



Guide to the Helen M. Clark oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Helen M. Clark conducted by Danny Winegar on March 05, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview Helen Clark speaks about her family's move to Las Vegas, Nevada and working as a secretary. She then discusses the beginning of tract home building, gambling, and the building of the Hoover Dam. She also mentions life during the Great Depression, prostitution in Block 16, and the Helldorado celebration. Clark then talks about the first hotels and casinos that were built on the Las Vegas Strip and the mob's influence over those hotels.

Preferred Citation

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celebration. Clark then talks about the first hotels and casinos that were built on the Las Vegas Strip and the mob's influence over those hotels. Digital audio and transcript available.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)

- Depressions -- 1929
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Strip (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Organized crime -- Las Vegas (Nev)