



## Guide to the Avril "Juanita" Simmons and Fred "Bubba" Simmons oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Avril "Juanita" Simmons and Fred "Bubba" Simmons conducted by Claytee D. White on May 21, 1996 for the UNLV University Libraries Oral History Collection. In this interview, husband and wife Bubba and Juanita Simmons talk about their separate moves from Fordyce, Arkansas to Las Vegas, Nevada in the 1940s and their impressions of the city after moving. Bubba shares stories of his employment at the Basic Magnesium, Inc. plant in Henderson and his experiences living in tents on the Westside, traveling to work with the help of Red Mitchell, and sharing living spaces with nine to ten other men. Juanita discusses her work as a family's caregiver and speaks to the kinds of occupations Black women obtained in Las Vegas at that time. The couple share stories of city life and the clubs, eateries, and shops that were present in the area.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Married people
- City and town life
- African Americans--Employment
- Basic Magnesium, Inc.