



Guide to the Ida Brewington Pittman Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Pittman, Ida Brewington, 1893-1984
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Abstract:	The Ida Brewington Pittman Photographs contain photographs of Ida Brewington Pittman and her husband, Nevada Governor Vail Pittman, from 1896 to 1976. The photographs primarily depict Governor Pittman at political events, parades, celebrations, and events. The photographs include Governor Pittman meeting with politicians like President Harry S. Truman, U.S. Senator from Nevada Pat McCarran, Las Vegas, Nevada mayor Ernie Cragin, California Governor Earl Warren, Utah Governor J. Bracken Lee, Oregon Governor Earl Snell, and Wyoming Governor Lester C. Hunt. The photographs also depict the Pittman and Brewington families, the Governor's Mansion in Carson City, Nevada, the Pittman home in Ely, Nevada, and the Pittmans travelling in other countries.

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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, Nevada 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 by herself. 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.

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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 1985 by Ann Brewington; accession number 1985-77.

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

Ida Brewington Pittman Papers, 1906-1977. MS-00243. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Pittman Family Photographs, 1922-1989. PH-00053. 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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