



Guide to the Gaelen Felt oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Felt, Gaelen, 1922-
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Gaelen Felt oral history interview
ID:	OH-00569
Date:	approximately 1975
Physical Description:	2 Digital Files (0.081 GB) MP3
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Gaelan Felt conducted by Perry Kaufman in approximately 1975 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Felt describes working at the Nevada Test Site and the effect the site had on Las Vegas, Nevada. Felt explains why Nevada was chosen as the location for the site, how they tested nuclear weapons, and how the local residents responded to the tests with varying levels of concern. He also talks about other aspects of the test site's history, such as workers' housing, and how Las Vegas has developed and changed.

Preferred Citation

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of the test site's history, such as workers' housing, and how Las Vegas has developed and changed. Digital audio available; no 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

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2019. Kyle Gagnon 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

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Nuclear weapons -- Testing
- Cities and towns -- Growth