



Guide to the Merald "Bubba" Knight Jr. and Kathleen Knight oral history interview

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Summary Information

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