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Descriptive Summary
Title: Screaming Queens collection
Dates: 1998-2005
Collection Number: 2008-03
Creator/Collector: Victor Silverman and Susan Stryker
Extent: 1.25 linear feet (one carton)
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Abstract: Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton’s Cafeteria is a documentary film directed by Victor Silverman and Susan Stryker. This all-audiovisual collection contains production materials from the film. Its primary research value lies in the 24 VHS and audiocassette recordings of interviews with Tenderloin residents and other people familiar with the Compton’s riots, including Elliott Blackstone, Felicia Elizondo, Aleshia Brevard, Amanda St. Jaymes, Regina Elizabeth McQueen and Ed Hansen.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
Publication Rights
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Preferred Citation
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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Susan Stryker in 2008.
Biography/Administrative History
Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton’s Cafeteria is a documentary film directed by Victor Silverman and Susan Stryker. The film tells the story of the 1966 riot at Compton’s Cafeteria, a local all-night diner frequented by the queer community in the Tenderloin, and particularly by transgender women.
Scope and Content of Collection
This all-audiovisual collection contains production materials from Screaming Queens. Its primary research value lies in the 24 VHS and audiocassette recordings of interviews with Tenderloin residents and other people familiar with the Compton’s riots, including Elliott Blackstone, Felicia Elizondo, Aleshia Brevard, Amanda St. Jaymes, Regina Elizabeth McQueen and Ed Hansen. Other materials include the rough and final cuts of the film in various formats, master and VHS copies of the trailer, an audiocassette of the Pacifica Radio show “Cops and Robbers II: Transsexuals and the Police,” (4/10/1968), as well as two VHS copies of documentaries on San Francisco, SF in the 60s and Gay San Francisco.
Indexing Terms
Transgender people
Guide to the Screaming Queens collection