



## Guide to the Linda Vasquez 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>	Vasquez, Linda, 1947-
<b>Contributor:</b>	History of Blue Diamond Village in Nevada Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Linda Vasquez oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-01873
<b>Date:</b>	2005 February 18
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 Digital Files (0.138 GB) MP3
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.10 Linear Feet (1 folder)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.01 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Linda Vasquez conducted by Patricia van Betten on February 18, 2005 for the History of Blue Diamond Village in Nevada Oral History Project. Vasquez discusses her childhood in Norwich, Connecticut and her first trip to Blue Diamond, Nevada in 1966 as a high school graduation gift. She describes the early Blue Diamond community, and her eventual move to Nevada around 1975. She details her husband Simon Vasquez's childhood in Blue Diamond, from his education at the first school in Blue Diamond to his commute to Las Vegas High School in Las Vegas, Nevada. She then discusses her husband's roles at the Blue Diamond Mine, from the time he was eighteen years old until his death. Vasquez then details the health care in Blue Diamond, as well as the schools, the post service, and the telephone and electricity services.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Linda Vasquez conducted by Patricia van Betten on February 18, 2005 for the History of Blue Diamond Village in Nevada Oral History Project. Vasquez discusses her childhood in Norwich, Connecticut and her first trip to Blue Diamond, Nevada in 1966 as a high school graduation gift. She describes the early Blue Diamond community, and her eventual move to Nevada around 1975. She details her husband Simon Vasquez's childhood in Blue Diamond, from his education at the first school in Blue Diamond to his commute to Las Vegas High School in Las Vegas, Nevada. She then discusses her husband's roles at the Blue Diamond Mine, from the time he was eighteen years old until his death. Vasquez details that he worked as a front-end loader (a position that gathered gypsum from the mountain to be processed), as well as a teamster (a driver) and eventually an oiler (a position oiling machinery in the factory). Vasquez then details the health care in Blue Diamond, as well as the schools, the post service, and the telephone and electricity services. Digital audio available; print transcript available.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

This interview was conducted by the Blue Diamond Oral History Committee. Materials from this oral history project were donated to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2013.

### Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Ryan DiPaolo 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)
- Blue Diamond (Nev.)
- Blue Diamond Mine (Clark County, Nev.)
- Public health
- Local telephone service
- Education