



Guide to the F. Lorin Ronnow oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Ronnow, F. Lorin, (Francis Lorin), 1909-1987
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	F. Lorin Ronnow oral history interview
ID:	OH-01592
Date:	1981 March 11
Physical Description:	2 Digital Files (.060 GB) MP3
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with F. Lorin Ronnow conducted by Mindy Braver on March 11, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Ronnow discusses his personal history in Las Vegas, Nevada after being hired by the Union Pacific Railroad to play for their baseball team in 1928. Ronnow discusses being a hoisting engineer during the construction of the Hoover Dam, the economic benefit of the dam during the Great Depression, and his own business ventures in Las Vegas. Ronnow describes his career in banking, how Las Vegas has changed, and prominent celebrities coming to Nevada to divorce. Ronnow also discusses occupational discrimination against African Americans and women.

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Scope and Contents Note

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construction of the Hoover Dam, the economic benefit of the dam during the Great Depression, and his own business ventures in Las Vegas. Ronnow describes his career in banking, how Las Vegas has changed, and prominent celebrities coming to Nevada to divorce. Ronnow also discusses occupational discrimination against African Americans and women. Other topics of discussion include car dealerships and automobiles in Las Vegas, the construction of McCarran Airport and air travel, and the Helldorado Parade. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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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

- Oral histories (document genres)

- **Businessmen**
- **Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)**
- **Banks and banking**
- **Divorce**
- **Discrimination**
- **Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)**
- **McCarran International Airport (Nev.)**