



## Guide to the Fred O. Wharton 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>	Wharton, Fred O., 1911-1988
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Fred O. Wharton oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-01963
<b>Date:</b>	1976 March 10
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Digital Files (0.082 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Fred O. Wharton conducted by William B. Stabler on March 10, 1976 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Wharton describes the United States Air Force base in Tonopah, Nevada that was used to train B-29 bomber pilots during World War II. He also describes mining in Tonopah and in the greater Nye County, Nevada area, including what kinds of metals they mined and the processes used to extract them. Lastly, Wharton discusses the history of the railroads in Nye County, living in rural Nevada, and how Tonopah has changed.

### Preferred Citation

Fred O. Wharton oral history interview, 1976 March 10. OH-01963. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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history of the railroads in Nye County, living in rural Nevada, and how Tonopah has changed. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Administrative Information

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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 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

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Nye County (Nev.)
- Tonopah (Nev.)
- Mining - Nye County (Nev)
- Cities and towns -- Growth

- Railroads

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## Physical Access Note

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Audio recorded with constant audible buzzing.

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