



## Guide to the Allard Roen oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Names and Subjects

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- Race discrimination
- Labor union locals -- Nevada
- Golf courses
- Golf -- Tournaments
- Clark, Wilbur, 1908-1965
- Dalitz, Morris
- Simmons, Cecil (Cecil Bernard), 1909-2005
- Nevada Resort Association
- Desert Inn Hotel and Casino
- Simmons, Cecil (Cecil Bernard), 1909-2005
- Hughes, Howard, 1905-1976