



Guide to the Robert Alton Thielke oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Thielke, Robert Alton, 1905-1991
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Robert Alton Thielke oral history interview
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Date:	1975 March 12
Date:	approximately 1975
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interviews with Robert Alton Thielke conducted by his grandson, Harry Stephen Lauer, on March 12, 1975 and an unknown date in 1975 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In these interviews, Thielke discusses his personal history working for railroads, gas companies, and munitions manufacturers before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1948. Thielke describes life in Las Vegas during the 1940s and taking road trips in a Ford Model T roadster. He talks about how Las Vegas has changed and grown, as well as rodeos in the city. Thielke explains the history of Henderson, Nevada, manganese mining, and the history of Stewart Ranch. He also describes his recreational activities and explains that he moved out of west Las Vegas because of the increase of African Americans living in that area.

Preferred Citation

Robert Alton Thielke oral history interview, 1975 March 12, approximately 1975. OH-01811. [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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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

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Rodeos
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Henderson (Nev.)
- Southwest Gas Corporation