



## Guide to the James W. Watts Jr. 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>	Watts, James Williams, Jr., 1925-
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	James W. Watts Jr. oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-01929
<b>Date:</b>	1981 March 13
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Digital Files (0.067 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with James W. Watts Jr. conducted by Linda Musser on March 13, 1981 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Watts discusses arriving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1956, and describes working as a pit boss and card dealer at the Four Queens on Fremont Street. Watts then discusses the first female card dealers, cheating in casinos, and security inside gambling halls. Watts later explains the origins of the Nevada Gaming Commission and explains how it affected gambling throughout Nevada. Lastly, Watts talks about the responsibilities of a pit boss.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Commission and explains how it affected gambling throughout Nevada. Lastly, Watts talks about the responsibilities of a pit boss. 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. 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

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Gambling
- Card dealers
- Casinos -- Employees

- Nevada Gaming Commission