

Guide to the Inez Rambeau oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository :	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Rambeau, Inez, 1919-2005
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Inez Rambeau oral history interview
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Date:	1977 March 26
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Inez Rambeau conducted by Jane Ellsworth Olive on March 26, 1977 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Rambeau begins by discussing her family's history in gambling, specifically how her family ran a casino in Louisiana before it was legalized there. Rambeau then discusses her career as the director of sales at the Riviera Hotel & Casino and the convention sales business, as well as efforts to transform Las Vegas into a convention city. She also talks about her boss, Elmo H. Ellsworth, and how he generated interest in Las Vegas with clients and encouraged the city's development.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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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

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Names and Subjects

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

- Convention centers
- Casinos
- Ellsworth, Elmo Hughes, 1911-1971
 Riviera Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas Strip, Nev.)