

# Guide to the Clifford R. Clayton oral history interview

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# **Summary Information**

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Project

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Clifford R. Clayton conducted by

Mechia Sydnor on November 11, 2014 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. Clayton begins the interview talking about his childhood in Virginia, and his subsequent move to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1960 in order to pursue a career in the military at Nellis Air Force Base. He then discusses

working on the Strip in Las Vegas, as well as the influence of organized crime on casino operations. He then details the desegregation movement in Las Vegas throughout the 1960s and 1970s, as well as the notable leaders in the community. He also describes the night life in West Las Vegas, on the Strip, and on

Fremont Street.

### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Scope and Contents Note**

Oral history interview with Clifford R. Clayton conducted by Mechia Sydnor on November 11, 2014 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. Clayton begins the interview talking about his childhood in Virginia, and his subsequent move to Las Vegas,

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# **Names and Subjects**

- Oral histories (document genres)
- West Las Vegas (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Las Vegas Strip (Nev.)

- Organized crime
- Fremont Street (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Segregation -- Nevada
- Nellis Air Force Base (Nev.)
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)