



Guide to the William Wright oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Wright, William, 1917-1998
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Date:	1979 February 26
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with William Wright conducted by Andrew Weiss on February 26, 1979 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Wright discusses his career working for the <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> and life in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1940s. Wright describes how Las Vegas and its casinos have changed and expanded, the crash of Carole Lombard's plane, and the history of McCarran International Airport. He also talks about nuclear weapons tests and their negative effects, the effect World War II had on Las Vegas, and prominent local politicians.

Preferred Citation

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weapons tests and their negative effects, the effect World War II had on Las Vegas, and prominent local politicians. 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 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)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

- Journalism -- Nevada -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- Twentieth century
- Nuclear weapons -- Nevada -- Testing
- Casinos
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Las Vegas Review-Journal
- McCarran International Airport (Nev.)