

# Guide to the Celesta Lowe oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

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**Creator:** Lowe, Celesta, 1917-2004

**Contributor:** Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project

**Title:** Celesta Lowe oral history interview

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**Physical** 0.01 Cubic Feet

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Celesta Lowe conducted by Patrick

W. Canlton on February 06, 2002 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Lowe begins by discussing her early life in Baker, California and her father's role as a station agent for the Tonopah Tidewater Railroad during the 1920s and 1930s. Lowe then describes her family moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in the 1940s. Lowe chronicles the process state legislatures took to open Nevada Southern University in 1957 and her role as an administrative assistant in the main office of the school. Lowe recounts her career at Nevada Southern University, the expansion of the campus, and renaming it University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Lastly, Lowe talks about her switch from an

administrative assistant to a librarian at UNLV.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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