David Valentine business records

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** David Valentine business records  
**Dates:** 1964-1998  
**Collection Number:** 1998-41  
**Creator/Collector:** Valentine, David  
**Extent:** 7.2 linear feet  
**Repository:** GLBT Historical Society  
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**Abstract:** David Valentine operated several printing companies in the Upper Market, Castro, and Mission districts of San Francisco from the mid-1960s until late in 1998. He was the principal printer for many gay and lesbian organizations, businesses, and individuals throughout that time, and the job files and samples of work he printed in this collection provide a rich source of ephemera from this period.

**Language of Material:** English  

**Access**  
Collection is open for research.

**Preferred Citation**  
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**Acquisition Information**  
Gift of David Valentine on December 9, 1998.

**Scope and Content of Collection**  
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**Preliminary Inventory**