Francine Logandice collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Francine Logandice collection

Dates: 1923-1998

Collection Number: 2002-04

Creator/Collector: Logandice, Francine

Extent: 5 cartons, 59 boxes, 1 oversized box, 2 oversized folders (29.9 linear feet)

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Abstract: Francine Logandice was a transgender entrepreneur who owned a resort on the Russian River and a number of successful bars in San Francisco – the 222 Club on Hyde, the Black Rose, The Depot in the Outer Mission, Francine’s, Elaine’s, Déjà Vu and Café San Marcos. The collection contains correspondence, books, book lists, notes, and research related to Logandice’s passion project, the Bibliography of Impersonation, Transvestism and Transexualism.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research, with the exception of Logandice’s rolodexes, which are restricted until January 1, 2022. Funding for processing this collection was provided by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR).

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Francine Logandice in March 2002

Biography/Administrative History

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Scope and Content of Collection

The Francine Logandice collection contains correspondence, books, book lists, notes, and research related to her passion project, the Bibliography of Impersonation, Transvestism and Transexualism. Historian and sexologist Vern Bullough called Logandice’s work “a labor of love and devotion” and recommended it as a scholarly resource. The majority of the collection is comprised of books listed in Logandice’s bibliography; publications and periodicals related to transgender and S&M communities; subject files; ephemera; scrapbooks; news clippings; and photographs. Logandice has identified many of the people in the photos. The collection also contains a small amount of financial records related to the businesses Logandice owned.

Indexing Terms

Transgender people
Kink
Nightlife

Guide to the Francine Logandice collection