



Guide to the Marietta Robertson Turner Whitaker oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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- California
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- African American women