



Guide to the Rachel Coleman oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Rachel Coleman conducted by Claytee White on July 24, 1996 for the Women's Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) Las Vegas Women Oral History Project. Rachel Coleman discusses her move to Las Vegas, Nevada and her first job in town, washing glasses at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino. She continues speaking about her work experience including how she was promoted to executive housekeeper at the Hacienda Resort Hotel and Casino in 1969. She then talks about how she became a representative for the Culinary Union Local 226 in 1973, how she became department head of the Union in 1981, and her experience running for Union president in 1987. Finally, Coleman recalls the atmosphere of Las Vegas from the 1960s through the 1980s.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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Digital audio and transcript available.

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Acquisition Note

This interview was conducted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada, part of the UNLV College of Liberal Arts Department of History. Materials from this oral history project were transferred to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives on an ongoing basis ending in 2017; acquisition number 2017-017.

Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by Karla Irwin in 2019. Audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada and by an external vendor into a digital format. Access copies were created for digitized and/or born-digital audio and transcript files. Karla Irwin wrote the collection description.

Bound Transcript Availability

Bound transcripts are available for use in UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives: CT247 .C636 2007 (Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project) and F850.N4 C64 1998 (Las Vegas Women in Gaming and Entertainment Oral History Project).

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource will provide additional information related the materials in this collection:

Women's Research Institute of Nevada Oral History Records, 1995-2015. UA-00084. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Hotel housekeeping
- Hacienda Resort Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Culinary Workers Union Local 226
- Tropicana Hotel (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Physical Access Note

Audio cassettes for this interview were digitized by both the Women's Research Institute of Nevada and UNLV Special Collections and Archives. Duplicate versions of audio files may be included in the digital access files for this interview.

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