



Guide to the Patricia and Herman van Betten oral history interviews

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Welfare rights movement -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Education
- League of Women Voters of Southern Nevada
- Nevada Southern University
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas