Finding Aid to the Richard Noble Walk Across America Collection, 2011-2013
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Abstract: The collection includes clippings, certificates, proclamations, and digital copies of websites, Facebook pages, Flickr pages, online articles, letters to the United States President, photographs, and YouTube postings regarding Richard Noble’s Walk Across America, 2011-2012. Richard Noble made the 15-month spiritual journey with a rainbow flag to raise awareness of LGBT bullying and hate crimes and to promote the American Equality Bill, a proposed addendum to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that would provide protections for LGBT people.
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Biographical / Historical
Richard Noble's Walk Across America raised awareness of LGBT bullying and hate crimes and promoted the American Equality Bill, a proposed addendum to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that would provide protections for LGBT people. Richard Noble left Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco carrying a rainbow flag on March 12th, 2011, and ended his trip in Jacksonville, FL, on June 9, 2012. The 2,700-mile, 15-month, 10-state walk included meetings with activist leaders; local, state, and federal politicians; and Native American elders. A rescue dog joined Noble in Texas and was named Trinity, the equality dog, accompanying him the final 700 miles of the journey. Over the course of the journey, Noble’s rainbow flag was adorned with LGBT mementos from his journey, including Native American gifts, ash from the New Orleans Lounge fire, and barbed wire from the spot of Matthew Shepard’s death. He received official recognitions from local and state politicians, Native American tribes, and LGBT communities and organizations, and had numerous days named in honor of him and the American Equality Bill.
Scope and Contents
The collection includes clippings, certificates, proclamations, and other honors from Richard Noble’s Walk Across America. The collection also includes digital copies of Noble’s Walk Across America blog (retrieved October 2013); the eQualityGiving.org and ActonPrinciples.org websites (retrieved October 2013); Noble’s Facebook and Flickr pages (retrieved January 2014 and October 2013 respectively); online articles; letters to the United States President; certificates, proclamations, and other honors; and a sample of photographs and YouTube postings.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Collection donated by Richard Noble in August 2013.
Related Materials
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http://www.actonprinciples.org/?s=Richard+Noble
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Noble, Richard