



## Guide to the Sandra Blake Toles oral history interviews

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interviews with Sandra Blake Toles conducted by Claytee D. White on November 13, 2018 and November 28, 2018 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In the first interview, Toles discusses her early life in Enid, Oklahoma and growing up in a family of ten children. She talks about her father being an ordained bishop in the Pentecostal Church, the significance of religion in her family, and the religious community she grew up in. Toles remembers her husband's service in the United States Air Force, being stationed at Nellis Air force Base in 1966, and purchasing their first home in Las Vegas, Nevada. Later, Toles describes the Westside community during the 1970s, and her involvement with the Las Vegas City government. In the final interview, Toles discusses local initiative programs that work towards alleviating crime, assist mothers on welfare, housing assistance, and develop employment training and opportunities for community members.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Administrative Information

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Religious communities