



## Guide to the Barbara and Norman Kaye oral history interviews

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## Summary Information

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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.)
- Showgirls
- Musicians
- Real estate agents
- Poets laureate -- Nevada
- Kaye, Mary
- Mary Kaye Trio
- Riviera Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas Strip, Nev.)
- Tropicana Hotel (Las Vegas, Nev.)