



Guide to the Essie Boyd oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Essie Boyd conducted by Claytee D. White on September 16, 2008 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Boyd describes life in Las Vegas, Nevada as an African American during the 1940s. She begins by discussing what the Las Vegas Strip was like at the time and her experiences working at the Flamingo Hotel, the Desert Inn, and the Desert Inn Country Club. Boyd describes the history of the casinos where she worked and the individuals she met through her work, including prominent African American entertainers and influential Las Vegas families such as the Greenspuns.

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Scope and Contents Note

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the individuals she met through her work, including prominent African American entertainers and influential Las Vegas families such as the Greenspuns. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)

- Las Vegas Strip (Nev.)
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Flamingo Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Desert Inn Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Desert Inn Country Club