

Guide to the Florence Murphy oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract: Oral history interview with Florence Murphy conducted by

K. J. Evans on September 04, 1998 for the Las Vegas Review-Journal First 100 Oral History Project. In the interview, Murphy discusses working as a pilot and manager at Sky Haven Airfield (North Las Vegas Airport) in the early 1940s and Alamo Airfield (McCarran International Airport) between the late 1940s and the 1950s in Las Vegas, Nevada. She describes her first time piloting an airplane in approximately 1936 when a barnstormer, a stunt pilot in flying circuses, offered public flights for civilians. Murphy also discusses her first time in an airplane as a child with her father, the grand opening of Sky Haven, and her

experiences working for Bonanza Airlines.

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Materials from this interview project were donated by Kenneth Evans in 2000.

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- Women air pilots
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- McCarran International Airport (Nev.)