



## Guide to the Elaine and Robert Gallagher 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>	Gallagher, Elaine, 1930-2018
<b>Creator:</b>	Gallagher, Robert Joseph, 1928-2011
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Elaine and Robert Gallagher oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-00645
<b>Date:</b>	approximately 1974
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Digital Files (0.084 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Elaine and Robert Gallagher conducted by Rod Leavitt on an unknown date in 1974 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, the Gallaghers discuss moving to Southern Nevada with their families. Robert describes his father's employment at Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam), and Elaine recalls the construction of the Basic Magnesium Plant in Henderson, Nevada. They describe above-ground atomic bomb testing, entertainment in Las Vegas, Nevada, and social life. Lastly, the two recall population growth in Las Vegas and the increase of casinos along the Strip.

### Preferred Citation

Elaine and Robert Gallagher oral history interview, approximately 1974. OH-00645. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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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 2017. Miguel Dominguez 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.)
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Basic Magnesium, Inc.