

Guide to the Mando Rueda oral history interviews

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Summary Information

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City. Lastly, Rueda talks about the gaming industry in Las Vegas,

Nevada and compares casino operations from the 1970s to the late 1990s.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Reno (Nev.)
- Tahoe, Lake (Calif. and Nev.)
- Atlantic City (N.J.)
- Slot machines
- Casinos