



## Guide to the Marion Allen 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.
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Marion Allen conducted by Dennis McBride on April 14, 1986 for the UNLV University Libraries Oral History Collection. In this interview, Allen discusses the construction of the Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) and his father's employment on the dam. He talks about becoming a dam construction worker and the working conditions during the early stages of the dam. Allen recalls the labor strike in 1935 and the opening of the dam. Lastly, Allen talks about engineer Frank Crowe's involvement with the the project.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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engineer Frank Crowe's involvement with the the project. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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### Processing Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Strikes and lockouts