

Guide to the Charles Seals oral history interview

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Summary Information

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- African Americans
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- Operation Life Community Development Corporation (Las Vegas, Nev.)