

# The History of Modern Las Vegas: Revised and Expanded

Las Vegas is a city that has always been on the move. From its humble beginnings as a Mormon settlement in the 1850s to its current status as a global entertainment capital, Las Vegas has seen it all. In this revised and expanded edition of *The History of Modern Las Vegas*, respected historian Michael Green explores the city's fascinating past, from the construction of the Hoover Dam to the rise of the Strip.



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## The Early Years

Las Vegas was founded in 1855 by a group of Mormon missionaries led by William Bringham. The missionaries were looking for a place to settle where they could practice their religion freely. They chose the Las Vegas Valley because it was isolated and had a good water supply. The missionaries built a small fort and began to farm the land. However, the settlement struggled in its early years, and many of the missionaries left. In

1861, the remaining missionaries were forced to abandon the fort when the Paiute Indians attacked.



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