

Guide to the Eileen Brookman Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Brookman, Eileen B., 1921-2004
Title:	Eileen Brookman Photographs
ID:	PH-00303
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1959-1989
Physical Description:	0.2 Linear Feet (2 hanging folders)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Eileen Brookman Photographs depict Nevada Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman from 1959 to 1989. The photographs primarily depict Brookman with other Nevada politicians, including U.S. Senators Harry Reid, Alan Bible, Eugene McCarty, and Howard Cannon, and Nevada Governors Paul Laxalt, Mike O'Callaghan, Richard Bryan, and Grant Sawyer. The photographs also depict Brookman at political events with the Nevada National Guard, bill-signing ceremonies, and at events in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Eileen (Milstein) Brookman (1921-2004) was member of the Nevada Assembly from 1967-1977 and 1987-1990. Small in stature but nicknamed "Queenie" by her admirers, she advocated passionately for the rights of persons with disabilities, minorities, people with low incomes, women, and especially the elderly. Brookman entered state politics in 1962 when she was appointed Indian Commissioner by Governor Grant Sawyer. She was also active in many organizations, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples (NAACP), the Senior Citizen Resource Center Advisory Board, the Clark County Association on Mental Health, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She served as Anti-Defamation League (ADL) chairman of the Las Vegas chapter of B'nai B'rith, and was also a life member of Hadassah and the Sisterhood of

Temple Beth Sholom. In 1982 Brookman was chairman of the Nevada delegation to the White House Conference on Aging, and was subsequently appointed to the Nevada Commission on Aging. She received many local and regional awards, including Clark County Humanitarian Mother of the Year, "Outstanding Woman of the West," Nevada Distinguished Citizen, and B'nai B'rith Outstanding Woman of the Year. Eileen B. Brookman Elementary School in Las Vegas is named in her honor.

Eileen Milstein was born on October 25, 1921, in Denver, Colorado. The Milstein family relocated to Southern California and Eileen attended Eagle Rock High School in Los Angeles and Los Angeles City College. She married George Brookman in 1941, while he was in the Army. After the birth of their two children the family moved to Las Vegas, where George became a general contractor and Eileen entered the political arena.

During her 16 years in the legislature Brookman served on some of the most important Assembly committees, including Government Affairs, Health and Welfare, and Education. She was the vice-chairman of the Legislative Functions and Assembly Ways and Means committees, and she co-chaired the Clark County Assembly Delegation. In her last term, she served on the interim committee studying the Youth Services Division and the Juvenile Justice System, and was the Assembly Representative to the State Commission of Aging.

Brookman sponsored such legislative milestones as the reorganization of the Nevada National Guard, the adoption of the Nevada Code of Military Justice, the passage of the "hate crimes" bill for Nevada, and the creation of the Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust. During the 1975 legislative session, Brookman introduced a bill to eliminate pay toilets, which were a national issue of gender inequality at the time.

Brookman was a consistent supporter of legislation to establish and improve senior citizen programs. She sponsored the Older Americans Act, which created the State Division of Aging Services and secured funding for senior citizen benefits such as reduced transportation fares and the "Meals on Wheels" program. She also sponsored the creation of the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources, the prohibition of discrimination in private employment on the basis of age, and the entitlement of senior citizens to vote by absentee ballot.

In 1990, Brookman learned that her son would be undergoing heart surgery and ended her political career at that time to be by his side. Eileen Brookman passed away in her Las Vegas home on July 1, 2004, after a battle with cancer; her husband died only a few weeks later. Both were survived by their daughter Deborah.

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Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1995 by Eileen Brookman; accession number 1995-14.

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

Related Materials

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

Eileen Brookman Papers, 1941-2002. MS-00620. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Politicians
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

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Bonnie Gragson, Cary Grant, and Eileen Brookman, 1960	folder 01
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) meeting in Las Vegas, including Eileen Brookman and Las Vegas Mayor Oran Gragson., 1963	folder 01
U.S. Senators Howard Cannon and Alan Bible, 1964	folder 01
U.S. Senator Eugene McCarty and Eileen Brookman, 1964 October 18	folder 01
Will Rogers Jr. and Eileen Brookman at the Carson River, Carson City, Nevada, 1968 February	folder 01
Eileen Brookman and Paul Laxalt autographed by Laxalt, undated	folder 01
Governor's mansion: Governor Paul Laxalt, Debs Brookman, Eileen Brookman, and George Brookman, 1967 March	folder 01
Grand opening Harrah's Tahoe Hotel, Eileen Brookman standing at right, 1973 November	folder 01

Nevada Governor Mike O'Callaghan holding proclamation with Eileen Brookman, approximately 1971-1979	folder 01
"Campaign 76 Shafer House": Eileen Brookman, Manny Cortez, and George Brookman, undated	folder 01
D. C. McSweeney, Eileen Brookman, and U.S. Senator Howard Cannon, 1978 March 15	folder 01
Eileen Brookman, 1982 April 14	folder 01
Eileen Brookman, Governor Richard Bryan, and others, 1983 March 11	folder 01
Eileen Brookman, George Brookman, and Governor Richard Bryan, Carson City, Nevada, 1987	folder 01
Governor Richard Bryan and Eileen Brookman, approximately 1983-1989	folder 01
U.S. Senator Harry Reid with Eileen Brookman autographed by Reid, undated	folder 01
Clint Eastwood in military uniform autographed for Eileen Brookman, 1986	folder 01
Governor Grant Sawyer, Wallye Rosenbluth, and others, approximately 1959-1967	folder 01
Governor Grant Sawyer with Eileen Brookman, approximately 1959-1967	folder 01
Brigadier General Harry Wald, Nevada Army National Guard; U.S. Senator Alan Bible; and Nevada Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, 1968 August	folder 02
Colonel Harry Wald of the Nevada Army National Guard, receives his Brigadier General stars in the office of Lt. Governor Harry Reid with Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, 1968 August	folder 02
U.S. Senator Alan Bible and Brigadier General Harry Wald holding U.S. flag, 1968 August	folder 02
Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, Brigadier General Harry Wald, and U.S. Senator Alan Bible, 1968 August	folder 02
Colonel Harry Wald, Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, and others, 1967 November	folder 02
Colonel Harry Wald, Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, and others, 1967 November	folder 02
Nevada Governor Paul Laxalt helps Nevada National Guardsmen cut a cake, 1967 November 23	folder 02
Brigadier General Harry Wald and U.S. Senator Alan Bible, 1968 August 14	folder 02
Two unidentified men; one at right is officer in the Nevada Army National Guard, 1967 November	folder 02

Portrait: Nevada Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman and U.S. Senator Harry Reid autographed by Reid, 1989	folder 02
Portrait: Eileen Brookman and U.S. Senator Richard Bryan autographed by Bryan, 1989	folder 02
Nevada Governor Bob Miller signing legislative bill AB 95, Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman at left; autographed by Miller, 1989	folder 02
Nevada Governor Bob Miller and Nevada Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, 1989	folder 02
Eileen Brookman and others, 1989	folder 02
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