



Guide to the Alversa Beals and Essie Henderson oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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- African Americans
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)