



## Guide to the Victor Wei oral history interviews

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Chinese Americans
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- Immigrants -- Cultural assimilation