

# Guide to the Willis Clark Evans oral history interview

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# **Summary Information**

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**Creator:** Evans, Willis Clark, 1931-1996

**Contributor:** Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas

**Title:** Willis Clark Evans oral history interview

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**Description:** 

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Willis Clark Evans conducted by

Bernard Timberg on February 5, 1974 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Evans discusses his father, Native American archaeologist Willis Lyman Evans, his mother, Jessie Dave Evans, his uncle, Henry "Hank" Dave as he recounts his upbringing and family history. He shares memories of family trips around the United States, hunting trips, learning traditional crafts from his father, finding artifacts, and visiting Richard "Chick" Perkins at the Lost City Museum. He also recounts stories about his mother and her Shoshone family, including stories about his uncle's experiences as a ranch worker

in Northern Nevada.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Scope and Contents Note**

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of family trips around the United States, hunting trips, learning traditional crafts from his father, finding artifacts, and visiting Richard "Chick" Perkins at the Lost City Museum. He also recounts stories about his mother and her Shoshone family, including stories about his uncle's experiences as a ranch worker in Northern Nevada. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## **Names and Subjects**

Northern Paiute Indians

- Shoshoni Indians
- Lost City Museum
- ArchaeologyOral histories (document genres)
- Saint Thomas (Nev.)