



Guide to the Norman Forsythe oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Forsythe, Norman, 1927-2008
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Norman Forsythe oral history interview
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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Norman Forsyth conducted by Steve Flinte on March 19, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Forsythe discusses arriving to Las Vegas, Nevada and his time as a firefighter with the Las Vegas Fire Department and the Clark County Fire Department, where he eventually became a battalion chief. Forsythe also talks about the history and development of Las Vegas, the prices of land, some notable fires, including the El Rancho Vegas fire, and what he recalls about the aboveground atomic testing.

Preferred Citation Note

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Vegas fire, and what he recalls about the aboveground atomic testing. 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.)

- Fire departments
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Fire fighters