



## Guide to the Jerry Tao oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Chinese
- Taiwan
- Judges -- Nevada
- Immigrants -- Cultural assimilation