



## Guide to the Albert Risley oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Risley, Albert, 1910-1992
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Albert Risley oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-01570
<b>Date:</b>	1979 February 27
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Digital Files (0.074 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Albert Risley conducted by his granddaughter, Wendy Dalmas, on February 27, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Risley discusses the development of Boulder City, Nevada after his transfer there from Denver, Colorado in 1944. Risley discusses creating a point-based system which was used to assign housing to government employees based on their status and needs. Risley describes life in Boulder City during World War II, and the nearby U.S. Army camp, Camp Williston, which was established to protect Boulder (Hoover) Dam during the war. Risley also describes observing nuclear weapons tests and his later career as a Contracting Officer and Procurement Officer for the Lower Colorado Region after being promoted in 1971.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Albert Risley conducted by his granddaughter, Wendy Dalmas, on February 27, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Risley was a Regional Employment Officer for the Regional Offices of the Bureau of Reclamation in Boulder

City, Nevada, which was a part of the Department of the Interior. In this interview, Risley discusses the development of Boulder City, Nevada after his transfer there from Denver, Colorado in 1944. Risley discusses creating a point-based system which was used to assign housing to government employees based on their status and needs. Risley describes life in Boulder City during World War II, and the nearby U.S. Army camp, Camp Williston, which was established to protect Boulder (Hoover) Dam during the war. Risley also describes observing nuclear weapons tests and his later career as a Contracting Officer and Procurement Officer for the Lower Colorado Region after being promoted in 1971. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Administrative Information

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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. Kyle Gagnon 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**

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Nuclear weapons -- Nevada -- Testing
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- United States. Bureau of Reclamation. Lower Colorado Region