

Guide to the Tonnie Sumler oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Tonnie Sumler conducted by Claytee D. White on May 21, 1996 for the UNLV University Libraries Oral History Collection. Sumler talks about moving from Fordyce, Arkansas to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1989, seeking better opportunities. She expresses some concern for her daughter's high school education in Las Vegas, believing the smaller class sizes in Fordyce would be better, and then talks about how she started working as a housekeeper for Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino after joining the Culinary Workers Union. She explains that there was a possibility of a strike in 1997 and details some of the reasons why.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Palace Hotel and Casino after joining the Culinary Workers Union. She explains that there was a possibility of a strike in 1997 and details some of the reasons why. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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Names and Subjects

- Education and state -- Nevada
- Race discrimination
- Economics
- Culinary Workers Union Local 226
- Caesars Palace Las Vegas Hotel and Casino