



## Guide to the Elton Garrett oral history interviews

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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>                  | Garrett, Elton, 1902-1992   |
| <b>Contributor:</b>              | Boulder City Library Oral History Project   |
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| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Oral history interviews with Elton Garrett conducted by Dennis McBride on November 10 and 11, 1986 for the Boulder City Library Oral History Project. In these interviews, Garrett talks about hitchhiking into Nevada in 1928, the beginning of his journalism career in 1929, and the development and construction of the Hoover Dam and Boulder City. He relates anecdotes about events and people during this early period and talks about the choice of The Six Companies, Incorporated to build the dam. He continues, talking about the impact of prohibition, bootlegging, and illegal gambling before 1931. Later he talks about his work as an educator in Boulder City, and the decision by the city to work toward self-government and incorporation. |

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## Scope and Contents Note

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### Acquisition Note

This interview was conducted by Dennis McBride. Materials from this oral history project were donated to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives on an ongoing basis ending in 2016.

### Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2015. Melise Leech 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)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Journalism
- Education