



## Guide to the Inez and Edward Harper oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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<b>Creator:</b>	Harper, Edward Charles, 1935-2021
<b>Contributor:</b>	African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Inez and Edward Harper oral history interview
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<b>Date:</b>	1996 July 18
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Inez and Edward Harper conducted by Claytee D. White on July 18, 1996 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In this interview, the Harpers talk first about their upbringing and education in Fordyce, Arkansas. Inez Harper explains how she came to Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of sixteen with her first husband in 1953; Edward Harper explains that he came two years later, working in construction until his marriage to his first wife and moving to Los Angeles, California in 1957. The couple met after his return to Las Vegas in 1960 and married in 1962. Together they discuss employment opportunities, income, the living conditions on the Westside and the entertainment venues on Jackson Street. They also remark on their perspective of race relations and discrimination in Las Vegas in the 1960s and 1970s.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Arkansas--Fordyce
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- African Americans -- Employment
- Education
- Race discrimination
- Oral histories (document genres)