



Guide to the Gerald L. Connor oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Connor, Gerald Louis, 1930-2002
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Gerald L. Connor oral history interview
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Physical Description:	3 Digital Files (0.0749 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Gerald Connor conducted by James Bonnell on February 22, 1977 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Connor first discusses moving to Las Vegas, Nevada and serving as a pilot in the United States Air Force. He then discusses his education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and his church membership. Topics that Connor discusses during the interview also include changes in the school district and properties located in Downtown Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Strip, his political activity within the Democratic Party, the Helldorado Parades, and the early atomic tests at the Nevada Test Site.

Preferred Citation Note

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Scope and Contents Note

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the Las Vegas Strip. He also describes in detail his political activity and involvement with the Democratic Party, including his work with candidates running for the offices of Nevada Governor and United States Senator. Towards the end of the interview, Connor discusses events such as Helldorado and the early atomic tests at the Nevada Test Site. Digital audio and transcript available.

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Processing Note

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Mead, Lake (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Nellis Air Force Base (Nev.)