



Guide to the Dr. James B. McMillan oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Preferred Citation

Dr. James B. McMillan oral history interview, 1972 April 14. OH-02583. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Dr. James B. McMillan oral history interview, 1999 January 23. OH-01271. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Marie and James B. McMillan Papers, 1928-2010. MS-00482. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Marie and James B. McMillan Photograph Collection. PH-00334. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Race relations
- Civil rights
- African Americans
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Las Vegas Branch