



## Guide to the Erick Spiess 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>	Spiess, Erick R., 1919-2016
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Erick Spiess oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-01746
<b>Date:</b>	1975 June 29
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Digital Files (0.043 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Erick Spiess conducted by Gretchen Spiess on June 29, 1975 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Spiess discusses the history of the Nevada Test Site, and briefly discusses Las Vegas, Nevada history. Spiess describes his career as the technical liaison at the Nevada Test Site working for EG & G, Inc. and the research performed there, including the model town built to observe the effects of a nuclear weapon on an urban area. Spiess goes on to discuss how Las Vegas residents reacted to the testing, and how Las Vegas has changed.

### Preferred Citation

Erick Spiess oral history interview, 1975 June 29. OH-01746. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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urban area. Spiess goes on to discuss how Las Vegas residents reacted to the testing, and how Las Vegas has changed. 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

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Nuclear weapons -- Nevada -- Testing
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Cities and towns -- Growth

- EG & G, Inc.