



## Guide to the Margaret and Frank Price 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>	Price, Margaret M., 1918-2006
<b>Contributor:</b>	Price, Francis T. (Francis Thaddeus), 1917-2006
<b>Contributor:</b>	Las Vegas Women Oral History Project
<b>Contributor:</b>	Las Vegas Women in Gaming and Entertainment Oral History Project
<b>Contributor:</b>	Women's Research Institute of Nevada
<b>Title:</b>	Margaret and Frank Price oral history interview
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<b>Date:</b>	1997 March 05
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 Digital Files (0.242 GB) MP3, JPG, PDF/A
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Margaret and Frank Price conducted by Joanne L. Goodwin on March 05, 1997 for the Women's Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) Las Vegas Women Oral History Project. Margaret Price opens the interview by describing the family's move from Ohio to Las Vegas, Nevada for Frank's health in 1950. Price then moves on to describe her experiences and the people she met while working as a waitress at the El Rancho Hotel and Casino. Margaret and Frank Price then discuss Margaret's career at the Dunes, and the variety of entertainment acts available in the 1950s. The Prices also describe job stability, worker benefits, and unions during the 1950s. Frank then discusses organized crime in Las Vegas and its relation to law enforcement and sex work. He also talks about the various casinos he worked at and the effects that the shift from individual owners to corporate ownership had on the casino industry. The interview ends with both Prices sharing their memories and knowledge of Binion's Hotel and Casino.

### Preferred Citation

Margaret and Frank Price oral history interview, 1997 March 05. OH-02682. [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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### Acquisition Note

This interview was conducted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada, part of the UNLV College of Liberal Arts Department of History. Materials from this oral history project were transferred to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives on an ongoing basis ending in 2017; acquisition number 2017-017.

## Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by Karla Irwin in 2019. Access copies were created for digitized and/or born-digital audio and transcript files. Hana Gutierrez wrote the collection description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada into a digital format.

## Bound Transcript Availability

A bound transcript is available for use in UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives. See call number: F849.L35 P75 1997

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resource will provide additional information related the materials in this collection:

Women's Research Institute of Nevada Oral History Records, 1995-2015. UA-00084. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Hotels -- Employees
- Hotels -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Prostitution
- El Rancho Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Binion's Horseshoe Club