

# Guide to the Catherine "Caty" Crockett oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Catherine "Caty" Crockett conducted

by Claytee D. White on December 3, 2024 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Crockett recalls her parents' history living in Las Vegas, Nevada and starting a guest ranch, Hidden Wells, and later the Crockett/Alamo Airfield airport, and the Lazy Flying C Ranch. Crockett recalls growing up on the airport, riding horses, and interacting with celebrities and entertainers, including Howard Hughes. After graduating from Valley High School, she worked at the Sahara Hotel and Casino, Saks Fifth Avenue, and then at Valley Bank. She describes meeting many leading figures in Las Vegas history through her banking job, including Parry Thomas, the Mack family, Kirk Kerkorian, and others. Crockett describes later jobs, including owning an art gallery, and being one of the first women to join

the Rotary Club.

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