



## Guide to the Anna Corine Tisdale 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>	Tisdale, Anna Corine, 1919-2019
<b>Contributor:</b>	African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Anna Corine Tisdale conducted by Claytee D. White on May 28, 1996 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In this interview, Tisdale, a native of Fordyce, Arkansas, talks about her background as the daughter of sharecroppers, her marriage, and her move to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1954. She recalls living in a small trailer with her husband and four children for several months before the family moved to "Four Mile" near the Boulder Highway. She details her working life, starting as a retail clerk and then moving into hotel housekeeping, eventually earning promotion as the first Black supervisor-inspector at the Sahara Hotel and Casino. She also offers comparisons of her life in Fordyce and Las Vegas, about recreational activities, education, race issues, and how men and women worked in the same environment in the 1960s. The audio also includes a brief conversation with her oldest daughter, Nancy.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Sharecropping
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Race relations
- Race discrimination
- Sahara Hotel and Casino