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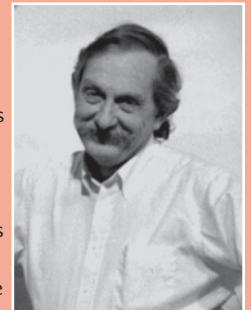
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For 25 years, Frank Wright was the recognized authority on the events that shaped Las Vegas into the only city of its kind. As the curator of education for the Nevada Historical Society, he not only authored monographs to teach school children history, but also undertook the delicate task of helping newspaper columnists, television reporters, and others.

After an early career as a political science professor, Wright worked in the legendary Binion's Horseshoe casino and hotel before finding his calling as a historian in 1975. He retired in 2002 and began working on this book, which was finished by his widow, Dorothy Wright, after his death in 2003.



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