



## Guide to the Oran Gragson 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>                  | Gragson, Oran K. (Oran Kenneth), 1911-2002  |
| <b>Contributor:</b>              | UNLV University Libraries Oral History Collection   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Oran Gragson oral history interview   |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | OH-00709  |
| <b>Date:</b>                     | 1972 December 25  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 4 Digital Files (0.125 GB) MP3  |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Oral history interview with Oran Gragson conducted by Perry Kaufman on December 25, 1972 for the UNLV Libraries Oral History Collection. In this interview, Gragson discusses his employment at Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) and Basic Magnesium Plant, and eventually opening his own business in 1967. He then describes changes in Las Vegas, Nevada and recalls his involvement with politics. Gragson then discusses his time as the mayor of Las Vegas and explains the challenges he faced as mayor. Lastly, Gragson describes the difference between county government and city government. |

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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mayor. Lastly, Gragson describes the difference between county government and city government. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Mayors -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Politics and government