



## Guide to the Forrest Duke 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>	Duke, Forrest, 1918-1988
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Forrest Duke oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-00493
<b>Date:</b>	1977 March 02
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Digital Files (0.0804 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Forrest Duke conducted by Richard Lloyd Pipkins on March 02, 1977 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Duke discusses popular hotels in Las Vegas, Nevada. Duke also talks about entertainment acts and prominent Las Vegas figures such as Howard Hughes. He then discusses labor unions' problems with hotels and atomic testing.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Forrest Duke conducted by Richard Lloyd Pipkins on March 02, 1977 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Duke discussed the El Rancho Hotel's fire, the first topless show in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Flamingo Hotel, and early Fremont Street. Duke also talks about entertainment acts such as Elvis Presley, Nat King Cole, and Grace Hayes. He then discusses labor unions' problems with hotels, environmental changes due to atomic testing in Southern Nevada, and Howard Hughes. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Administrative Information

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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 2016 and 2017. Nia Banks wrote the collection description. 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. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Labor unions -- United States
- Fremont Street (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Hayes, Grace, 1895-1989
- Hughes, Howard, 1905-1976