



## Guide to the Eugene Buford oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Eugene Buford conducted by Claytee White on September 12, 2006 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview Eugene Buford talks about his great grandmother, Mary Nettles, who was instrumental in the start and growth of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples (NAACP) in Las Vegas, Nevada. He speaks about his experiences with prejudice and discrimination, while reflecting upon what it was like being an African American growing up in Las Vegas.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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about his experiences with prejudice and discrimination, while reflecting upon what it was like being an African American growing up in Las Vegas. He recalls the attitude of the community at various moments in history and compares them to his own feelings of the time. He also expresses many memories of important figures in Las Vegas history, including James B. McMillan, Charles West, Jimmy Gay, Benny Binion, and the mob. In addition, Buford reflects on historical locations and events of the city, such as Helldorado, Block 16, and Carver Park.

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### Bound Transcript Availability

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Race discrimination
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Las Vegas Branch
- Helldorado Days