



## Guide to the Elaine Newton oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Elaine Newton conducted by Cecilia Winchell, Kristel Peralta, and Vanessa Concepcion on May 19, 2021 for Reflections: The Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific

Islander Oral History Project. Elaine Newton shares her family's history living in Hawaii and Japan, and memories from her childhood growing up with her six siblings in Honolulu. She talks about becoming a flight attendant for Pan American World Airways and how she met her former husband, Wayne Newton, after a stop in Vietnam. Elaine recalls their courtship and marriage as well as what Las Vegas life, fashion, and entertainment were like during the 1980s. She also speaks about racial discrimination and anti-asian violence in the past and present. Digital audio and photographs available; digital transcript available.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Japan

- Honolulu (Hawaii)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas Strip (Nev.)
- Children of immigrants
- Japanese Americans
- Asian American women
- Genealogy
- Families
- Japanese language
- Flight attendants
- Entertainers' spouses
- Entertainment -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- City and town life
- Restaurants -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Celebrities
- Discrimination
- Race discrimination
- Violence -- United States
- Pan American World Airways, Inc.
- Newton, Wayne
- Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )
- Dunes Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Caesars Palace Las Vegas Hotel and Casino