



Guide to the Henry Kronberg Papers

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Kronberg, Henry, 1920- |
| Title: | Henry Kronberg Papers |
| ID: | MS-00718 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1945 to 2017 |
| Physical Description: | 15 Digital Files (transferred electronically; no physical carrier) |
| Physical Description: | 0.2 Linear Feet (4 folders (shared box)) |
| Physical Description: | 1 Digital Files (0.1320 GB) MP4 |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Henry Kronberg Papers is comprised of photographs, newspaper clippings, and business records from 1945 to 2017 that document Henry Kronberg's business, Stoney's Pawn Shop, his personal life, and his involvement with the Jewish community in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection also includes <i>A Place of Hope</i> , a documentary about the Warsaw Remembrance Garden at Temple Beth Sholom in Las Vegas featuring Kronberg. |

Preferred Citation

Henry Kronberg Papers, 1945-2017. MS-00718. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Henry Kronberg is a Holocaust survivor and former owner of Stoney's Pawn Shop in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born on April 14, 1920 in Germany and raised in Poland. During most of World War II Kronberg lived in Krakow, Poland doing manual labor for the Gestapo while living first in a ghetto and then in a prison. In January 1945 he was sent to a concentration camp, and was in a total of three concentration camps before the Germans were defeated in April 1945. After liberation he met his future wife Lillian, who had originally been in the same camp as he. Henry

and Lillian Kronberg were married in 1946 and moved to the United States in March 1947. They lived in Newark, New Jersey where Kronberg worked as a watchmaker, a painter, and a baker. After losing contact with his sister during the war 20 years earlier, in 1960 Kronberg found out that she was alive and living in Las Vegas, Nevada. He moved to Las Vegas with his family in 1962 and became business partners with his brother-in-law Bob Powell, who owned Pioneer Jewelry and Loan. After a few years Kronberg bought Stoney's Pawn Shop, which he managed until he retired in 1998.

Source:

Kronberg, Henry. Interview, 2015 February 26. OH-02280. Transcript. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Henry Kronberg Papers is comprised of photographs, newspaper clippings, and business records from 1945 to 2017 that document Henry Kronberg's business, Stoney's Pawn Shop, his personal life, and his involvement in the Jewish community in Las Vegas, Nevada. The photographs in the collection depict Stoney's Pawn Shop, Henry Kronberg, his wife Lillian Kronberg, and various events in the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish community. The business records are primarily comprised of business licenses for Stoney's Pawn Shop from 1956 to 1986, but also include a page from a 1966 meeting agenda and an undated appraisal form from Stoney's. The newspaper clippings primarily document Stoney's Pawn shop, including advertisements for the store. There are also some newspaper articles about Lillian Kronberg and about the reunion of Henry Kronberg and his sister after the Holocaust. The collection also includes *A Place of Hope*, a documentary about the Warsaw Remembrance Garden at Temple Beth Sholom in Las Vegas featuring Kronberg.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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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 in 2015 and 2018 by Henry Kronberg; accession numbers 2015-035, 2015-055, 2015-071, and 2018-014.

Processing Note

In 2015, Emily Lapworth and Meghan Gross processed the collection and created the finding aid. In 2021, Tammi Kim accessioned the 2018 addition and updated the finding aid.

Existence and Location of Originals

Some items in this collection are digital surrogates. The donor retained the original items.

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Names and Subjects

- Jews -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Business enterprises -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- photographs
- Holocaust survivors
- Kronberg, Lillian, 1918-2010

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Containers |
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| Photographs, 1945-2010s | |

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| | box SH-037 |
| Stoney's Pawn Shop business licenses, page from agenda, and appraisal form, 1956-1986 | box SH-037 |
| Copies of newspaper and magazine articles, 1960-2010s | box SH-037 |
| Stoney's Pawn Shop photographs, 1964-1989 and undated Physical Description: 10 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates. | digital file 00 |
| Photographs of Henry and Lillian Kronberg at events, approximately approximately 1970-2003 and undated Physical Description: 5 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates. | digital file 00 |
| Newspaper clippings (advertisements and articles) about Stoney's Pawn Shop, 1978-1997 | box SH-037 |
| <i>A Place of Hope</i> documentary, 2017 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.1320 GB) MP4 | digital file 00 |