

Guide to the Frank Cuti oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract: Oral history interview with Frank Cuti conducted by Hans Kohls

on February 25, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Frank Cuti discusses his experiences in the gaming industry in Nevada, such as his work as a floor man and a dealer in properties such as the Frontier Club during the 1940s. He then describes the changes in casinos like the El Rancho Hotel, Club Bingo, and the Flamingo Hotel. Other topics discussed include the nature of competition between properties, cheaters, the mob, the involvement of unions, and Howard Hughes' influence on the development of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preferred Citation Note

Frank Cuti oral history interview, 1979 February 25. OH-00467. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Frank Cuti conducted by Hans Kohls on February 25, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Frank Cuti discusses his experiences in the gaming industry in Nevada. Cuti first describes his work as a dealer in properties like the Frontier Club during the 1940s. He then describes how the Strip developed, including casinos such as the El Rancho Hotel, Club Bingo, and the Flamingo Hotel. Cuti also discusses topics such as the nature

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of competition between properties, cheaters, and the mob. He additionally provides his opinions on the involvement of unions. Then Cuti describes working as a floor man and Howard Hughes' influence on the development of Las Vegas, Nevada. Digital audio and transcript available.

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Administrative Information

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Names and Subjects

Oral histories (document genres)

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)Casinos -- Employees
- El Rancho Vegas (Casino)
- Hughes, Howard, 1905-1976