



Guide to the Byron Thornton oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Thornton, Byron, 1903-1998
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Byron Thornton oral history interview
ID:	OH-01823
Date:	1986 October 27
Physical Description:	10 Digital Files (0.091 GB) MP3, JPG
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Byron Thornton conducted by Kay Harris on October 27, 1986 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Thornton discusses his personal history and arriving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1931. Thornton then recalls working for the Las Vegas Gas Company and starting his own concrete business. Lastly, Thornton describes installing petroleum gas tanks and pipes inside of homes used for testing atomic bombs at the Nevada Test Site and recalls the destruction caused by the explosions.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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the Nevada Test Site and recalls the destruction caused by the explosions. Digital audio and photographs 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. 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.)
- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Atomic bomb -- Safety measures
- Gas industry -- Environmental aspects

Physical Access Note

Beginning around 00:08:50 on side two, musical content enters into the recording.

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