Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California
Title: Edgar (Eddie) Sandifer papers
creator: Sandifer, Edgar
creator: Mississippi Gay Alliance
creator: Jackson Gray Panthers
creator: Mississippi Gay/Lesbian Alliance
Identifier/Call Number: Coll2011-012
Physical Description: 26.25 Linear Feet[24 record boxes and 2 flat boxes]
Date (inclusive): 1929-2014
Date (bulk): 1950-1998
Abstract: The collection comprises organizational records and personal papers of Mississippi civil rights activist Edgar Sandifer, 1929-2014. Organizational materials include his administrative, financial, promotional, and legal records as part of the Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA), Persons with AIDS/HIV Project (PWA), Jackson Gray Panthers (JGP), and People’s Anti-War Mobilization (PAM). The personal materials include photographs, memorabilia, and personal papers.
Storage Unit: 1
Physical Characteristics note
The documents have been arranged based on small organized sections within the original collection. Materials received without a decipherable organization were integrated with related organized materials or grouped in general chronological files within that series.
Deaccessioned materials include duplicates, Post-its, and moldly items. The discarded moldly items were replaced with photocopies and notated inserts. Photocopies of original documents were made prior to removal of Post-its.
Collection processed by Medria Martin, supervised by Kyle Morgan, January 2012.

Biography
Edgar Allen Sandifer, Jr. was born on October 4, 1929, in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, to Beulah Myrtis and Harvey Edgar Allen Sandifer, a Southern Baptist minister. Professing to have never been in the closet, even while in the military, Sandifer served in the Korean War from 1950-1953 and was honorably discharged as a sergeant with an operative care specialization. His experience in the Army's Operative Care Unit led to his work as a nursing home administrator from 1955-1977. Sandifer officiated gay wedding ceremonies throughout the 1970s. At a 1958 Mattachine Society meeting, Sandifer was referred to as "the only queer from the South" (quotes from Outweek, June 27, 1990).
Sandifer fought for gay, lesbian, women's, elderly, laborer, prisoner, and minority causes, creating a wide network of humanitarian affiliations and memberships. His grassroots work aimed to change the status quo and fill gaps in government social services through education, legal, and monetary support services. His organizational projects include the Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA) where he was director from 1973-1989; the Jackson Gray Panthers (JGP) where he was project director from 1976-1987; and the Persons with AIDS Project (PWA), an MGA offshoot, where he was director from 1982-1989. He was also on the board of directors for the Mississippi Health Systems Agency from 1982-1986, the National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform from 1982-1986, and the National Gray Panthers Health Watch Task Force. He also served as a member of the Workers World Party and the People’s Anti-War Mobilization (PAM).
For an administrative history of the MGA, PWA, JGP, and PAM organizations, please refer to those particular series.

Arrangement
The records are arranged in the following series:
Series 5. Personal records, 1929-2014
Series 8. Memorabilia, 1974-1989

Processing Information
Finding aid to the Edgar Sandifer papers Coll2011-012

Processing this collection has been funded by a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Collection has been pulled from boxes A149, 103-1, 103-84, 103-84a, 103-84b, 103-84c, 103-218, 104-227, 104-52, 104-62 to 104-69, 104-71 to 104-75. Collection processing completed by Medria Martin in November 2011. Materials were added to the Edgar Sandifer Papers from the ONE Archives Subject Files and AIDS History Project collections. These added materials are indicated in the file notes in the Persons with AIDS series. The documents have been arranged based on small organized sections within the original collection. Materials received without a decipherable organization were integrated with related organized materials or grouped in general chronological files within that series. 

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Separated Materials
The "Jack's Saloon" and "Teddy Bears, Biloxi" T-shirts have been separated to the ONE Archives T-shirt collection.

Scope and Contents
The collection comprises the personal papers and organizational records of Mississippi civil rights activist Edgar Sandifer, 1929-2014. Organizational materials consist of his administrative, financial, promotional, and legal records as part of the Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA), Persons with AIDS/HIV Project (PWA), Jackson Gray Panthers (JGP), and People's Anti-War Mobilization (PAM). The administrative files include meeting minutes, memoranda, correspondence, notes, and by-laws. Financial materials include bank statements, treasurer reports, expense reports, budgets, tax documents, and grant and funding applications. Promotional materials include newsletters, articles, press releases, brochures, publications, and counseling services materials. Legal materials include charters of incorporation, deeds of trust, contracts, and legal defense materials. The MGA series, 1971-1998, documents the organization's administrative history; the affiliations and resources utilized to provide and support the organization's services; the memberships and chartered corporations with which the organization was directly associated; the MGA newsletter; and topical resources relating to gay issues and events. The PWA series, 1961-1996, documents the organization's administrative history; the affiliations and resources utilized to provide and support the organization's services; and the services provided to those with AIDS-related illnesses and needs. The JGP series, 1975-1996, documents the organization's administrative history and the services it provided to the elderly. The PAM series, 1974-1996, includes promotional items, publications, and correspondence regarding labor rights and anti-war programs. The Personal papers series, 1929-1997, consists of awards, holiday cards, military documents, familial data, and a personal diary. The Audiovisual materials series consists of photographs and audiocassettes of Sandifer's life and work, 1948-1995, including recorded interviews and images of weddings, drag shows, official public appearances, and social gatherings with friends and family. The Newspaper clippings series, 1966-1995, includes materials from local Mississippi newspapers regarding Sandifer's advocacy work and his general interest in topics such as racism, AIDS, and homophobia. The Memorabilia series, 1974-1989, consists of banners, t-shirts, name badges, needle work, and posters among other materials.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Original date and method of acquisition unknown. Deed of Gift signed 2016.

Related Materials
Information about Sandifer can be found in John Howard's Men Like That, Neil Miller's Out in the World, Darrell Yates Rist's Heartlands, James Sears' Lonely Hunters and Growing up Gay in the South, and Studs Terkel's American Dreams (under the name Charlie Dellakamp).

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gays -- Civil rights
AIDS (Disease)
AIDS activists -- Mississippi
Gay activists
Gay and lesbian rights
Human rights advocacy
Civil rights -- Mississippi
Metropolitan Community Church -- Mississippi
Sandifer, Edgar
Mississippi Gay Alliance
Jackson Gray Panthers
Mississippi Gay/Lesbian Alliance
Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA) Series 1. 1953-1998

Physical Description: 6.2 Linear Feet

Scope and Content

The MGA series, 1971-1998, documents the organization's administrative history; the affiliations and resources utilized to provide and support the organization's services; the memberships and chartered corporations with which the organization was directly associated; the MGA newsletter; and topical resources relating to gay issues and events. Administrative records include meeting minutes, memos, correspondence, bank statements, by-laws, treasurer reports, expense reports, budgets, grant and funding applications, notes, publications, and referral forms. Affiliation and resource records include information about external organizations affiliated with MGA services. Memberships and chartered corporation records include administrative, operational, and financial records regarding MGA charters and memberships. Topical records include research material on various gay and lesbian related issues. The MGA's publication, This Month in Mississippi (TMM), edited by Sandifer, provides information about services regarding gay, AIDS, and civil rights related issues.

Administrative History

The MGA was founded in 1973, incorporated in 1974, then changed its name to the Mississippi Gay and Lesbian Alliance (MGLA) in 1986. As quoted from a MGLA mission statement, circa late 1980s: The MGLA "is the oldest gay/lesbian organization in the South and one of the oldest in the country. The Alliance began as a group of persons who were interested in educating the public for Human Rights for all persons without prejudice....The Alliance now does educational work with the gay/bisexual community around HIV/AIDS. Nine regional meetings, gay bars, churches catering to gays and anywhere gay/bisexual males gather we pass out literature, give talks/discussions, leave condoms, and promote safer sex and stress risk reduction activities. We use print and electronic media to get our message across as well as publishing our own newsletter. The MGLA has speakers who will speak on college campuses, at schools, churches, or radio about homosexuality and HIV/AIDS. Youth and elderly concerns are a part of our outreach as well as to those who are physically challenged. The Alliance founded the Mississippi Persons with AIDS and Mississippi HIV Projects."

MGA provided food, medication, transportation, and emotional support to those individuals with AIDS who otherwise would not have received help from the government. Services provided included the AIDS hotline as well as in-person support groups sponsored by the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and the Metropolitan Community Church of Jackson (MCC). MGA joined membership with the National AIDS Network, Mississippi AIDS Task Force, Mississippi Minority AIDS Task Force, Mississippi Food Network, Mississippi Association of Food Pantries, Mississippi Human Services Coalition, Hattiesburg Area AIDS Coalition, Mississippi Housing Coalition, and Twelve Baskets Food Bank. MGA also affiliated with many other humanitarian organizations such as the Jackson Gray Panthers, the Anti-Klan Network, People's Anti-War Mobilization (PAM), PFLAG, National Association of People with AIDS, Witness for Peace/Pledge of Resistance, and Catholic Social and Community Service.

Arrangement

The files are arranged into five sections: 1) Administrative records, 2) Affiliation and resource records, 3) Membership and chartered corporation records, 4) Topical records, 5) This Month in Mississippi publications. Records are organized alphabetically with the exception of the general chronological files at the end of Administrative records subsection, which are organized by year.

Administrative records 1953-1996

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Chapter, Greenville 1987-1989
Chapter, Gulf Coast 1988-1992
Chapter, Hattiesburg 1986-1989
Chapter, Meridian 1989
Box 1, Folder 5  Charter 1975-1985
Box 1, Folder 6-12  Correspondence 1963-1996
               Physical Description: [7 folders]

Box 1, Folder 13-15  Correspondence A-T 1963-1994
               Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 1, Folder 16  Correspondence, Camp Sister Spirit 1988-1990
Box 1, Folder 17  Correspondence, prison letters 1975-1995
Box 1, Folder 18-19  Correspondence, This Month in Mississippi (TMM) 1982-1996
               Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 2, Folder 1-2  Correspondence, Ronnie Tisdale 1968-1975
               Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 2, Folder 3  Correspondence, Jimmy Wallace 1967-1996
Box 2, Folder 4  Correspondence, WJTV 1975
Box 2, Folder 5-11  Financial 1974-1993
               Physical Description: [7 folders]

Box 2, Folder 12-14  Financial, mixed 1953-1996
               Physical Description: [3 folders]
Scope and Contents
The documents and records in these folders are a mixture of financial materials found throughout the Sandifer Papers series including MGA, PWA, and JGP.

Box 3, Folder 1-4  Grants/funding 1977-1991
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Box 3, Folder 5-9  Meeting minutes 1973-1992
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Box 3, Folder 11-12  Meeting minutes, Jackson Regional Chapter 1974-1991
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Box 3, Folder 13-14  Mississippi Alliance for Human Rights 1977-1989
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Box 3, Folder 15  Mississippi Employment Security Commission 1993
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Box 3, Folder 19-20  Referrals and counseling 1975
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Affiliation and resource records 1971-1996

Box 5, Folder 1  American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) 1971-1995
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**Membership and chartered corporation records 1974-1996**

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Physical Description: [2 folders]
Box 5, Folder 22  Dignity Mississippi Chapter 1982
Box 5, Folder 23-26  Metropolitan Community Church, Jackson (MCC) 1974-1996
Physical Description: [4 folders]
MCC
This is a chartered corporation. Sandifer was a treasurer, church member, and a board member.
Box 5, Folder 27  Mississippi Association of Food Pantries 1988
Box 5, Folder 28  Mississippi Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs 1983
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Physical Description: [2 folders]
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Box 5, Folder 37  Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) 1984
PFLAG
Sandifer incorporated this charter in 1984.
Box 5, Folder 38  Rape Crisis Center, Jackson 1978-1980
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St. Stephen's Community Church
Sandifer was treasurer of St. Stephen's Community Church
### Topical records 1972-1996

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#### Physical Description:
4.8 Linear Feet

#### Scope and Content
The PWA series, 1961-1996, documents the organization's administrative history; the affiliations and resources utilized to provide and support the organization's services; and the services provided to those with AIDS-related illnesses and needs. Administrative records include quarterly reports, AIDS research reports, correspondence, grant applications, travel vouchers, last will and testament documents, and funding applications. Affiliation and resource records document PWA collaborations with external organizations and include conference notes and literature, AIDS research publications, and obituaries. Service records include AIDS hotline information, contracts, AIDS survey reports, legal assistance, and zoning information.

#### Administrative History
In 1985 Sandifer established the PWA Project to assist persons with HIV/AIDS throughout the Mississippi area. As executive director, Sandifer helped provide services where local and state agencies fell short, without bias to age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, or socio-economic status. Sponsored by the Mississippi Gay Alliance, the PWA offered services such as transportation; volunteer support; information and referrals; housing; legal assistance and case management; counseling; education; access to home health care; and emergency food, clothing, and medical supplies. The Sandifer House, where Sandier was director starting in 1986, and the Selph House were created to provide housing and care for persons with AIDS who did not have a place to live and did not require hospitalization.

#### Arrangement
The files are arranged into three sections: 1) Administrative records, 2) Affiliation and resource records, and 3) Service records. Records are organized alphabetically with the exception of the general chronological files at the end of the Administrative records subsection, which are organized by year.
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**Finding aid to the Edgar Sandifer papers Coll2011-012**
Jackson Gray Panthers (JGP) Series 3. 1975-1996

Scope and Content

The JGP series, 1975-1996, documents the organization's administrative history and the services it provided to the elderly. Administrative records include meeting minutes, memos, correspondence, charitable fundraiser records, promotional material, bank statements, charters of incorporation, performance reports, deeds of trust, by-laws, treasurer reports, expense reports, budgets, grant and funding applications, ombudsman procedures and reports, and general chronological information. The service records includes counseling files, contracts, legal defense materials, referrals, and the Mississippi Mental Health Project publication.

Administrative History

The Jackson Gray Panthers (JGP), a division of the National Gray Panther Network, was founded in 1976 in Jackson, Mississippi. The JGP was first chaired then directed by Edgar Sandifer who advocated "on behalf of the elderly, speaking for or on behalf of those not able to defend themselves in today's uncertain and ever-changing society" (The JGP Inc. and Mental Health Field Work, A Proposal for Funding, 1982).

In addition to working directly with the Mississippi Mental Health Project, circa 1977-1979, the JGP utilized the American Civil Liberties Union to provide legal services to assist in complaints against nursing homes. A list of agencies that employed the services of the JGP are the Hinds General Hospital, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, University Medical Center, Hinds County Department of Public Welfare, Methodist Rehab Center, Mississippi Council on Aging, Central Mississippi Area Agency on Aging, Jackson Community Mental Health Center, Jackson Boarding Home Consortium, City of Jackson Division of Aging, and the Mississippi Food Network.

In 1981 the JGP joined the Boarding Home Consortium, which included partnerships with the Department of Mental Health, Council on Aging, Welfare Department Medicaid Committee, Board of Health Care Committee, City of Jackson State Mental Hospital, and the Mental Health Association and Centers.

Arrangement

The files are arranged into two sections: 1) Administrative records and 2) Services records. Records are organized alphabetically with the exception of the general chronological files at the end of the Administrative records subsection, which are organized by year.

Administrative records 1968-1996

Box 12, Folder 1  
Bingo Division, Mississippi Gaming Commission application for charitable bingo 1993-1994
Box 12, Folder 2  
Department of Welfare Board meeting minutes 1979
Box 12, Folder 3  
Families United for Senior Action 1991
Box 12, Folder 4  
Financial 1979-1996
Box 12, Folder 5  
Funding exchange 1981-1991  
Physical Description: [2 folders]
Box 12, Folder 6  
Funding request, Mr. and Mrs. Ferry 1987
Box 12, Folder 7  
Informational resources undated
Box 12, Folder 8  
M.J. Inc. charter and meeting minutes 1984-1986
Box 12, Folder 9  
Box 12, Folder 10-12  
Physical Description: [3 folders]
Box 12, Folder 13  
National Community Funds 1981-1984
Box 12, Folder 14  
Nursing home services 1980
Box 12, Folder 15  
Nursing home workshop, notes 1977
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Box 16, Folder 28  Prime Timers, Jackson chapter 1993
Box 16, Folder 29-32  National Campaign to Free Mayor Eddie J. Carthan and the Tchula-7 and to Preserve Black Political Rights 1981-1984

Physical Description: [4 folders]

Box 16, Folder 33  Task Force on Medicaid services 1981
Box 16, Folder 34  Tchula Seven Project, defense fund 1982

People’s Anti-War Mobilization (PAM) Series 4. 1974-1996

Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet

Scope and Content
The PAM series, 1974-1996, includes correspondence, promotional material, publications, newsletters, articles, brochures, press releases, topical research, and general chronological files regarding or supporting the activities of PAM.

Administrative History
Introduced in 1981 by the Workers World Party, a communist political party and one of the first supporters of gay rights, the People's Anti-War Mobilization was formed to protest the Reagan administration's foreign military interventionist policies in El Salvador, budget cuts to welfare programs, and draft registration. PAM fought against unemployment, sexism, homophobia, war, poverty, racism, repression, and bigotry.

Arrangement
The files are organized alphabetically except for the general chronological files which are organized by year.

Box 17, Folder 1  African struggles and groups 1981
Box 17, Folder 2  Anti-draft resources 1977-1982
Box 17, Folder 3  Ku Klux Klan 1978-1982
Box 17, Folder 4  Labor movement newspapers 1974-1986
Box 17, Folder 5-7  Southern Coalition on Jails and Prisons 1980-1982

Physical Description: [3 folders]


Physical Description: [6 folders]

Box 18, Folder 1-13  Chronological files, miscellaneous 1974-1996

Physical Description: [13 folders]

Personal papers Series 5. 1929-2014

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Scope and Content
The Personal papers series consists of the personal awards, correspondence, journal entries, family and military documents, biographical information, financial records, and general chronological files of Edgar Sandifer from 1929-2014.

Arrangement
The files are arranged alphabetically except for the general chronological files which are organized by year.

Box 19, Folder 1  Awards and certificates 1951-1996
Box 19, Folder 2-3  Correspondence, cards undated

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 19, Folder 4  Diary 1995
Box 19, Folder 5  Family 1963-1966
Box 19, Folder 6  Home owner documents 1956-1970
Box 19, Folder 7  Life history 1929-1997
Maude Lee Cliburn, sister 1939-1995
Military 1950-1966
Miscellaneous, chronological file 1973-1997
Miscellaneous 1996-2014

Audiovisual materials Series 6. 1948-1995

Physical Description: 3.2 Linear Feet
Scope and Contents
The series consists of photographs and audiostreams documenting Sandifer’s personal and professional life from 1948-1995. Personal photographs include images of Sandifer’s childhood, friends and family, and military service during the Korean War. Photographs relating to his professional life include images of his official appearances and of special events such as same-sex weddings and fundraising drag shows. The audiocassettes predominantly consist of recordings of interviews and memorial services.

Photographs 1948-1995

Scope and Content
The Photographs series includes images of Sandifer’s personal and professional life from 1948-1995. Personal photographs include images of Sandifer’s childhood, friends and family, and military service during the Korean War. Photographs relating to his professional life include images of his official appearances and of special events such as same-sex weddings and fundraising drag shows.

The earliest photographs are found in the albums. The general chronological photographs contain later images of Sandifer’s personal life. The special event photographs include images of Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA), Persons with AIDS/HIV Project (PWA), Jackson Gray Panthers (JGP), People’s Anti-War Mobilization (PAM), and other organizational and special events Sandifer was involved with.

Separated Materials
Twenty-two damaged and moldy photographs were photocopied as preservation copies.

Box 20
Albums circa 1930-1970
Physical Description: [7 binders]

Box 19, Folder 12
Box 21, Folder 1-19
Album pages, loose 1980
General chronological 1966-1989, undated
Physical Description: [19 folders]

Box 22, Folder 1-5
General chronological 1990-1995
Physical Description: [5 folders]

Box 22, Folder 6
Box 22, Folder 7-18
Promotional 1984-1989
Special events 1950-1991, undated
Physical Description: [12 folders]

Audiovisuals 1980-1989, undated
Scope and Contents
The audiocassettes predominantly consist of recordings of interviews and memorial services, 1980-1989, undated.

Box 24, Item 1
Conversation with Larry undated
Physical Description: [Concertape 60 minute cassette]

Box 24, Item 2
[Alan?] Wilson memorial February 12, 1989
Physical Description: [Maxwell 120 minute cassette]
**Audiovisual materials Series 6.1948-1995**

**Box 24, Item 3**  
**Purioyne undated**  
Physical Description: [MS600 60 minute cassette]

**Box 24, Item 4**  
**[Jeri Anderson?] undated**  
Physical Description: [Maxwell 60 minute cassette]

**Box 24, Item 5**  
Physical Description: [Cycles 60 minute cassette]

**Box 24, Item 6**  
**Tommy Hall Memorial Service undated**  
Physical Description: [TDK 60 minute mini-cassette]

**Newspaper clippings Series 7. 1966-1995**  
Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet  
Scope and Content  
The series includes newspaper clippings from local Mississippi newspapers, 1966-1995, regarding Sandifer's advocacy work and topical interests including racism, AIDS, and homophobia.

*Box 23, Folder 1*  
**AIDS 1987-1993**

*Box 23, Folder 2*  
**Cynthia Boston 1981**

*Box 23, Folder 3*  
**Gay in America 1989**

*Box 23, Folder 4*  
**Gay in the military 1980**

*Box 23, Folder 5*  
**Gay, non-South 1966-1983**

*Box 23, Folder 6*  
**Gay, South 1980-1982**

*Box 23, Folder 7*  
**Jackson Gray Panthers 1979-1989**

*Box 23, Folder 8-17*  
**General 1974-1995**  
Physical Description: [10 folders]

**Memorabilia Series 8. 1974-1989**  
Physical Description: 1.8 Linear Feet  
Scope and Content  
The Memorabilia series consists of protest banners, name badges, posters, T-shirts, and other objects collected by Edgar Sandifer, 1974-1989.

*Box 25, Folder 1*  
**Posters and photographs 1981-1989**  
Physical Description: [oversized]  
Scope and Contents  
Includes one mythological/chariot race graphic on foam core, two AIDS prevention/awareness posters, one National Nursing Home Residents' Day poster, and one photograph of an unknown infant.

*Box 25, Folder 2*  
**Name badge, "Planning Committee Speaker, Eddie Sandifer" undated**

*Box 25, Folder 3*  
**Name badge, "Eddie Sandifer, Director, Sandifer House," "Speaker, Interdisciplinary Alcohol/Drug Studies Center Jackson State University" undated**

*Box 24*  
**Ashtray, "Mississippi Gay Alliance" 1976**

*Box 25*  
**Banner, "Anita Bryant: Anti-Gay, Anti-Black, Anti-Poor. We Must Unite To Defend Gay Rights!" Circa 1977**

*Box 25*  
**Banner, "End Repression of Gay Prisoners! Tear Down the Walls! Mississippi Gay Alliance" undated**

*Box 25*  
**Banner, "Unite the Many, Defeat the Few" (SCEF) undated**

*Box 25*  
**Needlework, "ACLU of Jackson Civil Libertarian Award 1974 EDDIE SANDIFER" 1974**

*Box 24*  
**Plaque, "MGA Award" 1977**

*Box 25*  
**Sash, "Mississippi Gay Alliance" undated**