



Guide to the James Matson oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Matson, James
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	James Matson oral history interview
ID:	OH-01220
Date:	1980 February 23
Physical Description:	3 Digital Files (0.060 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with James Matson conducted by Ken Rose on February 23, 1980 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In the interview, Matson discusses his early life in Pensacola, Florida and moving to Las Vegas, Nevada to work in resort and housing construction in 1952. Matson also discusses his family, his part-time work as a personal security guard, and the growth of Las Vegas. Lastly, he discusses African American racial discrimination and economic opportunities in Las Vegas in the 1950s to the 1980s.

Preferred Citation

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and economic opportunities in Las Vegas in the 1950s to the 1980s. Digital audio and transcript available.

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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. Jimmy Chang 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. This interview was transcribed and edited by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives as part of an ongoing effort to transcribe legacy interviews. This interview transcript received minimal editing and all measures have been taken to preserve the style and language of the narrator. The interviewee/narrator was not involved in the editing process. A digital version (PDF) of the transcript is available for research use.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Construction
- Race discrimination
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Employment