Matthew Brown papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Matthew Brown papers
Dates: 1973-2014
Collection Number: 2001-23
Creator/Collector:
Extent: One carton, one large oversize box, one extra-large oversize box, two non-archival boxes of unknown size
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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.
Preferred Citation
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Acquisition Information
Biography/Administrative History
Matthew Brown, a longtime employee of the Community Thrift Store, was active in San Francisco gay life from 1963. As a member of the Imperial Court, he was the 14th Emperor of San Francisco.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains leather vests, hundreds of buttons, 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. There is also a Harvey Milk for Supervisor campaign button and the Official Emperor Hector & Emperor Norton Birthday Paper Doll and Coloring Book. Other materials include programs, correspondence, meeting minutes, a banner, flyers, press releases, membership directories, and financial records.
Indexing Terms
Imperial Court System
Gay men
Leather
Motorcycle clubs
Politics and elections

Inventory of the Matthew Brown Papers