Bruce Rodgers papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Bruce Rodgers papers
Dates: 1942-2009
Collection Number: 2010-03
Creator/Collector: Rodgers, Bruce
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Abstract: The collection contains materials from Bruce G. Rodgers, author of The Queens’ Vernacular: A Gay Lexicon (1972), the first serious dictionary of gay slang and the definitive gay American jargon resource. The collection contains materials related to the publication of the book as well as other research materials on Romani, Hebrew, Polari, and other languages and slang. Included are personal and professional correspondence, notes, contracts, photographs, artifacts, poems, illustrations, ephemera and personal belongings.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research. Funding for processing this collection was provided by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR).

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Acquisition Information
Gift of Deborah Millett in April 2010

Biography/Administrative History

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains materials from Bruce G. Rodgers, author of The Queens’ Vernacular: A Gay Lexicon (San Francisco: Straight Arrow Books, 1972). The book was later republished as Gay Talk: A (Sometimes Outrageous) Dictionary of Gay Slang (New York: Paragon Books, 1979). The book was the first serious dictionary of gay slang and the definitive gay American jargon resource. The collection contains materials related to the publication of the book as well as other research materials on Romani, Hebrew, Polari, and other languages and slang. Included are notes, contracts, photographs, artifacts, poems, illustrations, ephemera and personal belongings. In addition, there is extensive professional and personal correspondence reflecting Rodgers affection for language and gay slang.

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