basis of the Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada.

Soon after their arrival in Las Vegas, the Wilsons met and became close friends with the Parks. They shared a deep interest in the history, archaeology, and geology of southern Nevada, and the two families made many trips throughout the southwest and California. In 1929, Fred Wilson and William S. Park began to assemble a photographic and film history of early Las Vegas, documenting everything from baseball games to the first air mail delivery to Las Vegas. Their efforts were cut short when Fred Wilson's health began to decline in 1940. After that, Wilson devoted his time to historical research and Park turned to rock collection, lapidary, and occasional expeditions to document petroglyph sites in southern Nevada until his death in 1946.

Maurine Hubbard Wilson preserved the legacies of her husband and William S. Park, donating the bulk of the photographic and document collection the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Special Collections and Archives over the course of the 1970s and 1980s. She died in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1990.

Source:

"The Lost City," National Park Service, accessed April 18 2019, <https://www.nps.gov/lake/learn/the-lost-city.htm>

Hopkins, A. D., "A Heritage in Home Movies," *Nevadan*, March 16, 1980, pp.30-31J.

Philips, Marjory, "Maurine Hubbard Wilson: a salute to the people who are building our Southern Nevada community," *Nevada Manuscripts Program for the Bicentennial*, 1976.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Maurine and Fred Wilson and Dr. William S. Park Photograph Albums (1900-1930s) consist of twelve albums containing black-and-white photographic prints and three black-and-white photographic negatives. The photographs are primarily related to the families of William S. Park,

John S. Park, and Fred and Maurine Hubbard Wilson. Included are images of the Park homes in Las Vegas, Nevada; Park and Wilson family members; outdoor activities and vacation trips to California, Colorado, and Mexico. Photographs also record early views of the Kiel Ranch in Las Vegas, Nevada; community parades and events; aerial views of Las Vegas in the 1920s; the town of St. Thomas, Nevada; and the Las Vegas railroad depot, ice house, Methodist church, schools, and the First State Bank.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1978 by Maurine Hubbard Wilson; accession number 78-118-6.

### Processing Note

Materials were inventoried by Special Collections and Archives staff in 2004. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

Fred and Maurine Wilson Papers, 1905-1990. MS-00012. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. William S. Park Papers, 1926-1937. MS-00140. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Fred and Maurine Wilson Photographs, approximately 1860-1990. PH-00014. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

William S. Park Photograph Collection, 1870-1952. PH-00261. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century
- photographs
- Aerial photographs
- Railroads
- Parades -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Kiel Ranch (North Las Vegas, Nev.)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Album 1: travel photographs of southern Nevada, Arizona, California, and Wyoming, 1900-1930s	oversized box 01
Album 2: travel and commercially produced photographs of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, 1900-1930s	oversized box 01
Album 3: photographs of railroad tracks and trestles, the Las Vegas, Nevada railway depot and ice-house, 1900-1930s	oversized box 01
Album 4: photographs of the Wilson and Park families camping, possibly near Mt. Charleston, Nevada, 1900-1930s	oversized box 01

Album 5: photographs of community events and activities in Las Vegas, Nevada, including a WWI Liberty Bond parade, desert automobile rally, foot race, shooting competition, and horse race, 1900-1930s	oversized box 01
Negative of print in Album 5: woman outside tent, approximately undated	oversized box 01
Album 6: photographs of scenes in Southern Nevada, including the Park's "White House" at the former Kiel Ranch, the "Bottle House" in Rhyolite, Nevada, and the town of St. Thomas, Nevada, 1900-1930s	oversized box 01
Album 7: travel photographs of Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks, Rhyolite, Nevada, and the Park family, 1900-1930s	oversized box 01
Negatives of prints in Album 7: Valley of Fire rock formation with access ladder, desert scene with car, undated	oversized box 01
Album 8: photographs of the Park family home in Las Vegas, Nevada; Marybelle and William B. S. Park, John S. and Nancy Park, 1900-1930s	box 02
Album 9: photographs of the Park families in Las Vegas, Nevada, the town of Austin, Nevada, the Lost City Ranch, aerial images of Las Vegas, 1900-1930s	box 02
Album 10: photographs of the Park (formerly Kiel) Ranch and the Park families, 1900-1930s	box 02
Album 11: photographs of the Garden of the Gods and Royal Gorge, Colorado, the Park families, the First State Bank of Nevada, Montalbon, Mexico, and trucks at the ice plant in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1900-1930s	box 02
Album 12: photographs of the John S. Park at the First State Bank, Las Vegas, Nevada, the Park residence, the Park families, 1900-1930s	box 02