



## Guide to the John Haines 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>	Haines, John, 1901-
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	John Haines oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-00766
<b>Date:</b>	1972 March 25
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.01 Cubic Feet (1 folder)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.10 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with John Haines conducted by Thomas S. Hager on March 25, 1972 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Haines discusses moving to Reno, Nevada in 1931 and later to Tonopah, Nevada to be a card dealer. He describes building the Town Hall Casino, and explains how local troops stationed in Tonopah were the customer base until the bombings in Japan during the end of WWII. Lastly, Haines discusses his employment at the Frontier Club, mobster Bugsy Siegel, and how the mob influenced the gaming industry.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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until the bombings in Japan during the end of WWII. Lastly, Haines discusses his employment at the Frontier Club, mobster Bugsy Siegel, and how the mob influenced the gaming industry. Print transcript available; no audio recording.

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### Acquisition Note

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### Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Miguel Dominguez wrote the collection description. The transcript 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.)
- Tonopah (Nev.)

- Card dealers
- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- New Frontier Hotel and Casino
- Siegel, Benjamin "Bugsy"