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Abstract: Clippings, brochures, administrative records, theater programs, notes, and a poem, circa 1954-1975, from Reverend F. Kenneth Barta, former member of the Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile (SCCRH). The collection includes administrative records from SCCRH, and subject files on homosexuality, censorship, religion, and legal issues.

Biography
F. Kenneth Barta was born on April 5, 1924 in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He worked as a rector in Episcopal churches in the Virgin Islands, Florida, and California; and as a chaplain for Veterans Affairs hospitals in California.

In the 1960s, he was a member of Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile and One Incorporated. Barta died on August 4, 2012.


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Scope and Contents
The collection comprises clippings, brochures, administrative records, theater programs, notes, and a poem, circa 1954-1975, from Reverend F. Kenneth Barta, former member of the Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile (SCCRH). The collection includes administrative records from SCCRH; materials from Glide Foundation and the Council on Religion and the Homosexual in San Francisco; and subject files on homosexuality, censorship, religion, and legal issues. The collection also includes flyers and publicity material from gay organizations such as Christopher Street West, Dignity, and the Metropolitan Community Church; as well as the anti-obscenity organizations Citizens for Decent Literature and California League Enlisting Action Now (CLEAN).

Arrangement
Two folders with unsorted clippings are at the end of the collection. The remaining folders are arranged alphabetically.

Separated Materials
The following have been separated to the ONE periodicals collection:
Adz Gayzette (1 issue, 1971)
Barfly Western Edition 1973
Berkeley Barb (1 issue, 1971)
Concern, Newsletter of the Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile (9 issues, 1966-1967)
Dignity Newsletter (2 issues, 1971)
Justice Weekly (4 issues, 1966)
Mazatlaners Quarterly (1971-1972)
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"Homosexuality and Citizenship in Florida: a report of the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee" (Tallahassee, Florida, January 1964), has been separated to the ONE pamphlet collection.
"Gay is Good" button and bumper sticker have been separated to the ONE ephemera collection.
Western Photography Guild, b&w photograph has been separated to the Gay Erotic Studio Photography Collection.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Censorship
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Gays -- Religious life
Homosexuality -- Religious aspects -- Christianity
Barta, F. Kenneth, Rev.
Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile

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Box 1, Folder 1
Business and identification cards undated

Box 1, Folder 2
Citizens for Decent Literature and California League Enlisting Action Now (CLEAN) mailings 1962-1966

Box 1, Folder 3
Classified advertisement clippings 1965-1968

Box 1, Folder 4
Gay organizations, other 1968-1972

Box 1, Folder 5
Glide and Council on Religion and the Homosexual (CRH) 1964-1966

Box 1, Folder 6
Glide, National Forum on Sex and Drugs circa 1971

Box 1, Folder 7
Homosexuality, clippings and publications 1965-1968

Box 1, Folder 8
Homosexuality and religion, clippings and publications 1966-1970

Box 1, Folder 9
Legal issues, clippings circa 1966

Box 1, Folder 10
Men's wear, clippings and catalogs circa 1965-1975

Box 1, Folder 11
Notes undated

Box 1, Folder 12
Obscenity and censorship, clippings and publications 1954-1969

Box 1, Folder 13
Poem manuscript 1959

Box 1, Folder 14-15
Southern California Council on Religion and the Homophile (SCCRH), administrative records and correspondence 1966-1972

Box 1, Folder 16
Theater and performing arts flyers and programs circa 1965-1975

Box 1, Folder 17-18
Clippings, unsorted circa 1965-1975