

Guide to the Janis Walker oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract: Oral history interview with Janis Walker conducted by Claytee

D. White on July 03, 2006 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Walker discusses her career as an African American showgirl in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1970s and 1980s. Walker describes dancing in the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino productions of *Hallelujah Hollywood* and *Jubilee!*, and what the life of a showgirl was like. She also talks about the company manager at the MGM, "Fluff" LeCoque, her own children, her work at the time of the interview, and how

entertainment in Las Vegas has changed.

Preferred Citation

Janis Walker oral history interview, 2006 July 03. OH-01900. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Janis Walker conducted by Claytee D. White on July 03, 2006 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Walker discusses her career as an African American showgirl in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1970s and 1980s. Walker describes dancing in the MGM Grand Hotel productions of *Hallelujah Hollywood* and *Jubilee!*, and what the life of a showgirl was like. She also talks about the company manager at the MGM, "Fluff"

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LeCoque, her own children, her work at the time of the interview, and how entertainment in Las Vegas has changed. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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Processing Note

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Hallelujah Hollywood
- Jubilee!
- Showgirls

- Entertainment
- African American women -- Nevada -- Clark County
- MGM Grand Hotel (1973-1986)
- LeCoque, Fluff