

# Guide to the Celese Rayford oral history interview

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# **Summary Information**

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Project

**Title:** Celese Rayford oral history interview

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Celese Rayford conducted by

Phillip Walley on November 14, 2015 for the African Americans

in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In this interview, Rayford discusses her career as an educator in Las Vegas, Nevada. She begins by describing her upbringing in Las Vegas, the Westside community of Las Vegas, and attending Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Rayford then discusses her involvement with Top Teens of America and how that program helps to prepare young girls for college. She continues, talking

about the effectiveness of disciplinary action against students, her experiences from her first year of teaching, and headstart

programs for students who live in poverty.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Scope and Contents Note**

Oral history interview with Celese Rayford conducted by Phillip Walley on November 14, 2015 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In this interview, Rayford discusses her career as an educator in Las Vegas, Nevada. She begins by describing her

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upbringing in Las Vegas, the Westside community of Las Vegas, and attending Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Rayford then discusses her involvement with Top Teens of America and how that program helps to prepare young girls for college. She continues, talking about the effectiveness of disciplinary action against students, her experiences from her first year of teaching, and headstart programs for students who live in poverty. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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# **Names and Subjects**

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- African Americans

- African American women teachers
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Education Nevada Clark County
- Clark County School District (Nev.)