



## Guide to the Bill Armstrong 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.  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Armstrong, Bill, 1921-  |
| <b>Contributor:</b>              | Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Bill Armstrong oral history interview   |
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| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Oral history interview with Bill Armstrong conducted by Anthony Robone on February 20, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In the interview, Armstrong discusses his time bootlegging in Kentucky before arriving in Las Vegas, Nevada, his involvement with the Las Vegas dealers, and the weather as it relates to other parts of the country. He also discusses the impacts of the work of Howard Hughes on the town, the construction of Hoover Dam, the above-ground atomic testing, the growth of Las Vegas and tourism, changes in gambling habits for the next generation, and the social and recreational activities of residents. |

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## Scope and Contents Note

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ground atomic testing, the growth of Las Vegas and tourism, changes in gambling habits for the next generation, and the social and recreational activities of residents. Digital audio and transcript available.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Nuclear weapons -- Nevada -- Testing

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Prohibition -- United States
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Hughes, Howard, 1905-1976