



Guide to the Rosenda Gomez oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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- Philippines
- Cocktail servers
- Culinary Workers Union Local 226
- El Cortez Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)