



Guide to the Elizebeth Dewey Russell oral history interview

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Summary Information

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- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Caliente (Nev.)
- Moulin Rouge (Hotel-Casino : Las Vegas, Nev.)
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Las Vegas Branch (Las Vegas, Nev.).