

## Guide to the Bella Tyktin Stern Photographs

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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>Creator:</b>	Stern, Bella Tyktin, 1914-2001
<b>Title:</b>	Bella Tyktin Stern Photographs
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00224
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1943-1960
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.2 Linear Feet (2 hanging folders and 1 shared box of negatives)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Bella Tyktin Stern Photographs contain black-and-white photographs and negatives of Bella Tyktin Stern in locations around Las Vegas, Nevada from 1943 to 1960. The locations include Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch, the Last Frontier Hotel, Scotty's Castle in Death Valley, California, the Grand Canyon, Arizona, and Valley of Fire, Nevada.

### Preferred Citation

Bella Tyktin Stern Photographs, 1943-1960. PH-00224. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Bella Tyktin Stern (born Bella Tyktin, 1914-2001) was an avid traveler and resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born in Bialystok, in what is now Poland. Her family fled west after World War I, stopping in Germany and Palestine before arriving in the United States around 1938. She taught English as a member of the Society for Ethical Culture in New York City, New York. By 1963, she was an officer of the Universal Securities Corporation in Las Vegas, Nevada. During the 1980s, she worked as a guide for Nevada Discovery Tours. Before her death in 2001, Stern was affiliated with many organizations and institutions, including the Last Frontier Hotel, Sunrise Hospital, and the Educational Foundation for Foreign Study.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Bella Tyktin Stern Photographs contains black-and-white photographs and negatives of Bella Tyktin Stern in locations around Las Vegas, Nevada from 1943 to 1960. The locations include Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch, the Last Frontier Hotel, Scotty's Castle in Death Valley, California, the Grand Canyon, Arizona, and Valley of Fire, Nevada.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged into three series:

Series I. Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch, 1943-1960;

Series II. Last Frontier Hotel, 1944-1957;

Series III. American Southwest, 1944-1960.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1988 by Bella Tyktin Stern; accession number 1988-108.

### 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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### Related Materials

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

Bella Tyktin Stern Papers, 1939-1997. MS-00296. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- Mount Charleston (Nev.)
- Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
- Fire, Valley of (Nev.)
- Scotty's Castle (Calif.)
- Hotel Last Frontier

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## Collection Inventory

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### Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch, approximately 1943-1945

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials contain photographs of Bella Tyktin Stern at the Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch on Mt. Charleston, Nevada.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Bella Tyktin Stern and the manager of the Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch at the equipment shed, 1943-1945 (0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern skiing at Mt. Charleston, 1943-1945 (0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern skiing at Mt. Charleston, 1943-1945 (0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

folder  
01

Bella Tyktin Stern and the manager of the Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch in the lobby, 1943-1945 (0004) ([view online](#)) folder  
01

Bella Tyktin Stern and the manager of the Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch in the lobby, 1943-1945 (0005) ([view online](#)) folder  
01

Bella Tyktin Stern and the manager of the Mt. Charleston Ski-Bar Ranch at the equipment shed, 1943-1945 (0006) ([view online](#)) folder  
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## Last Frontier Hotel, 1944-1957

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder and 1 shared box of negatives)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials contain photographs and negatives of Bella Tyktin Stern at the Last Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada from 1944 and 1945. Materials include photographs of Stern at the Little Church of the West, the second anniversary celebration of the Last Frontier Hotel, and Stern riding a float in the Helldorado Parade.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Bella Tyktin Stern at the pool, 1944-1945 (0007) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern at the pool, 1944-1945 (0008) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern at the pool, 1944-1945 (0009) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern at the pool, 1944-1945 (0010)	box SH-028
Bella Tyktin Stern at the pool, 1944-1945 (0011)	box SH-028
Pool, 1944-1945 (0012) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Pool, 1944-1945 (0013) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Little Church of the West, 1944-1945 (0014) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern horseback riding at the grounds of Last Frontier Hotel, 1944-1945 (0015) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
2nd anniversary celebration at the Last Frontier Hotel, 1944 (0016) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Lobby, 1944-1945 (0017) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

folder  
01

Bella Tyktin Stern on a Helldorado float representing Last Frontier Hotel, 1944-1945 (0018) ([view online](#))

folder  
01

Bella Tyktin Stern standing by the Sahara Hotel camel, 1957 (0019) ([view online](#))

folder  
01

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## American Southwest, 1944-1960

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials contain photographs of Bella Tyktin Stern in several locations around the American Southwest from 1944 to 1960. Materials include photographs of Stern at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley, California, the Grand Canyon, Arizona, and Valley of Fire, Nevada.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Death Valley, California, 1960 (0020) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern at Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, California, 1960 (0021) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern at Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, California, 1960 (0022) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, California, 1960 (0023) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bella Tyktin Stern at Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, California, 1960 (0024) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Phantom Ranch, Grand Canyon, Arizona, 1950s (0025) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Grand Canyon, Arizona, 1950s (0026) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Bella Tyktin Stern horseback riding at the Phantom Ranch, Grand Canyon, Arizona, 1950s (0027) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, California, 1960 (0028) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Bella Tyktin Stern at Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, California, 1952 (0029) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Bella Tyktin Stern at Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, California, 1952 (0030) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Bella Tyktin Stern at Valley of Fire, Nevada, 1956 (0031) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Valley of Fire, Nevada, 1956 (0032) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

folder  
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Petroglyphs, Valley of Fire, Nevada, 1956 (0033) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Petroglyphs, Valley of Fire, Nevada, 1956 (0034) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0035) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0036) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0037) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0038) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0039) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0040) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0041) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0042) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0043) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0044) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified location (possibly Celito Locks), 1952 (0045) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02

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