

A GUIDE TO THE
HOWARD W. SQUIRES PAPERS
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HOWARD WILLIAM SQUIRES

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Howard William Squires, Jr. was born on June 8, 1909, in Long Beach, California, to Mary Elizabeth Gilmore and Howard William Squires, Sr. He later moved to Nevada and attended the University of Nevada, graduating in 1933 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Squires married Grace Lenore Evans in Carson City, Nevada on June 9, 1934 when he was 25 years old. They later settled in Virginia City, Nevada. The marriage produced two children, a girl, Jeanne (b.1942) and boy, Richard (b.1947). Mr. Squires was involved in the mining business during much of the 1930s, which included establishing two companies, the Adriatic Mines, Inc. and the Great Southwest Mines Development Company with his partner, Jess R. Midgely. They were active in several mining operations on the Comstock and elsewhere. Both companies were headquartered in Virginia City. He was also appointed Storey County surveyor in 1942. These activities were interrupted by World War II where Squires served in the Navy as a lieutenant and saw combat duty in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

In 1946, Howard Squires was the Republican candidate for State Assembly from Storey County, but lost to Mervin J. Gallagher. He was appointed Director of the Nevada Park Commission in 1954 and was named the first Nevada State Park Director, serving from 1955-1959. In 1957, the Squires' built a new residence in Carson City at 621 Mary Street. Throughout the 1950s, Squires was active in the American Legion, Masons, and the Boy Scouts of America. During the 1960s, he was employed by the Nevada Highway Commission and retired in June 1969 from the civil engineering department of Ormsby County.

Howard William Squires, Jr. died on October 7, 1969 in Virginia City, Nevada, at the age of 60, and was buried there. His wife Grace passed away on October 13, 1972 in Carson City.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

The papers of Howard William Squires consist primarily of an assortment of business receipts and invoices which document routine purchases and expenses he and his family incurred during his life in California, Nevada and while in military service. Only representative samples of these documents are retained in this collection. There is little personal correspondence, except some concerning his invention of a "dynamic reactor" device, mining business issues during the 1930s and '40s, his employment with the Nevada State Park Commission and his service as Director of Parks for the state of Nevada.

The financial records are mostly composed of checkbooks, expense records, the family's new home construction in Carson City, medical bills, court records, loans and various other transactions. There are three slim folders of photographs which include snapshots of various mining operations, Nevada State Parks photos and several of a model of an invention Squires was working on. Included are two 8 x 10" group pictures of park officials with Governor Charles Russell. There are numerous books and other publications regarding technical engineering and mining processes as well as a book on mining laws in the Western States.

Mr. Squires was active in the American Legion and kept records from annual conventions of that organization from 1949 through 1960 which are included in the collection. The remaining files consist of a folder on the Boy Scouts of America, news clippings, insurance and legal documents, miscellaneous printed materials, and professional membership cards.

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Box	Folder	Description
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I. CORRESPONDENCE

1	1	General Correspondence
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II. Business/Employment

2		Invention: "Dynamic Reactor"
3		Patent Folder
4		Mining & Engineering
5		Business Equipment Rentals
6		Unemployment Insurance 1950
7		Desk Calendars
8		Nevada Highways & Parks magazines
9		State Park Commission Stationery
10		State Park Commission Form Letters, Handouts
11		State Park Commission Brochures
12		State Park Commission – Ft. Churchill, Valley Fire
13		Miscellaneous Publications
14		Nevada State Park Posters
15		Nevada State Park Commission Biennial Report 1956-1958
16		Nevada Department of Highways
17		DRI/Univ. of Nevada Publication: Aquifers/Storage, etc.
18		Rules for State Personnel Administration (1954)

III. Financial Records

1	19	Checkbooks, Deposit Records, Squires
	20	GMAC 1939 Pontiac
	21	Military Expenses
	22	Financial Issues (Bankruptcy?) 1940-41
	23	Expenses in California 1940s
	24	Travel Expenses
	25	New Home Construction, Carson City 1957
	26	Family Receipts
	27	Horse Expense Receipts
2	1	Medical Receipts and Documents
	2	Business Receipts – Squires
	3	Family Expenses
	4	Household Receipts
	5	Banking Deposit Slips
	6	Mining – Stock Receipt Payments
	7	Court Records & Receipts
	8	Tax Receipts
	9	Loan Paperwork
	10	Business Documents & Receipts
	11	Dues Payments - Masons

IV. Photographs

- 12 Photographs, Nevada State Parks
- 13 Photographs, Mining Operations
- 14 Photographs, (Squires' Invention?)

V. Books and Publications

- 15 Pre-Filed Mining Catalogs
- 16 Metallurgy of Lead and Zinc (1936)
- 17 The Flotation Process
- 18 Technical Methods of Ore Analysis
- 19 Wilson's Mining Laws, U.S., AZ, CA, CO, NV, OR & UT
- 20 The Trend of Flotation (1929)
- 21 Private Code Book

VI. American Legion

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 - 1 American Legion Stationery
 - 2 Miscellaneous
 - 3 Annual Convention, 4th District NV American Legion 1949-1953
 - 4 Annual Convention, 4th District NV American Legion 1954-1957
 - 5 American Legion NV Department Convention 1958
 - 6 American Legion Convention 1958-1959
 - 7 American Legion Convention 1959-1960
 - 8 American Legionnaire

VII. Miscellaneous

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| 9 | Boy Scouts of America |
| 10 | News Clippings |
| 11 | Insurance |
| 12 | Legal Documents |
| 13 | Misc. Printed Materials |
| 14 | Professional Membership & Other Cards |