

## **Guide to the Dr. Wilbur Sylvester 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>	Sylvester, Wilbur W., 1901-1984
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Dr. Wilbur Sylvester oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-01797
<b>Date:</b>	1976 April 06
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Digital Files (0.56 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Dr. Wilbur Sylvester conducted by Elizabeth Polson on April 06, 1976 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Sylvester discusses his personal history and the history of Las Vegas, Nevada. Sylvester describes arriving in Las Vegas during the 1940s, life during that time, and prominent figures in the city, such as Maude Frazier. Sylvester continues to discuss important people in Nevada's history, like Key Pittman and other politicians. He goes on to talk about gambling in Las Vegas, tuberculosis patients who sought out drier climates to alleviate their condition, and his career as a podiatrist.

### Preferred Citation

Dr. Wilbur Sylvester oral history interview, 1976 April 06. OH-01797. [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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and other politicians. He goes on to talk about gambling in Las Vegas, tuberculosis patients who sought out drier climates to alleviate their condition, and his career as a podiatrist. 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)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Nevada
- Gambling -- Nevada -- Las Vegas

- Medical personnel
- Frazier, Maude, 1881-1963
- Pittman, Key, 1872-1940