Guide to the Reverend Marion D. Bennett, Sr. oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract: Oral history interview with Reverend Marion Bennett conducted by Claytee D. White on January 12, 2004 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In the interview, Reverend Bennett gave his account of what Las Vegas, Nevada was like during the 1950s and 1960s. He talks about the Westside of Las Vegas during integration and speaks candidly about the racial tension that the community endured. Throughout the interview he spoke about well known early Las Vegans like Ruby Duncan, Mahlon Brown, Jack Anderson, and Dave Hoggard.

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Reverend Marion Bennett conducted by Claytee D. White on January 12, 2004 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In the interview, Reverend Bennett gave his account of what Las Vegas, Nevada was like during the 1950s and 1960s. He talks about the Westside of Las Vegas during integration and speaks candidly about the racial tension that the community endured. He also spoke about trying to get the Equal Rights Commission established in Nevada and about his time on the Nevada State Assembly, where he focused on quality education and employment along with healthcare and equal rights. Throughout the interview he spoke about well known early Las Vegans like Ruby Duncan, Mahlon
Brown, Jack Anderson, and Dave Hoggard. Reverend Marion Bennett reflected on more than 40 years of life in Las Vegas and finished by giving his thoughts on what the future of the city may be. Digital audio and transcript available.

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Bound Transcript Availability
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• African American clergy
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• Hoggard, J. David, 1914-2001
• Nevada. Legislative Assembly