



## Guide to the Nathan Harper oral history interview

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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)
- Archaeology
- Water resources development -- Nevada

- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)