



Guide to the Albert Purdue oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Title:	Albert Purdue oral history interview
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Albert Purdue conducted by Claytee D. White on August 16, 2000 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Purdue begins by explaining the importance of the railroad industry and specifically the Union Pacific Railroad Company to early Las Vegas, Nevada. He discusses his family's military history and the presence of the military in Nevada during the 1940s for desert training for the North African front during World War II. He gives an overview of life in Las Vegas from the 1940s to the 1960s, and discusses how the city has changed and what the future of the city may look like. Purdue talks about when the casinos of Las Vegas were controlled by organized crime and when Howard Hughes arrived and began buying properties. Purdue also discusses racial segregation in Las Vegas and the diverse peoples who live in the city.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Railroads – Nevada -- History
- Segregation -- Nevada
- Military life
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Organized crime -- Las Vegas (Nev)
- Hughes, Howard, 1905-1976