Descriptive Summary
Title: Veronica Friedman papers
Dates: 1980-1982
Collection Number: 1994-01
Creator/Collector: Friedman, Veronica
Extent: .5 linear feet (one half-size manuscript box)
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94103
Abstract: Veronica “Ronnie” Friedman (1945-1986) was a transgender woman who lived in San Francisco. The collection consists of Friedman’s detailed and emotional diary entries, as well as drafts of letters to her mother and children, personal notes, daily planner pages, timelines and autobiographical statements relating to transition, greeting cards, and other correspondence.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Robert Morgan Lawrence, D.C. in 1994.
Biography/Administrative History
Veronica “Ronnie” Friedman (1945-1986) was a transgender woman who lived in San Francisco. Friedman was initially an executive in various signage businesses; after her transition, she worked a series of sales and cashiering jobs. Her collection documents the first two years of her gender transition, including her estrangement from her wife Gail and their children, her relationships, and her recognition of herself as a woman who loved women. Friedman died in 1986 of a brain tumor.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of Friedman’s detailed and emotional diary entries, as well as drafts of letters to her mother and children, personal notes, daily planner pages, timelines and autobiographical statements relating to transition, greeting cards, and other correspondence, including notes and letters exchanged with her roommate, with whom she had a close and sometimes romantic bond.
Indexing Terms
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Jewish transgender people
Diaries

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