

## **Guide to the Donald Snyder oral history interviews**

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## Summary Information

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Philanthropists
- Fund raising
- Arenas (sports buildings)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas. William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration