



Guide to the Mary R. Lyles oral history interview

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Lyles, Mary R. (Mary Ruth), 1923-1991 |
| Contributor: | Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas |
| Title: | Mary R. Lyles oral history interview |
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| Date: | 1978 March 18 |
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| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | Oral history interview with Mary R. Lyles conducted by Lisa Ellis on March 18, 1978 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. In the interview, Lyles discusses moving to Nevada from California in 1949 and experience of racial discrimination as an African American. Lyles also discusses her religious beliefs, her work as a maid and pantry waitress, and her experiences as a single mother raising eight children. |

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Note

University of Nevada, Las Vegas History Professor Ralph Roske donated materials for this oral history project to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in the 1980s.

Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Jimmy Chang wrote the collection description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by an external vendor into a digital format. MP3 files of the audio are available for research use. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Nevada
- Race discrimination
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)

Physical Access Note

Audio recorded with a constant audible hum.

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