



Guide to the Jack K. Leavitt oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Creator:	Leavitt, Jack K., 1924-2005
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Title:	Jack K. Leavitt oral history interview
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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Jack K. Leavitt conducted by Alick Dziabczenko on February 28, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Leavitt describes his life as a child living in early Las Vegas, Nevada during the Great Depression. Leavitt also describes seeing President Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech at Hoover (Boulder) Dam, the plane crash that resulted in Carole Lombard's death, and the construction of Nellis Air Force Base. The reaction of Las Vegas, Nevada to the outbreak of World War II is discussed, but information is limited, as Leavitt explains he was deployed in North Africa and Italy during the majority of that period. Finally, Leavitt talks about his career as a real estate broker in Las Vegas, and how real estate has evolved in the city.

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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.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Depressions -- 1929
- World War, 1939-1945
- Veterans
- Real estate agents
- Nellis Air Force Base (Nev.)
- Lombard, Carole, 1908-1942
- Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945