



## Guide to the Nittaya Parawong oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Asian American women
- Asian American business enterprises
- Restaurants
- Cooking, Thai