



## Guide to the Charles Scott Emerson oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas Shooting, Las Vegas, Nev., 2017
- Mass shootings
- Missouri
- Police
- Volunteers
- Disaster relief
- Firearms
- Charity organization
- American Red Cross
- Goodman, Carolyn, 1939-
- MGM Grand Hotel (1973-1986)
- MGM Grand Las Vegas
- Cirque du Soleil