



Guide to the Ida M. Gaines oral history interview

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Summary Information

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Homeless persons
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Las Vegas Branch (Las Vegas, Nev.).
- Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County (Nev.)
- Reid, Harry, 1939-2021