

Guide to the Roy Stinedurf Jr. oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Stinedurf, Roy, Jr., 1930-
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Roy Stinedurf Jr. oral history interview
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Roy Stinedurf Jr. conducted by Deborah J. Taylor on March 15, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Stinedurf discusses the development and growth of Las Vegas, Nevada. Stinedurf recalls the earliest hotels and casinos including El Rancho, Desert Inn, Sahara, Riviera, Stardust, and The Royal Nevada. Later in the interview, Stinedurf discusses Las Vegas history regarding the development of casinos and the increase in local businesses. Stinedurf then describes natural resource management, specifically the use of water and explains how artesian springs were used at the time. Lastly, Stinedurf discusses desert warfare training during World War II.

Preferred Citation

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interview, Stinedurf discusses Las Vegas history regarding the development of casinos and the increase in local businesses. Stinedurf then describes natural resource management, specifically the use of water and explains how artesian springs were used at the time. Lastly, Stinedurf discusses desert warfare training during World War II. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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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 and 2019. Miguel Dominguez 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)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Casinos
- World War, 1939-1945