



Guide to the Nel Downing oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Downing, Nel
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Nel Downing oral history interview
ID:	OH-00487
Date:	probably 1970s
Physical Description:	5 Digital Files (0.0816 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Nel Downing conducted by Scottie Rector in the 1970s for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Downing first talks about the first properties in the Downtown Las Vegas, Nevada area before talking about the forms of transportation available in Las Vegas. She also talks about her work with the Clark County Housing Authority, the development of Henderson, some of the early churches, and the beginnings of gambling in Henderson. She then discusses gambling, life in Nevada, the Helldorado parade, and inflation over time.

Preferred Citation

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Henderson. She then discusses gambling, life in Nevada, the Helldorado parade, and inflation over time. Digital audio and transcript 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

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Henderson (Nev.)
- Housing -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Gambling
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)