Mildred Inman papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Mildred Inman papers
Dates: 1974-1999
Collection Number: 2003-31
Creator/Collector: Inman, Mildred
Extent: 1 manuscript box
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: This collection contains materials collected and created by lesbian feminist, Mildred “Mid” Inman, founder of the group Single Women Over 40 (S.W.O.F.). Inman (1913-1999) founded several women’s groups in the U.S. and Canada. A professional dietician, Inman designed the first in-flight meals for United Airlines, supervised hundreds of chefs for the Western Hotels, was a food editor for “McCalls” magazine, and worked as a school cafeteria supervisor for the San Francisco Unified School District. She was also “an enthusiastic reader, walker, traveler, music and theater buff.”

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research. 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
This collection contains materials collected and created by lesbian feminist, Mildred “Mid” Inman, founder of the group Single Women Over 40 (S.W.O.F.). Inman (1913-1999) founded several women’s groups in the U.S. and Canada. A professional dietician, Inman designed the first in-flight meals for United Airlines, supervised hundreds of chefs for the Western Hotels, was a food editor for “McCalls” magazine, and worked as a school cafeteria supervisor for the San Francisco Unified School District. She was also “an enthusiastic reader, walker, traveler, music and theater buff.” The collection includes materials from S.W.O.F., including their manifesto and other feminist writings by Inman, calendar listings, flyers, meeting minutes and topics for discussion. The collection also contains a small amount of correspondence, several journals and poems by Inman. There are feminist bibliographies, publications and newsletters, including “Our Minds” and the Washington, D.C.-based “Heliotrope”; materials from the Womyn’s Braille Press; ephemera; course materials from a class on Women's Music and Social Consciousness at San Francisco State taught by Angela Davis; and a folder of material collected by her friend, the actress and writer Ida VSW Red, who cared for Inman at the end of her life. Two phone lists are restricted until January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2019, respectively.

Indexing Terms
Lesbian Feminism
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