



Guide to the Jack L. Monroe Jr. oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Jack L. Monroe Jr. conducted by Marie Carmichael on March 15, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Monroe discusses moving from California to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1952. Monroe discusses his parents' careers in the food service industry, as well as the growth of Las Vegas and tourism in the city.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Jack L. Monroe Jr. conducted by Marie Carmichael on March 15, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Monroe discusses moving from California to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1952. Monroe speaks initially about his time working alongside his family in the restaurant business, with his father working as a cook, his mother a waitress and himself as both a busboy and a cook. He discusses the working conditions of cooks, the competition between casino restaurants and the relationship between workers, bosses and the public. Moreover, Monroe speaks about life in Las Vegas as a youngster, the significance of YMCA, summer camps and other recreational activities, and the school system. Lastly, he talks about the changing infrastructure of the city, the paved roads and public transportation, how casinos made

their profits and the attachment residents develop towards the city of Las Vegas. Digital audio and transcript available.

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Processing Note

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Names and Subjects

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

- Food service
- Cities and towns -- Growth