

Guide to the Larry Cooper oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- Telephone companies -- Employees
- African Americans -- Civil rights -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Gay, James A., III, 1916-1999