



Guide to the Phillip L. Cook oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Creator:	Cook, Phillip L., 1939-
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Phillip L. Cook oral history interview
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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Phillip L. Cook conducted by Richard Strahan on March 3, 1977 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Cook first talks about his parents' move to Nevada and discusses how the school system has changed over time. He then describes the first businesses that opened up in the Downtown and Strip areas of Las Vegas, Nevada before discussing prostitution, Block 16, and recreational activities available to youth. Cook also talks about the first television sets and telephone systems made available, and he moves on to talk about the prices of things such as movies and haircuts when he was younger. The interview then moves to discussions on the Old Ranch, racial discrimination, school integration, the crime rate, and the school system in Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Prostitution
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Race discrimination
- Schools