Gary Menger papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Gary Menger papers
Collection Number: 2000-29
Creator/Collector: Menger, Gary
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Abstract: The Gary Menger papers contain materials related to his life as a cabaret patron, promoter, reviewer and businessman. Menger (1938-1998) operated Bear Wallow, a gay guest ranch in Boonville in the mid-1970s, managed the Plush Room in the late 1970s, booked and promoted cabaret vocalists for local clubs and produced two AIDS benefits, both called “In Memory of Friends.” Menger also wrote columns, reviews and features for a variety of LGBT publications.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Content of Collection
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