



Guide to the Mary Melton oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Melton, Mary Carol
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Mary Melton oral history interview
ID:	OH-01279
Date:	1981 March 05
Physical Description:	2 Digital Files (0.063 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Mary Carol Melton conducted by Kathy Ricks on March 05, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Melton discusses early life in Henderson, Nevada and recalls the development of the United Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. Melton speaks about moving to Las Vegas because of her husband's health, her time working with attorney offices and in the Las Vegas Courthouse, and the different homes in which her family lived. Moreover, Melton talks extensively about starting the first Sunday school in North Las Vegas in a garage as well as the church she and her husband built. Melton discusses the programs and minstrels performed in the church, the crafts sold to make money for the church and the organ they purchased. Lastly, Melton talks about going to the Hoover Dam nearly every week to see new developments, her participation in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and watching the above ground atomic tests.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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Administrative Information

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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. Miguel Dominguez 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.)
- Henderson (Nev.)
- Atomic bomb -- Testing
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Religious life and customs
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)

Physical Access Note

Audio has a constant hum and interviewee's voice can be faint at times.

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