



## Guide to the Pat Feaster 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>	Feaster, Pat (Patricia Brooks)
<b>Contributor:</b>	African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Pat Feaster oral history interview
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Pat Feaster conducted by Claytee D. White on July 1, 1996 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. In this interview, Feaster relates how her mother made the decision to leave Fordyce, Arkansas for better economic opportunity and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1942. She describes travelling across the country, living in a one-room structure in the Westside of Las Vegas, and attending the Westside School. She discusses her mother's employment at the Red Rooster Restaurant and then at the Algiers Hotel. She talks at length about her own educational journey after leaving school at fifteen, then returning for her GED and later, a college degree after the birth of her fifth child. She discusses how the decision to improve her education helped her develop a twenty-six year career at the Clark County Health District. She also discusses the Fordyce Club and many important personalities in Las Vegas' Black community.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Arkansas--Fordyce
- Westside (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Housing -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Education and state -- Nevada
- Race discrimination
- African Americans -- Employment
- Gay, James A., III, 1916-1999