

# Guide to the William Morris oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

<b>Repository</b> :	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Morris, William
<b>Contributor</b> :	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	William Morris oral history interview
ID:	OH-01334
Date:	1979 February 22
Physical Description:	2 Digital Files (0.082 GB) MP3
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with William W. Morris conducted by Sam King on February 22, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Morris discusses University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) athletics department. Morris describes UNLV Basketball during the late 1970s and recalls the coaches of the team from 1958 to 1973. Morris then discusses the developments of UNLV Basketball at the time and their progress throughout the years. Later, Morris describes plans to begin construction of the Thomas and Mack Center and gives details of how funds were raised to construct the facility. Morris then talks about the integration of women sports to the athletics department and the success of women sports teams. Lastly, Morris provides his opinions on why Las Vegas, Nevada shouldn't have a professional sports team.

#### **Preferred Citation**

William Morris oral history interview, 1979 February 22. OH-01334. [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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#### **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. 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.)
- Sports

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- Football
- Basketball
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Department of Athletics