



## Guide to the Joan Adams Shoofey oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Joan Adams Shoofey conducted by Claytee D. White on January 30, 2024 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Shoofey recalls moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1955, where she became Miss Sahara Hotel Casino before becoming Miss Nevada. Born in Fresno, California, Shoofey moved to Tahoe the day following her high school

graduation. She and her friend ran the Stateline Country Club for one season and then moved to Las Vegas. Once at the Sahara, she became the Entertainment Coordinator at the Flamingo and then at the International where she worked with Tom Jones. Shoofey recalls being close friends with Hugh O'Brien, Elvis Presley, Steve Wynn, and Kirk Kerkorian. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Sahara Hotel and Casino
- International Hotel
- Flamingo Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)