



Guide to the Afton Powers oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Powers, Afton, 1927-
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	Afton Powers oral history interview
ID:	OH-01503
Date:	1972 January 22
Physical Description:	1 Digital Files (0.044 GB) MP3
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with Afton Powers conducted by Stephen Johnson on January 22, 1972 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Powers discusses living in St. Thomas, Nevada before the town was submerged in water after the construction of Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam). She describes the utilities they had, her recreational activities, and how the town prepared for its eventual submersion.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

University of Nevada, Las Vegas History Professor Ralph Roske donated materials for this oral history project to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in the 1980s.

Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Kyle Gagnon wrote the collection description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by an external vendor into a digital format. MP3 files of the audio are available for research use. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Saint Thomas (Nev.)
- Mead, Lake (Ariz. and Nev.)

Physical Access Note

Relevant interview material ends after 22 minutes and 25 seconds.

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