



## Guide to the Clara Alvarez 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>	Alvarez, Clara, 1942-
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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Card dealers
- Family histories
- Family life
- Hotel housekeeping
- Hotels
- Emigration and immigration
- Musicians
- Sands Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev)