Finding Aid to the Ron Emler Photographs and Greeting Cards Coll2013.079

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Abstract: Photographic prints and greetings cards documenting the travels, personal life, extended family, friends, and civic activities of Ron Emler during the 1990s. He was a long-time partner of Joseph Carrier and a Redondo Beach School District teacher and counselor.
creator: Emler, Ron, 1940-2005
Arrangement
This collection is arranged in the following series:
Series 1. Travel
Series 2. Personal
Biography
Ron Emler was born in West Virginia in 1940. He met Joseph Carrier in Pacific Palisades in the summer of 1963. They became life-long friends and partners for over 40 years, but they never lived together. Emler worked as a teacher and counselor in the Redondo Beach School District. In his Los Angeles neighborhood, Elmer was civically active founding the Echo Park Security Association and the Echo Park Improvement Association. The Echo Park Historical Society created the Ron Emler Memorial Book Program in his memory. Emler died in March 2005 from Hepatitis C.
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Processing Information
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Scope and Content
The bulk of the photographs of Ron Emler document his liaisons and travel. He traveled in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe, the majority of the photographs document his experiences in Southeast Asia. The collection also includes about 30 greetings cards and photographs of his extended family and friends, as well as documenting Elmer's civic involvement in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Carrier, Joseph M., 1927-
Gays--Travel
Photographs
Sex tourism
**Travel Series 1979-2000**

**Arrangement**
The photographic prints are arranged alphabetically by country and then chronologically where noted.

**Scope and Content**
The series includes photographic prints of his international travels including historic sites as well as his international liaisons. The bulk of the photographs document several trips to Thailand.

- **Box-binder 1**
  - Bali 1993, undated
  - Belize undated
  - Egypt March 1997
  - England/Scotland 1996
  - Greece undated
  - Haiti September 1979
  - Laos (Mekong River) and Vietnam 1997-1998
  - Mexico December 1998
  - Thailand 1997-2000
  - United States, New Mexico undated
  - Venezuela undated

**Personal Series circa 1976-1990s**

**Scope and Content**
The Personal series documents Emler's life with extended family, friends, and sexual liaisons in photographic prints and greeting cards. The series includes a range of events such as an award ceremony, birthday parties, community clean-ups, a Halloween costume party, his 40th high school reunion, the painting of the "Chicken Corner" mural, and tree plantings in his Echo Park neighborhood.

- **Box-binder 3**
  - Friends and sexual liaisons circa 1976-1999
- **Box-binder 1**
  - Greeting cards 1988-1999
- **Box-binder 3**
  - Family, friends, and civic involvement 1992-1999