



## Guide to the Nanyu Tomiyasu 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>	Tomiyasu, Nanyu, 1918-2002
<b>Contributor:</b>	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Nanyu Tomiyasu oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-01836
<b>Date:</b>	1978 March 11
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Digital Files (0.056 GB) MP3, PDF/A
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Nanyu Tomiyasu conducted by Sosuke Miyazawa on March 11, 1978 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In this interview, Tomiyasu discusses his family's history in Las Vegas, Nevada. Tomiyasu also discusses the growth of Las Vegas, improvements in transportation, and farm life. Tomiyasu then describes the significance of the Old Mormon Fort and the Union Pacific Depot.

### Preferred Citation

Nanyu Tomiyasu oral history interview, 1978 March 11. OH-01836. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Nanyu Tomiyasu conducted by Sosuke Miyazawa on March 11, 1978 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Tomiyasu begins by talking about what brought his family to Las Vegas, the city's abundant water reservoir and his father's farm. In particular, Tomiyasu discusses his father's experiments with farming as one of the city's early farmers, the transition into nursery farming and Japanese gardens. Moreover, he discusses his siblings, the local schools, their great quality, the successful students the city produced and the growth of school populations. Tomiyasu describes the large Japanese population and the Union Pacific Railroad that many of them worked on. He ends by discussing the change in architecture

within the city, such as where old buildings stood and what they are used for now, the first Episcopal Church and the old Mormon Fort. Digital audio and transcript available.

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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. Miguel Dominguez 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. This interview was transcribed and edited by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives as part of an ongoing effort to transcribe legacy interviews. This interview transcript received minimal editing and all measures have been taken to preserve the style and language of the narrator. The interviewee/narrator was not involved in the editing process. A digital version (PDF) of the transcript is available for research use.

### Bound Transcript Availability

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Asian Americans
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Las Vegas Mormon Fort (Nev.)
- Agriculture
- Union Pacific Railroad Company