



## Guide to the Gregory T. H. Lee oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Mesquite (Nev.)
- Guangdong Sheng (China)
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- Chinese New Year
- Fourth of July
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- Discrimination
- Race discrimination
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- Black lives matter movement