Norman E. Nagem photographs

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Norman E. Nagem photographs
Dates: 1951-1972
Collection Number: 2000-25
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 1 manuscript box
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: Contains three albums of photographs of Norman Nagem (1918-2000) and his friends in drag. Nagem’s drag name was Norma Jean Crawfish. There are also a few of Nagem’s personal ID cards from the 1980s and 1990s. Nagem was born in New England and lived in Los Angeles before moving to San Francisco in the 1950s. He worked as a handyman in Cloverdale and as a waiter at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco. See also 2013-03, Norman E. Nagem photograph album.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Stephen A. Smith on April 15, 2000.

Scope and Content of Collection
Contains three albums of photographs of Norman Nagem (1918-2000) and his friends in drag. Nagem’s drag name was Norma Jean Crawfish. There are also a few of Nagem’s personal ID cards from the 1980s and 1990s. Nagem was born in New England and lived in Los Angeles before moving to San Francisco in the 1950s. According to friends, he worked as a handyman in Cloverdale and as a waiter at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco. He may have served in the Navy in World War II. Nagem had several long-term partners and many lovers. His idol was Joan Crawford. See also 2013-03, Norman E. Nagem photograph album.

Indexing Terms
Gay men--California--San Francisco.
Drag