



## Guide to the Bonnie and Billy Wilkinson oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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<b>Creator:</b>	Wilkinson, Billy J.
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Bonnie and Billy Wilkinson conducted by Claytee D. White on May 10, 2008 for the History of Blue Diamond Village in Nevada Oral History Project. The Wilkinsons open the interview by discussing their personal histories. Billy recalls moving to Jean, Nevada in 1940 where his father worked on the railroad, and eventually settling to Blue Diamond, Nevada in the 1950s. The two describe the Four Mile brothel, Bonnie Springs Ranch, and their experience as a married couple in Blue Diamond. Bonnie talks about her employment at the Blue Diamond Gypsum Corporation plant and describes going to school in Blue Diamond. Lastly, the two discuss West Las Vegas, Nevada in the 1950s and share anecdotes of their lives in Las Vegas.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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This interview was conducted by the Blue Diamond Oral History Committee. Materials from this oral history project were donated to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2013.

### Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017 and 2019. Miguel Dominguez wrote the collection description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by an external vendor into a digital format. MP3 files of the audio are available for research use. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Blue Diamond (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Bonnie Springs Ranch (Nev.)