



Guide to the Judy Roen Smith oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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- Restaurants
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- Roen, Allard, 1921-2008
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- Stardust Resort and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- La Costa (Carlsbad, Calif.)