

Guide to the Flora and Stuart Mason oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract: Oral history interview with Flora and Stuart Mason conducted by

David G. Schwartz on February 27, 2010 for the Remembering Jay Sarno Oral History Project. Flora Mason begins by discussing the relationship between her family and the Sarnos. Mason describes that she and her husband socialized with Jay and Joyce Sarno in the 1960s because they lived on the same street in Las Vegas, Nevada. Stuart Mason recounts how the Sarnos were incredibly friendly and Jay occasionally invited him to play golf. Mason then chronicles his role as a contractor and the work he did for Jay Sarno throughout his career. He talks about how many of the development ventures of Sarno's were funded by Jimmy Hoffa and the Teamster's Union. Lastly, Mason discusses how Sarno understood the gaming industry more than any other casino operator and how that was attributed to the success of Caesars

Palace.

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Construction
- Family histories
- Strip (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Sarno, Jay Jackson, 1921-1984
- Caesars Palace Las Vegas Hotel and Casino