

Guide to the Ralph L. Canfield oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Title:	Ralph L. Canfield oral history interview
ID:	OH-00329
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Ralph L. Canfield conducted by Mariann McDuffee on March 21, 1976 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Canfield discusses different housing developments in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Las Vegas Strip hotels and casinos, Lake Mead, Nevada's environmental quality; prostitution, and atomic testing.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Ralph L. Canfield conducted by Mariann McDuffee on March 21, 1976 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Canfield discusses different housing developments, including tent houses on the eastside, the Las Vegas Strip hotels and casinos; the development of transportation in Las Vegas, Nevada including the railroads and McCarran Airport, Lake Mead's water supply and recreation, prostitution in Roxy Motel, and the radiation that came from the atomic testing site. During this interview, Mr. Canfield is with his father William Canfield, his mother Grace Johnson Canfield, friend Dave Bexing, and wife Lillie, who also make some remarks throughout the interview. 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)
 - Las Vegas (Nev.)
 - Mining -- Nevada
 - Las Vegas Strip (Nev.)
 - Prostitution
 - Atomic bomb -- Testing
 - Nellis Air Force Base (Nev.)
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Physical Access Note

There is a constant audible hum in the audio that starts at the 30 second mark which makes the interview hard to hear.

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