

# Guide to the Robert Francis Bergin oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

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| Creator:                     | Bergin, Robert Francis, 1891-1985                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Contributor:</b>          | Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Abstract:                    | Oral history interview with Robert Francis Bergin conducted by<br>Paula Morey on March 05, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History<br>Project on Early Las Vegas. During the interview Bergin discusses<br>his personal history, the opening of the Desert Inn Hotel and<br>other casinos, the gambling industry, his visits to Cuba, Wilbur<br>Clark, Howard Hughes, and women in gaming. Digital audio and<br>transcript available. |

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#### **Acquisition Note**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas History Professor Ralph Roske donated materials for this oral history project to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in the 1980s.

#### **Processing Note**

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## Names and Subjects

- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Oral histories (document genres)
- Desert Inn Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Hughes, Howard, 1905-1976