

## **Guide to the Clarence Gilyard oral history interview**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Gilyard, Clarence, 1955-
<b>Contributor:</b>	African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Clarence Gilyard oral history interview
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<b>Date:</b>	2014 December 02
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Clarence Gilyard conducted by Barbara Paige on December 02, 2014 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. Gilyard begins the interview by discussing his upbringing on United States Air Force bases, his father's career as an Airman, and the advantages he had attending Air Force schools as a child as opposed to attending public schools, where he may have faced discrimination as an African American. He describes his higher education, playing college football, and later pursuing a career in acting after becoming involved in local theatre while attending college at California State University, Long Beach. Gilyard continues, detailing how he gained more acting work and eventually acted alongside actors like Jim Carrey, Andy Griffith, and Chuck Norris, as well as starred in film and television series such as <i>Top Gun</i> , <i>Die Hard</i> , <i>Matlock</i> , and <i>Walker, Texas Ranger</i> . He concludes by discussing his career as an acting teacher and continuing his own education.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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audio and/or transcript files. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- African American teachers
- Motion picture actors and actresses