

# Guide to the Thomas McDonald oral history interview

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# **Summary Information**

**Repository:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special

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**Creator:** McDonald, Thomas

**Contributor:** Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas

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**Description:** 

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Abstract:

Oral history interview with Thomas McDonald conducted by Ted Papatheodorou on July 05, 1975 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, McDonald describes his experiences running a newspaper and a restaurant in Chicago, Illinois before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada to work as a manager at the Stardust Hotel and Casino. McDonald shares several short anecdotes, such as being thrown off of a freight train in 1915 in early Las Vegas, or serving then-Senator Lyndon

B. Johnson at his restaurant in Chicago.

### **Preferred Citation**

Thomas McDonald oral history interview, 1975 July 05. OH-01254. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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then-Senator Lyndon B. Johnson at his restaurant in Chicago. Digital audio available; no 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. Kyle Gagnon 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**

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Restaurants
- Newspapers
- Businesspeople

• Stardust Resort and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)