



Guide to the Bernadine Schneider oral history interview

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Schneider, Bernadine Catherine, 1911-2012 |
| Contributor: | Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project |
| Title: | Bernadine Schneider oral history interview |
| ID: | OH-02257 |
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| Abstract: | <p>Oral history interview with Bernadine Schneider conducted by an unknown interviewer on an unknown date in 2006 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Schneider opens her interview by discussing her childhood in Iowa. She talks about growing up with an abusive, alcoholic father, and how that affected her family and her own development. Schneider then explains that her mother sent her to church, which she credits with ultimately saving and improving her life. She talks about how her job at a telephone company allowed her to escape her family, getting married in 1933, her job as a school teacher, and her husband's and brother-in-law's experiences during World War II. Schneider describes the challenges she faced in getting approval permits to start a domestic violence shelter, Safe Nest in Las Vegas, Nevada, and how she often feels left out of the history of the shelter. She then recalls moving to New Mexico in 1952 and Las Vegas, Nevada around 1962 where her husband worked at the Nevada Test Site and she worked for a telephone company. She recalls working as a stockbroker and real estate agent while living in Las Vegas. She discusses her attempt to gain more education and her husband's resistance to her efforts. Lastly she explains how she got her home in Mount Charleston, Nevada.</p> |

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Scope and Contents Note

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Victims of family violence
- Women's shelters