Tom Rolfsen and Chal Cochran photograph albums

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Tom Rolfsen and Chal Cochran photograph albums
Dates: 1937-1999
Collection Number: 2000-20
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 2.1 linear feet
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: This collection contains 17 photograph albums that document the life of Thomas Franklin Rolfsen and his partner of 52 years, Chalmer "Chal" Clemons Cochran. Rolfsen and Cochran were among the founders of the Gay Atheists League of America (GALA). Cochran was a typesetter for the Bay Area Reporter and he and Rolfsen owned several businesses together, including a restaurant and printing company. They died less than two weeks apart in 2000.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
Preferred Citation
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Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Photography
Long-term relationships
Gay men