



Guide to the Hattie Canty oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Hattie Canty conducted by Claytee White on February 27 and June 17, 1998 for the Las Vegas Women Oral History Project. In this interview, Hattie Canty recalls moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in the late 1960s and working as a maid for the Thunderbird Hotel and Casino and later the Maxim Hotel and Casino. Canty discusses her tenure as the Culinary Union Local 226 President during which she faced several labor challenges and went to jail at least six times while striking. Hattie also recalls how she influenced contract negotiations for the downtown hotels, improved race relations among workers, involved more members in union operations, and implemented the Culinary Training School.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Hattie Canty conducted by Claytee White on February 27 and June 17, 1998 for the Women's Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) Las Vegas Women Oral History Project. In this interview, Hattie Canty recalls moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in the late 1960s and working as a maid for the Thunderbird Hotel and Casino and later the Maxim Hotel and Casino. Canty discusses how the Culinary Union Local 226 provided her with health benefits and a pension and taught her how to fight for her rights. Canty also recalls when she would walk picket lines on her days off, and how championing to obtain better salaries for women and to increase the number of African Americans in high-paying positions in the casino industry. Hattie also spoke about being elected to President of the Culinary Union in 1990, 1993, and 1996. She recalls her tenure as the Culinary Union President during which she faced several labor challenges and went to jail at least six times while striking. Finally, Hattie discusses how she influenced contract negotiations for the downtown hotels, improved race relations among workers, involved more members in union operations, and implemented the Culinary Training School.

Digital audio, photo, and transcript available.

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Acquisition Note

This interview was conducted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada, part of the UNLV College of Liberal Arts Department of History. Materials from this oral history project were transferred to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives on an ongoing basis ending in 2017; acquisition number 2017-017.

Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by Karla Irwin in 2019. Access copies were created for digitized and/or born-digital audio and transcript files. Karla Irwin wrote the collection description. This interview was transcribed by the UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives Oral History Research Center for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada and by an external vendor into a digital format.

Bound Transcript Availability

A bound transcript is available for use in UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives: CT247 .C35 2007

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource will provide additional information related the materials in this collection:

Women's Research Institute of Nevada Oral History Records, 1995-2015. UA-00084. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Hotel housekeeping
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Protest movements -- United States
- Civil rights movements
- Thunderbird Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Culinary Workers Union Local 226

Physical Access Note

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