



Guide to the Lilly Fong oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Lilly Fong conducted by Lisa Fremont on May 06, 1995 for the UNLV University Libraries Oral History Collection. In this interview, Fong discusses her family background and their immigration story to the United States in the early 1910s. She talks about her husband's interest in the restaurant business and the opening of their restaurant, Fong's Garden, in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1955. Fong remembers being elected as Regent for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), the increase of students attending the College of Southern Nevada, and advocating to keep UNLV's Tonopah Hall as a dormitory building for students. Fong talks about completing a master's degree from UNLV in 1982, state university funding, and her involvement with the Chinese community in Las Vegas.

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- Chinese Americans
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