



Guide to the Frank Watts oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Watts, Frank Frederic, 1911-2004
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Frank Watts conducted by Franklin Conn on April 01, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Watts discusses his personal history and Las Vegas, Nevada history. Watts describes working at the El Rancho Hotel and Casino as a comptroller and the development of other casinos in Las Vegas. Watts goes on to describe the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he was a professor during the 1960s and 1970s. He also talks about working at the Riviera, organized crime in Las Vegas, and the growth of the city.

Preferred Citation

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1970s. He also talks about working at the Riviera, organized crime in Las Vegas, and the growth of the city. 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 and 2018. 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.)
- Strip (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Casinos -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Hospitality industry

- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Organized crime -- Las Vegas (Nev)
- Riviera Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas Strip, Nev.)
- El Rancho Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas