

## **Guide to the Myron Martin and Don Snyder oral history interviews**

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Centers for the performing arts
- Theater -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Architecture
- Fund raising
- Smith Center for the Performing Arts