



## Guide to the Dianna and Gerald Davis oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Davis, Gerald W., 1949-   |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Davis, Dianna, 1955-  |
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## Scope and Contents Note

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Black Westside community of Las Vegas. The Davis' discuss this event as well as their respective backgrounds and past experiences living in Las Vegas, including the businesses they supported, the places they visited, and their employment history. Subjects discussed include: 1969 riot; Jackson Ave; Officer Arrington; Westside School; and Charles Wyatt. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- African Americans
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Married people

- Arrest
- Riots
- Jails -- Clark County -- Nevada
- Family life
- City and town life