

Guide to the Sigrid Oas Capel oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Creator: Capel, Sigrid (Sigrid Oas), 1915-1986

Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas **Contributor:**

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Oral history interview with Sigrid Capel conducted by Michael Abstract:

McKenna on February 10, 1980 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Sigrid Capel (b. 1915 in Ely, Nevada)

discusses growing up in Southern Nevada and serving in several civil service positions. She begins by talking about her experiences of growing up in Ely, Nevada and then describes going to business school in San Diego before returning to work as a secretary for the Agricultural Extension Service. Capel goes on to describe her experiences working for the Nevada Gaming Control Board and eventually becoming assistant city clerk for Las Vegas, the jury commissioner for the county clerk, and executive secretary for the Clark County Board of County

Commissioners.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Sigrid Capel conducted by Michael McKenna on February 10, 1980 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Sigrid Capel (b. 1915 in Ely, Nevada) discusses growing up in Southern Nevada and serving in several civil service positions. She begins

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by talking about her experiences of growing up in Ely, Nevada, including her childhood trips to Lake Tahoe. She then describes going to business school in San Diego, California before returning to work as a secretary for the Agricultural Extension Service. Capel then describes the details of a trip to Norway, from which her parents emigrated, as well as to other European countries. She later lists some of the recreational activities available in Ely before mentioning the notable Ely natives who entered significant political and service positions in Nevada. Capel goes on to describe her experiences working for the Nevada Gaming Control Board and eventually becoming assistant city clerk for Las Vegas, the jury commissioner for the county clerk, and executive secretary for the Clark County Board of County Commissioners. Capel concludes the interview with a brief mention of her retirement. Digital audio and transcript available.

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Processing Note

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Ely (Nev.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Nevada. State Gaming Control Board
- Clark County (Nev.). County Commission