



Guide to the Elva Mercado, Virgie Wilburn, and Dr. Alonzo Anderson oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Mercado, Elva
Creator:	Wilburn, Virgie
Creator:	Anderson, Alonzo A., 1922-1988
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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Elva Mercado, Virgie Wilburn, and Dr. Alonzo Anderson conducted by Lowell Townley in 1974 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, the three interviewees recall the life of Margie Grubb. Elva Mercado is Grubb's niece; Virgie Wilburn is a former employee and friend; and Dr. Anderson is a veterinarian and friend. Mercado describes how Grubb managed bars in Las Vegas, Nevada, her personality, and Grubb's relationship with other people including Mercado's father and Grubb's business partners. Wilburn recalls stories from Grubb's life including Grubb's affinity for the desert and bootlegging. Wilburn also talks about a time where Grubb's club and house caught on fire. Dr. Anderson discusses Grubb working in the mining industry, moving to Oregon for a short time, and managing a saloon.

Preferred Citation

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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. Mary Anilao 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. 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)
- Bars
- Mining -- Nevada
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Grubb, Margie