



Guide to the Dr. Harold L. Boyer oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Dr. Harold Boyer conducted by Claytee D. White on November 15, 30, 2000 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Dr. Harold Boyer discusses going into a medical practice in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1952. He also discusses his activity in many community organizations.

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Harold Boyer conducted by Claytee D. White on November 15, 2000 and November 30, 2000 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Dr. Boyer recited many details of his life in the Marine Corps as a medic, serving on active duty in the Pacific arena in World War II, going into medical practice in Oklahoma City and Enid, Oklahoma, and being called back to serve in Korea. Harold painted a picture of Las Vegas in the sixties and described his practice and the many organizations in which he participated. He described how certain entities contributed significantly to the growth in the Vegas Valley, including the Convention Bureau, the Elks Club, Rotary Club, Shriners, the Mormon Church, the Mesquite Club, the university, and the gaming industry. He also gave a very positive view of the cultural activities that were/

are available to the people of Las Vegas. Comments by Dr. Boyer on race relations recalled the sixties when integration in area schools, hotels, and neighborhoods became a reality under strong black leadership. He also talked about the relationship between casino operators and the civic organizations previously mentioned, and included an anecdote concerning one of his patients and Al Capone. Dr. Boyer described the Helldorado Parades including the dances, games, and barbecues that made it so much fun, and listed the founders who made it possible.

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