

Guide to the Lois Bell oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Title:	Lois Bell oral history interview
ID:	OH-00180
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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Lois Bell conducted by Sam Cusimano on unknown date for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Bell discusses her time as a cocktail waitress in various casinos, including her experiences of waiting on various celebrities. Bell also describes the changes of the Las Vegas Strip, her account of witnessing atomic testing events, and her position at Roxie's, a brothel that existed during the early days of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)

- Cocktail servers
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Desert Inn Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)