

Guide to the Leslie H. Smith Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Smith, Leslie H., Sr., 1927-
Title:	Leslie H. Smith Papers
ID:	MS-01057
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1920 to 2018
Physical Description:	5.16 Cubic Feet (8 boxes, 1 oversized box, 1 roll, 2 oversized folders (shared box))
Physical Description:	9.11 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	42 Digital Files (0.1890 GB) JPG, M4V
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Leslie H. Smith Papers (approximately 1920-2018) contains the personal papers of Leslie H. Smith, who grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada, and mainly documents his involvement with the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association organizing and attending the school's annual reunions. The collection includes personal papers, scrapbooks, and photographs documenting Smith's family, including his father Dr. J. D. Smith, his mother Ruth Weir Smith, and his sister Jeanne Smith Stewart. Reproductions of class photographs from the Las Vegas Grammar School (now known as the Historic Fifth Street School) where Smith attended elementary school are also included this collection.

Preferred Citation

Leslie H. Smith Papers, approximately 1920-2018. MS-01057. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Leslie Hamilton Smith was born on October 10, 1927 to Dr. Jay Dayton "J. D." Smith and Ruth Weir Smith in Las Vegas, Nevada. Smith's father owned a dental practice in an office located at 1st and

Fremont Streets and was involved with various community activities throughout Las Vegas. Smith attended Las Vegas Grammar School (later named the Historic Fifth Street School) and graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1945. He graduated from the University of Nevada and worked as a real estate broker and contractor in Las Vegas. As of 2021, Smith lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

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Scope and Contents Note

The Leslie H. Smith Papers (approximately 1920-2018) contains the personal papers of Leslie H. Smith, who grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection documents Smith's involvement with the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association to organize the school's annual reunions and includes several class reunion photographs and programs. Personal papers, scrapbooks, and photographs document other members of Smith's family, including his father Dr. J. D. Smith, his mother Ruth Weir Smith, and his sister Jeanne Smith Stewart. Blueprints and specifications of the Smith family home located on 624 S. 6th Street, a Spanish colonial revival style home listed the National Register of Historic Places, are in this collection. Reproductions of class photographs from the Las Vegas Grammar School (now known as the Historic Fifth Street School) from the 1930s where Smith attended elementary school are also included this collection. This collection also includes a digitized versions of Las Vegas High School's class of 1945 class photographs as well digitized versions of Las Vegas Grammar School class group photographs from 1936 to 1959.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged roughly by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Leslie H. Smith in 2018; accession number 2021-080.

Processing Note

In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the materials during accessioning and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. Files were transferred off of optical discs and access copies were created.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

J. D. Smith Papers, 1922-1972. MS-00722. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Smith, Leslie. Interview, 2017 November 02. OH-03300. 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

- Las Vegas High School
- Las Vegas Grammar School
- Genealogy

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Leslie H. Smith and Smith family personal papers	
<i>Boulder Echo</i> (Las Vegas High School yearbooks), 1942 to 1945	box 01
<i>Artemisia</i> (University of Nevada yearbook), 1947	box 01
"Gobs of Rhythm" show programs and photographic prints featuring Leslie H. Smith, approximately 1942 to 1945	box 03
Reproduction photocopy of May 28, 1945 issue of the <i>Desert Breeze</i> , newspaper for Las Vegas High School, approximately 1990	oversized box SH-081
Leslie H. Smith's expired passport, birth certificate, photographic prints, 1927 to 1945	box 03
Leslie H. Smith baby/childhood scrapbook and baby hand print clay mold, 1927 to 1953	oversized box 10
Leslie H. Smith high school diploma from Las Vegas High School, baby photographic prints, approximately 1927 to 1945	box 04
Smith family history scrapbooks and photographic prints, approximately 1920 to 2018	box 04 box 05 oversized box 10
"Our Trip to the Midwest" Smith family vacation to Monona, Iowa (birthplace of J. D. Smith), 2010	box 04
Jeanne Smith photograph album featuring Jeanne at Vassar College, Houssels family (with first husband J. Kell Houssels, Jr.), and the Smith family, approximately 1948 to 1968	box 08
<i>The Las Vegas High School Wildcats</i> script by Jerry A. Stanford, 2004	box 03
Jay Dayton Smith house specifications, 1931	box 03
Jay Dayton Smith house blueprints, 1931	

	oversized box 09
Ruth Weir autobiography, Weir family research, copies of William Weir's letters (bound in two volumes), approximately 1980 to 2000	box 01
1990 historical Las Vegas calendar, 1990	oversized box SH-081
Photographic reproductions of Helldorado ladies (1935) and Fremont Street (1930s), approximately 2000 to 2017	oversized box SH-081
Aerial photographic reproductions of the Las Vegas Strip and Fremont Street during the 1950s, approximately 2000 to 2017	oversized box SH-081
Las Vegas High School reunions	
Reunion photographic prints and negatives, 1985 to 2018	box 02
Reunion attendee lists, programs, fliers, and planning correspondence, approximately 1995 to 2009	box 02 box 03 box 05 box 06 box 07
Class of 1945 reunion slide show, 2015 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.1140 GB) MV4	digital file 00
Las Vegas Grammar School	
Scrapbooks with reproductions of class photographic prints from the 1930s, approximately 1980 to 2012	box 03
Reproductions of class photographic prints from the 1930s-1950s, approximately 2000 to 2010 Physical Description: 41 Digital Files (0.0739 GB) JPG	box 03 digital file 00