William A. Longen videotape collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: William A. Longen videotape collection


Collection Number: 2008-31

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 5 cartons (5 linear feet)

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Abstract: The William A. Longen videotape collection contains various videotape formats (U-matic, Betacam, and VHS) from KTVU news segments documenting LGBTQ communities and events within the Bay Area, from 1977 to 1997.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research. Funding for processing this collection was provided by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

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Acquisition Information


Biography/Administrative History

William “Bill” Longen is a long-time film and television editor whose work for KTVU from 1977-1997 helped document and publicize numerous LGBTQ events and topics to audiences throughout the Bay Area, including events like the White Night Riots, Gay Games, and HIV March. Working for KTVU, Longen took it upon himself to set aside the raw tapes of any news segments that reported on gay topics, so that segments would be preserved and tapes would not be recorded over and reused for future segments. In doing so, he managed to collect over 20 years of footage documenting LGBTQ life in the Bay Area with the hope of educating LGBT young people about the community's past.

Scope and Content of Collection

The William A. Longen videotape collection contains various videotape formats (U-matic, Betacam, and VHS) from KTVU news segments documenting LGBTQ communities and events within the Bay Area, from 1977 to 1997. Content ranges from footage and interviews at LGBTQ marches, festivals, and parades to more documentary style segments focusing on HIV/AIDS support groups, the 1996 San Francisco gay “marriage” event, and professional gay matchmakers. Videotapes have been digitized (with the exception of “Boy Scouts, 1984”; “Exotic Erotic Valentine Ball, 1997”; and “Oakland Ballet Fund Raiser, 1985”) and have been assigned a unique identification number which corresponds to the videotape’s digital file. Videotapes are contained in 5 cartons and arranged consecutively by the digitization number assigned by the GLBT Historical Society. Titles have been derived from the texts on videos.

Indexing Terms

Motion pictures
Television
Film/Video
Media

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