



Guide to the Esther Horner oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Creator:	Horner, Esther, 1909-1994
Title:	Esther Horner oral history interview
ID:	OH-00241
Date:	approximately 1977
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Esther Horner conducted by Maureen Brannon in approximately 1977 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Horner discusses the inaugural Helldorado Parade, her family's establishment of B & H Grocery in Las Vegas, Nevada, atomic tests, presidential visits, social clubs, and the tragic death of actress Carole Lombard in a plane crash in Nevada. Horner also offers insight into religious life, the red-light districts, including the infamous Block 16, racial segregation, and gambling in the early days in Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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infamous Block 16, racial segregation, and gambling in the early days in Las Vegas. Digital audio and 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.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Prostitutes
- Las Vegas (Nev.)