



Guide to the Chet Carrigan oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Carrigan, Chet, 1912-
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Chet Carrigan oral history interview
ID:	OH-00345
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Physical Description:	3 Digital Files (0.0776 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Chet Carrigan conducted by Robert Kahre on February 17, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Carrigan first talks about his background in construction as well as some of his experiences in the Sheriff's Posse before describing the major events and changes of Las Vegas, Nevada that he witnessed. Carrigan also talks about his family, the effects of the Great Depression on the city, the flooding problem, and the building of Hoover Dam. He also describes the first schools in Las Vegas, means of transportation, his laundry business, his experience on the volunteer fire department, the first movie theaters, and Cashman Field.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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family, the effects of the Great Depression on the city, the flooding problem, and the building of Hoover Dam. He also describes the first schools in Las Vegas, means of transportation, his laundry business, and his experience on the volunteer fire department. The end of the interview involves a discussion of topics including the first movie theaters, Cashman Field, underground water, the railroads, and Carrigan's thoughts on the future of 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.

Processing Information

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Construction
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
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- Fire departments
- Depressions -- 1929
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)