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Abstract: Founded in 1969, the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) was a loosely structured group of gay rights activists who were interested in the radical sexual liberation for all people. This collection consists of publicity material, photographs, correspondence, clippings, and writings that relate primarily to the Los Angeles group of the Gay Liberation Front.

Administrative History
The Gay Liberation Front (GLF) was a loosely structured group of gay rights activists who were interested in the radical sexual liberation for all people. In the summer of 1969, independent GLF chapters were founded in several cities, including New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington D.C. Members in Los Angeles offered draft counseling, and organized "Gay-ins," dances, protests, and other demonstrations. Founded soon after the Stonewall Riots in New York, New York, the GLF's counterculture philosophy and lack of organizational hierarchy contrasted sharply existing homophile gay rights groups like the Mattachine Society. The GLF represents a break with the more conservative homophile movement, which sought to integrate gays and lesbians into society, and a movement toward the radical liberation of all oppressed people. The lack of organizational structure, and the alignment of some members with radical groups like the Black Panther Party contributed to an increasing fragmentation of GLF membership, and local groups eventually dissolved in 1972.

Sources: http://www.outhistory.org/wiki/Gay_Liberation_Front
"Early Liberation: Los Angeles and the First Gay Pride." Get Out LB.

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Scope and Contents
This collection primarily consists of publicity material, photographs, correspondence, clippings, and writings related to the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF), as well as a small amount of material related to GLF chapters in other U.S. cities and London. GLF newsletters can be found in the periodicals collection.

Arrangement
Files are arranged in alphabetical order into following series:
Series 1: Los Angeles Gay Liberation Front
Series 2: Other Gay Liberation Front groups

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Finding aid to the Gay Liberation Front (GLF), Los Angeles records

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Series 1: Los Angeles Gay Liberation Front 492271964-1987

Box 1, Folder 21  **Photographs 49237 1969-1971**

Scope and Contents
Includes photographs of Morris Kight; Peter Sorgen; gay rights demonstrations and protests; demonstration at The Farm; demonstration at Macy's; demonstration at the National Association for Mental Health event at the Biltmore Hotel; a protest of Bellevue Auschwitz, and the 1970 Gay-In at Griffith Park.

Box 1, Folder 22  **Press releases 49238 1970-1975**

Box 1, Folder 23  **Statements of purpose 49239 1970**

Box 1, Folder 24  **Survival Committee 49240 1970**


Physical Description: [10 folders]

Scope and Contents
This series includes fliers, correspondence, mailing lists, and publications related to several chapters of the Gay Liberation Front, as well as a small amount of material related to the 25th anniversary of the GLF.

Box 1, Folder 25  **25th anniversary 49999 1994-1995**

Box 1, Folder 26  **London 49241 1971**

Box 1, Folder 27  **Milwaukee 49242 1970**

Box 2, Folder 1-2  **New York City 49244 1970-1971**

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Scope and Contents
In addition to flyers, correspondence, meeting minutes, financial documentation, and other internal documentation related to the New York City GLF, these files contain Gay Flames publications and mailing lists.

Box 2, Folder 3  **Portland 50001 1970**

Box 2, Folder 4  **Rochester, NY 49245 1971**

Box 2, Folder 5  **San Diego 50137 1970**

Box 2, Folder 6  **San Fernando Valley 49246 1976-1977**

Box 2, Folder 7  **San Francisco 50002 1970-1975**

Box 2, Folder 8  **Washington State Penitentiary 49247 circa 1970**

Scope and Contents

Box 1, Folder 28  **Clippings 1969-1971**

Physical Description: [oversized]

Scope and Contents
December 1969, Esquire magazine article, "The New Homosexuality" and December 31, 1971, Life magazine article, "Homosexuals in Revolt."