



Guide to the James Harris Johnson III oral history interview

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Summary Information

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- African Americans
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- Camera operators
- Cinematographers
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