



## Guide to the Isabella Jessie Curtis oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Curtis, Isabella Jessie, 1922-
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Isabella Jessie Curtis oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-00466
<b>Date:</b>	1979 February 15
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 Digital Files (0.0434 GB) MP3, JPG, PDF/A
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Isabella Jessie Curtis conducted by Andrew B. Levy on February 15, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Curtis first talks about her career in waitressing at several restaurants and casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also discusses her involvement in politics, her early recreational activities, and the atomic testing. Curtis then describes living in Sandy Valley, Nevada, and some of her first memories of the Union Pacific train depot in Las Vegas.

### Preferred Citation Note

Isabella Jessie Curtis oral history interview, 1979 February 15. OH-00466. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Isabella Jessie Curtis conducted by Andrew B. Levy on February 15, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Curtis first talks about her career in waitressing at several restaurants and casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also discusses her involvement in politics, her early recreational activities, and the atomic testing. The interview concludes with Curtis's description on living in Sandy Valley, Nevada, and some of her first memories of the Union Pacific train depot in Las Vegas. Digital audio, transcript, and photograph 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 Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017 and 2018. Nia Banks wrote the collection description. This interview was transcribed and edited by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives as part of an ongoing effort to transcribe legacy interviews. This interview transcript received minimal editing and all measures have been taken to preserve the style and language of the narrator. The interviewee/narrator was not involved in the editing process. A digital version (PDF) of the transcript is available for research use. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by an external vendor into a digital format. MP3 files of the audio are available for research use.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)

- **Hotels -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History**