



Guide to the James Ryan oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Ryan, James G., 1916-2007
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	James Ryan oral history interview
ID:	OH-01615
Date:	1975
Physical Description:	2 Digital Files (0.063 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with James "Sailor" Ryan conducted by Perry Kaufman in 1975 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Ryan discusses moving to Nevada from Montana in 1935. Ryan describes his career as a construction laborer for the Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) as well as later positions in construction. Ryan also details his involvement in politics and his position in the Nevada Assembly. Lastly, Ryan discusses gambling and the growth of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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.)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Cities and towns -- Growth

- Nevada. Legislative Assembly

Physical Access Note

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