



Guide to the Sam S. Earl oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Earl, Samuel S., 1912-1999
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Sam S. Earl oral history interview
ID:	OH-00509
Date:	1981 March 09
Physical Description:	3 Digital Files (0.0927 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Sam S. Earl conducted by Laura Button on March 09, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Earl discusses the family's early residence in a tent and their religious participation. He also discusses welfare benefits, gambling, the first members of the police force, and the Helldorado parade. Earl then talks about his work on the Hoover (Boulder) Dam, as a building contractor, and as a truck driver.

Preferred Citation Note

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Sam S. Earl conducted by Laura Button on March 09, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Earl discusses his work on the Hoover (Boulder) Dam, the Earls' early residence in a tent, and the family's religious participation. He also discusses gambling, the first members of the police force, and the Helldorado parade. Earl then talks about his work as a building contractor, the development of the Las Vegas, Nevada Strip, his work as a truck driver, and a discussion on welfare benefits. Digital audio and 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

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.) -- Design and construction
- Gambling -- Law and legislation

- Organized crime -- Las Vegas (Nev)
- Helldorado Days