



## **Guide to the Ropchai, Somphool, Sakulrat, Puonyarat, and Rutt Premsrirut 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>	Premsrirut, Ropchai, 1940-
<b>Creator:</b>	Premsrirut, Somphool, 1942-
<b>Creator:</b>	Premsrirut, Sakulrat, 1973-
<b>Creator:</b>	Premsrirut, Puonyarat, 1975-
<b>Creator:</b>	Premsrirut, Rutt, 1979-
<b>Contributor:</b>	Reflections: The Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Ropchai, Somphool, Sakulrat, Puonyarat, and Rutt Premsrirut oral history interview
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Ropchai, Somphool, Sakulrat, Puonyarat, and Rutt Premsrirut conducted by Cecilia Winchell and Stefani Evans on November 23, 2021 for Reflections: The Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project. The Premsrirut family takes turns sharing their personal and professional histories and what brought them to Las Vegas, Nevada. Father Ropchai discusses his educational background and how he came to be an Economics Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas after growing up in Nong Khai, Thailand. Mother Somphool, born in the same town in Thailand, shares her path in pursuing medicine and becoming a pediatrician. Siblings Sakulrat, Puonyarat, and Rutt talk about their childhoods growing up in the United States and their current professional pursuits.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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### Acquisition Note

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## Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2021. Kelsey Mazmanyman wrote the collection description. Access copies were created for born-digital audio, photograph, and resume files.

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials

The *Thai News* newspapers that were acquired as part of this collection have been separated and described in the University Libraries' catalog. A copy of Rophchai Premsrirut's book was not cataloged but retained in the source file. Inquire with Special Collections and Archives for more information.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
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- Montgomery (Ala.)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
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- Stocks
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