

# Guide to the Walter Weiss oral history interview

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# **Summary Information**

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D. White on November 02, 2010 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Walter Weiss discusses how Judaism and boxing kept him out of trouble in his youth. Weiss talks about his boxing training, becoming a runner for a bookmaker, and coming to Las Vegas, Nevada in the 1950s to be a bookmaker for the Stardust Hotel, and working the slot machine floor. He also talks about having several different jobs in various casinos, and discusses different people involved in the gaming

industry in Las Vegas.

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# **Scope and Contents Note**

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

- Judaism
- Casinos -- Management
- · Organized crime
- Stardust Resort and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Desert Inn Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Golden Nugget (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Riviera Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas Strip, Nev.)