
Finding aid of the Fred Boydell Papers, 1984-1987 Coll2008-047

Michael P. Palmer

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California

909 West Adams Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90007

(213) 821-2771

askone@usc.edu

URL: <http://one.usc.edu>

Language of Material: English

Contributing Institution: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California

Title: Fred Boydell papers

creator: Boydell, Fred

Identifier/Call Number: Coll2008-047

Physical Description: .4 Linear Feet1 archive carton

Date (inclusive): 1984-1986

Abstract: Recollections and other autobiographical materials by Fred Boydell (1906-1987), recounting his experiences growing up gay in Scotland, his emigration to California in 1969, and his life as an older gay man in Hollywood.

Access

The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.

Publication Rights

Researchers wishing to publish materials must obtain permission in writing from ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives as the physical owner. Researchers must also obtain clearance from the holder(s) of any copyrights in the materials. Note that ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives can grant copyright clearance only for those materials for which we hold the copyright. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain copyright clearance for all other materials directly from the copyright holder(s).

Preferred Citation

Fred Boydell Papers, Coll2008-047, ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California.

Acquisition Information

Date and method of acquisition unknown.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Michael P. Palmer, June 30, 2008.

Processing this collection has been funded by a generous grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Materials added to the collection by Kyle Morgan, 2015.

Biography

Fred Boydell was born in Scotland on September 9, 1906, the son of a dairy farmer. His father died when Boydell was thirteen, and he was apprenticed to a manufacturer. He eventually settled near Glasgow. Although he realized he was gay before his teens, he married in his 30s; his wife, who was aware of his sexual orientation, died after approximately ten years, leaving a young daughter. In 1969, facing mandatory retirement, Boydell accepted the invitation of a friend, an antiques dealer in Los Angeles, to move to California and help him run the business. In Los Angeles, he became involved with the Society of Pat Rocco Enlightened Enthusiasts (SPREE). He later volunteered his services with ONE, Inc. He died in Los Angeles in February 1987.

Source: Fred Boydell Papers, Coll2008-047, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of computer printouts of materials written by Boydell between 1984 and 1987. The bulk of these materials consists of Boydell's reminiscences, covering his life in Scotland from 1906 to 1969, his sexual awakening and experiences, his marriage and daughter, and his first years in Los Angeles. *Sex and I*, extracted from his autobiography, recounts his sexual experiences to the age of six; *Sex and Sammy* is a fictionalized version of this account. *Joly's bar* contains Boydell's recollections of one of the oldest gay bars in Los Angeles. The correspondence includes printouts of two letters from 1984, to friends or family members, relating to music synthesizers. The ONE Inc. materials include Boydell's proposal to catalog the organization's audio-visual materials.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Gays -- Scotland

Gays -- California -- Los Angeles

Autobiography

Boydell, Fred

Boydell, Fred

Box 1, Folder 1-3
Box 1, Folder 4-5

Sex and I manuscripts 1985-1987, undated

Writings, correspondence, and notes 1984

Scope and Contents

Includes the short stories "USA and I" and "Sex and Sammy," information regarding Joly's bar, diary entries, financial information, and ONE Incorporated information.

Box 1, Folder 6
Box 1, Folder 7

ONE Incorporated lecture series lists 1986

Resume, driver's license, and computer files 1985, undated

Scope and Contents

Includes a CD with the computer files and a legend to the files.