Finding aid to the Clothespin Fever Press records, 1981-2012 Coll2013-092

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Title: Clothespin Fever Press records
creator: Weathers, Carolyn
creator: Wrenn, Jenny (Jennifer Joy Wrenn)
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Date (inclusive): 1981-2012
Abstract: Photographs, event records, financial records, bankruptcy records, published books, catalogs, periodicals, postcards, clippings, correspondence, contracts, ephemera, book reviews, flyers, conference records, distribution records, and other administrative records of Clothespin Fever Press (CFP), 1981-2012. CFP was established in 1986 to publish "books that reflected the lesbian viewpoint, had literary and artistic merit and were written by a lesbian."
Arrangement
The collection is arranged alphabetically.
Biographical / Historical
Clothespin Fever Press (CFP) was established in 1986 by Carolyn Weathers and Jenny Wrenn. Located in the Highland Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, CFP's founders sought to address the vacuum left by mainstream publishers who seldom published works by out lesbian authors. "Weathers and Wrenn believed that lesbians were a genuine minority population group which mainstream presses never really understood. Therefore Clothespin Fever Press was interested in publishing books that reflected the lesbian viewpoint, had literary and artistic merit and were written by a lesbian." The company was run solely by Weathers and Wrenn, and Gail Suber and Ayofemi Stowe-Folayan volunteered editing services. Among CFP's accomplishments, the book In a Different Light: An Anthology of Lesbian Writers (edited by Carolyn Weathers and Jenny Wrenn) was one of the finalists for the 1990 Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association's Gay/Lesbian Book Award; and the book Loss of the Ground-Note: Women Writing about the Loss of Their Mothers (edited by Helen Vozenilek) received the 1993 Susan Koppelman Honorable Mention Award from the Women's Caucus of the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association. CFP eventually moved to San Diego, California, where it later ended operations in 1996.
Source: Jenny Wrenn email correspondence, October 26, 2017.
Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Carolyn Weathers, June 20, 2012.
Preferred Citation
Processing Information
The materials in this collection were originally part of the Carolyn Weathers Photographs and Papers (Coll2014-008). In 2017, upon request of the donor, the materials were separated from the Weathers collection to become its own Clothespin Fever Press Records (Coll2013-092). Collection was originally processed by Kyle Morgan with assistance from volunteers, 2014.
Scope and Contents
Photographs, event records, financial records, bankruptcy records, published books, catalogs, periodicals, postcards, clippings, correspondence, contracts, ephemera, book reviews, flyers, conference records, distribution records, and other administrative records of Clothespin Fever Press (CFP), 1981-2012. The materials document CFP's operations, including books published, distribution, conferences, publicity and other activities.
Other Finding Aids
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Lesbian authors -- United States -- 20th century
Lesbian feminism -- Archival resources
Lesbian writings
Publishers and publishing
Women publishers
Clothespin Fever Press

Clothespin Fever Press records 1981-2012

Box 1, Folder 1-3  20th anniversary event records 2004
Box 1, Folder 4  Accounting records 1989-1996
Box 1, Folder 5  American Library Association Book Award nominee records for In a Different Light 1990
Box 1, Folder 6  Articles about CFP 1989-1991
Box 1, Folder 7-9  Bankruptcy records, CFP 1995-1996
Box 1, Folder 10  Bankruptcy records, Inland Book Company 1994-1997
Box 1, Folder 11  Bankruptcy records, Pipeline Incorporated 1997
Box 1, Folder 12  Biographical and administrative histories 1991-2012
Box 1, Folder 20  Book artist records 1989-1992
Box 2,  Book reviews 1988-1994
Folder 37-57
### Books published by CFP 1984-1994

**Scope and Contents**

- Cartier, Marie. *I am your Daughter, not your Lover.*
- Hall, Elizabeth. *Dark Passages.*
- Morgan, Emma. *Gooseflesh.*
- Plante, Pele. *Getting Away with Murder.*
- Plante, Pele. *Dirty Money.*
- Prucha, Lynette. *Smokescreen.*
- Robinson, Jane E. M. *The Amazon Chronicles.*
- Schalet, Randi. *Lunch.*
- Taylor, Jill. *A Dyke's Bike Repair Handbook.*
- Vozenilek, Helen (ed.). *Loss of the Ground-Note: Women Writing about the Loss of their Mothers.*
- Weathers, Carolyn. *Crazy.*
- Weathers, Carolyn and Jenny Wren (eds.). *In a Different Light: An Anthology of Lesbian Writers.*
- Weinbaum, Batya. *The Island of Floating Women.*
- Wolverton, Terry. *Black Slip.*
- Los Angeles Women's Gym Workout Book

### Business and tax records 1994-1996

**Buttons and pencils undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Includes Clothespin Fever Press buttons with the text "Free Sharon Kowalski," "Viva La Vulva," "Born a Dyke," "I Brake for Lesbians," "Byke Pride," and from Marie Cartier's book *I am your Daughter, not your Lover* "Dandelion Warrior." Includes two pencils inscribed with the text "Clothespin Fever Press."

### Catalogs 1990-1994

**Common Bonds records 1990-1991**

**Biographical / Historical**

Carolyn Weathers wrote the story "Cheers Everybody" for the book Common Bonds edited by Suzanne Comer.

### Contact lists 1988-1992, undated

**Contracts for book publications 1990-1995**

### Convention and conference records 1987-1993

- **3rd International Feminist Book Fair 1988**
- **American Booksellers Association 1989-1992**
- **National Women's Studies Association 1987-1989**
- **San Diego Antiquarian Book Fair 1993**
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