



Guide to the Melvin Albert Weasa oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Melvin Albert Weasa conducted by Al Weasa on October 01, 1971 for the Ralph Roske Oral history project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Weasa discusses living in Las Vegas, Nevada since the 1940s. He then describes recreational activities and recalls his different occupations while living in Las Vegas. Weasa also discusses his employment at Union Plaza Hotel (Plaza Hotel and Casino) as a pit boss. Later, Weasa describes the development of casinos and hotels on the Las Vegas Strip as well as Boulder Highway. Lastly, Weasa discusses the construction of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, churches, and rapid growth in population.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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casinos and hotels on the Las Vegas Strip as well as Boulder Highway. Lastly, Weasa discusses the construction of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, churches, and rapid growth in population. 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 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

- Oral histories (document genres)

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Gambling
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Casinos -- Employees
- Construction