

Guide to the John West oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract: Oral history interview with John West conducted by Claytee D.

White on August 10, 2000 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, West discusses his family background and arriving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1954. West describes his educational experiences in Las Vegas and his career as a clinical psychologist. He recalls his father's career in medicine and becoming the first African American licensed medical doctor in Las Vegas. West then talks about attending entertainment events before race integration was introduced, and the voting patterns in West Las Vegas. Lastly, West discusses his father's decision to remain living in West Las Vegas and

operating his medical office there after integration.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Medicine
- African Americans
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)