Matthew Brown papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Matthew Brown papers
Dates: 1963-2001
Collection Number: 2001-23
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 5.5 linear feet
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: Matthew Brown, a longtime employee of the Community Thrift Store, was active in San Francisco gay life from 1963. This collection contains leather vests, hundreds of buttons (related to Febes, The San Franciscans, Cheaters motorcycle club, SF GDI motorcycle club, California motorcycle club, Imperial Court, Warlocks motorcycle club, Knights motorcycle club, Barbary Coasters motorcycle club, bars, and miscellaneous events and sayings), a banner, programs and papers documenting his participation in the Barbary Coasters and other motorcycle clubs, the Imperial Court, the Beaux Arts Ball, South of Market and Polk Street bars and other activities.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research with the following restriction: Mailing lists and other records holding the names, addresses, and/or phone numbers of individuals will be restricted for 20 years.

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Acquisition Information

Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Imperial Court System
Gay men
Leather