

Guide to the Hope Foye and Melody Woolley oral history interviews

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Summary Information

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conducted by Claytee D. White on February 07, 2019 and March 01, 2019 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In these interviews, Foye discusses her early life and her career as a singer. She remembers performing with Paul Robeson, living through McCarthy Era restrictions, and segregation in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1950s. Foye talks about performing in Mexico, and experiencing discrimination as a performer in Las Vegas. Woolley, Foye's daughter, remembers Mexico and describes her childhood there. Lastly, Foye and Woolley discuss the changes in Las Vegas entertainment.

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