

Guide to the Willard Booth oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Willard Booth conducted by Larmaya Kilgore on November 14, 2014 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In this interview, Booth discusses his personal history and moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1956. He describes his employment at the Sands Hotel and Casino and later at the Thunderbird Hotel and Casino. Booth then talks about segregation issues for African Americans working on the Las Vegas Strip. Later, Booth discusses his involvement with the Second Baptist Church and describes the work he would do for the church. Lastly, Booth describes West Las Vegas and entertainers who would perform at the Carver House, the Moulin Rouge, and the Town Tavern.

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)

- African Americans
- Entertainers
- Segregation -- Nevada
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- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Sands Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev)
- Thunderbird Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Moulin Rouge (Hotel-Casino : Las Vegas, Nev.)