



Guide to the James Dunbar, Benny Figgins, and Pete George oral history interview

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Summary Information

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