



Guide to the Gue Gim Wah oral history interviews

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Summary Information

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| Abstract: | Oral history interviews with Gue Gim Wah conducted by Elizabeth N. Patrick on September 23, 1981 and September 24, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Wah discusses her life as a Chinese immigrant, her husband's life, and running the dining operations at the Prince Mine near Pioche, Nevada. Wah describes arriving in the United States as a child and the difficult immigration process she faced. She discusses her marriage to her husband, Tom Wah, and his life working for the railroads and as a miner before running a boarding house and restaurant for those working in the Prince Mine. Wah later talks about her experiences running the boarding house after the death of her husband in the early 1930s. Throughout the interview, Wah describes different aspects of Chinese culture and what life was like living in a Nevada mining town during the early twentieth century. |

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Scope and Contents Note

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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, 2018, and 2019. 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)
- Pioche (Nev.)
- Immigrants
- Asian American women
- Cooking
- Mining -- Nevada