



Guide to the Staley Family Photograph Collection on Beatty, Nevada

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Staley, Jim
Title:	Staley Family Photograph Collection on Beatty, Nevada
ID:	PH-00415
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1938 to 1944
Physical Description:	0.04 Cubic Feet (1 folder (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.04 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Staley Family Photograph Collection on Beatty, Nevada is comprised of photographs of Beatty, Nevada from approximately 1938 to 1944. Photographs depict the Staley family, their family home, and the family-run El Portal Motel in Beatty.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The El Portal was the first motel built in Beatty, NV, built in the late 1930s by Jim Staley. The El Portal was built on the west end of Beatty on the road to Daylight Pass which led to Death Valley in California. The motel was originally built as a motor lodge with rooms and adjoining garages. By 1947 the El Portal had been renamed as the Bullfrog Motel and in 1948 the Bates family purchased the motel and restored the original El Portal name.

Sources:

McCracken, Robert D. *A History of Beatty, Nevada* (Tonopah, Nevada: Nye County Press, 1992), 70.

McCracken, Robert D., *An Interview with Jack and Maud-Kathrin Crowell: an oral history.* Tonopah, Nevada: Nye County Town History Project, 1990.

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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

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Jim Staley in 2019; accession number 2019-102.

Processing Note

In 2020, Tammi Kim minimally processed the collection and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Beatty (Nev.)
- Motels
- Staley Family

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Staley family and home in Beatty, Nevada; El Portal Motel: photographic prints, approximately 1938 to 1944	box SH-049