



## Guide to the Marilyn Armstrong and Brenda Williams oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Marilyn Armstrong and Brenda Williams conducted by Claytee D. White on April 13, 2021 for African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. Marilyn Armstrong discusses her employment history becoming a beautician and business owner in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also talks of her husband's decision to start the Ray and Ross Bus Company, the largest transportation firm in the state in the 1950s and 1960s, and what it was like growing up in the Westside community. Finally, she mentions the businesses that flourished on Jackson Avenue, including her mother's beauty shop. Subjects discussed include: Margie's Beauty Shop; Cadillac Arms; Berkley Square; Cosmetique; Miss Elizabeth Coiffure; and Ray & Ross Bus Company

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- African American women
- African American businesspeople
- Beauty operators
- Beauty shops
- City and town life