Henry W. Dieckoff papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Henry W. Dieckoff papers
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Abstract: The Henry W. Dieckoff papers document Dieckoff's activity in San Francisco's drag society, Imperial Court system and motorcycle clubs. Dieckoff (1915-1988), also known as the Baroness Von Dieckoff, was active in drag society since at least 1940, and was a major figure in the Imperial Court system.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
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Acquisition Information
Scope and Content of Collection
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Imperial Court
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