Bill Bowers papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Bill Bowers papers
Dates: 1972-2003
Collection Number: 2001-16
Creator/Collector: 
Extent: .65 linear feet
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: This small collection contains materials related to the career of fashion designer and photographer Bill Bowers. Bowers designed clothes for rocker Alice Cooper, and was a member of the Cockettes, Angels of Light and the Mukluk family commune. He has documented gay pride parades, Folsom, Dore Alley, Castro and other street fairs, bars, leather events, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and the Imperial Court since the mid-1970s.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research with the following restriction: Mailing lists and other records holding the names, addresses, and/or phone numbers of individuals will be restricted for 20 years.
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Acquisition Information
Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Photography
Fashion
Leather
Gay men