

## Guide to the Clifford Jones Family Papers

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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>	Jones, Clifford Aaron, Sr., 1912-2001
<b>Contributor:</b>	Jones, Florence Lee, 1910-1985
<b>Title:</b>	Clifford Jones Family Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00596
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1900 to 2005
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5.27 Cubic Feet (13 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.50 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Clifford Jones Family Papers (1900-2005) consist of awards for community service, newspaper clippings, correspondence sent to family members by Cliff Jones when he was in the military, and photograph albums of the Jones family. Clifford Jones was the 20th Lieutenant Governor for Nevada from 1947 to 1954.

### Preferred Citation

Clifford Jones Family Papers, 1900-2005. MS-00596. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Nevada Lieutenant Governor Clifford "Cliff" Jones was born in Long Lane, Missouri in 1912. While he was attending the University of Missouri in 1931, his family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. During summer breaks from college Jones worked alongside his brother, Herbert, on the construction of the Boulder (Hoover) Dam. Jones moved to Las Vegas in 1937 after he became an attorney.

In 1940, Jones entered politics and successfully ran for the Nevada Assembly as a Democrat. He became the Majority Leader of the Assembly and also served as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee before he left office to serve in the Marines during World War II. Returning to Nevada

in 1945, Jones was appointed a District Judge for Clark County. In 1946 he successfully ran for Lieutenant Governor of Nevada and served two terms. While in office, Jones was known for his influence in the State's Democratic Party. He was also a successful businessman and had interests in numerous Las Vegas casinos, including the El Cortez, the Algiers, and the Golden Nugget. He retired from politics in 1993. Clifford Jones passed away on November 16, 2001 at the age of 89 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Cliff Jones Family Papers (1900-2005) consist of awards for community service, newspaper clippings, correspondence sent to family members by Cliff Jones when he was in the military, and photographic albums of the Jones family. Also included are baby shoes, three bibles, a rosary, family passports, and old Roman coins. Clifford Jones was the 20th Lieutenant Governor for Nevada from 1947 to 1954.

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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 2012 by the estate of Cliff and Marilyn Jones; accession number 2012-019.

## Processing Note

Material was processed by Christina Molina in 2012. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with professional standards. In 2018, Joyce Moore reboxed the materials, enhanced the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2020, Sarah Jones reboxed materials and brought the description into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Clifford Jones oral history interview, 1974. OH-00967. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

Mildred Mann Papers, 1915-1995, MS-00369. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Florence Lee Jones Cahlan Photographs, 1909-1918. PH-00045. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cahlan, Florence Lee Jones. Interview, February 10, 1973. OH-00148. 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

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- Politicians
- photographs

- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Jones, Florence Lee, 1910-1985

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographs	
Albums, 1930-1974 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 01 box 02 box 03 box 04
Album, building a new home, 1981 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 04
Albums, 1958-1960 and undated	oversized box 13
Florence Lee Jones photographs, undated	box 04
Paper copies of photographs, undated Physical Description: 2 Files	box 04
Trip to China photographs, undated	box 05
Portraits of Cliff Jones photographs, undated	box 05
Las Vegas Art League photographs, 1963	box 05
Miscellaneous photographs, undated	box 05
Thunderbird Hotel photographs, 1948	box 05
Family photographs, undated	box 06, Box 07
New house photographs, 2000-2005	box 08
Negatives, undated	box 09
Unlabeled 8mm films, undated Physical Description: 21 Reels	box 09
Bibles, undated Physical Description: 3 Items	oversized box 13
Awards and certificates, 1951-1992	box 05
Baby book for Burley Jones, 1910 June 30	box 05
Burley Jones new house offer and closing papers and membership cards, 1981	box 05

Checking account register, 1981	box 05
Florence Lee Jones, article and portrait, undated	box 05
Florence Lee Jones, Distinguished Nevadan Award, 1986 May 26	box 05
Marine Corp. platoon graduation picture, 1959 November 5	box 05
Dancers of Bali, program, 1951	box 05
Invitation to Aladdin Hotel opening of their new tower, 1976 June 10	box 05
International Hotel souvenir menu, 1976 June 10	box 05
Cliff Jones, invitation to Kappa Sigma Fraternity, 1931 February 15	box 05
Cookbook, 1900	box 05
Invitation to the White House for James and Marilyn Hayes, 1979 October 06	box 05
Correspondence from Cliff Jones to family members during World War II, 1942-1943	box 10
Las Vegas Realty and Investment records, 1978	box 11
Nevada legislature correspondence, newspaper clippings, advertising promotions, 1943-1963	box 11
Newspaper clippings, 1929-1981	box 11
Receipts, 1975-1979	box 11
Women's Democratic Club bulletins, photographs, and by-laws, 1976-1979	box 11
Nevada the Haven for the Tax Oppressed, booklet, undated	box 12
Las Vegas Host Lions Club 55th anniversary, program, 1993 November 5	box 12
Rosary, undated	box 12
Cliff Jones business cards, undated	box 12
Family passports, 1928	box 12
Baby shoes, undated	box 12
Photographs in small books, undated	box 12
Old Roman coins, undated	box 12