Descriptive Summary
Title: Guy Duca papers
Dates: circa 1919-1980
Collection Number: 2001-10
Creator/Collector: Duca, Gaetano
Extent: 1 half manuscript box
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94103
Abstract: The bulk of the collection consists of photographs that document the life and family history of Italian-American hairdresser and entrepreneur, Gaetano "Guy" Duca (1936-1989). Duca was from Philadelphia but lived in San Francisco for 25 years before succumbing to AIDS. He received a general discharge from the US Navy in 1955 for socializing with another sailor who was dishonorably discharged on moral charges.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Military/Veterans
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