

# Guide to the Nanyu Tomiyasu oral history interview

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# **Summary Information**

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**Description:** 

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Nanyu Tomiyasu conducted by

Suzanne Yamazaki in November 2000 for the UNLV University Libraries Oral History Collection. In this interview, Nanyu Tomiyasu discusses his life in Las Vegas, Nevada as a landscape contractor, his Japanese heritage, and the lives of his parents Yonema and Toyono. Tomiyasu talks about his father's farming expertise, techniques, experimentation, and his reputation within the Las Vegas community. Yonema Tomiyasu's crop timetables have been shared with other farmers in both Los Angeles, California and Las Vegas, Nevada to improve yields and combat the harsh weather conditions and alkaline water of the area. Tomiyasu recalls working on his father's farm and how his

childhood was shaped by this work.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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#### **Scope and Contents Note**

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## **Names and Subjects**

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Farmers
- Agriculture
- Families