



## Guide to the Carrie McCoy oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	McCoy, Carrie B. (Carrie Brice), 1910-2005
<b>Contributor:</b>	African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Carrie McCoy oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-03281
<b>Date:</b>	approximately 1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Digital Files (0.035 GB) MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Carrie McCoy conducted by Claytee D. White in Fordyce, Arkansas, approximately 1995 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In this interview, McCoy explains how she and her husband left Fordyce for Las Vegas, Nevada in 1942, seeking better economic prospects. After several years, McCoy returned to Fordyce to raise their four children and work as a housekeeper for several white families. After her oldest children were grown she returned to Las Vegas in 1961, first finding work at a small motel and then spending nine years working in housekeeping at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel. Finally, she returned to Fordyce in 1972. She ends the interview talking about comparative race relations between Fordyce and Las Vegas, differences in work practices, union activities, and church involvement.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Arkansas--Fordyce
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Economics -- Nevada
- Flamingo Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)