Descriptive Summary

Title: James Dewsnap collection
Dates: 1994
Collection Number: 1999-19
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 1 half manuscript box
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94103

Abstract: The James Dewsnap collection contains two full-length nude portraits of Scott O'Hara by San Francisco artist David Ross; transcripts of 16 interviews from 1994 that Dewsnap conducted with Jackie Phillips, the lead "comedienne" at Finocchio's from the late 1950s to the mid-1970s; and an unpublished book-length typescript on Phillips' life, called "Oh, what a drag! The life and career of Wacky Jackie Philips, Finocchio's riotous redhead, as told to Jim Dewsnap."

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
Drag
Oral history
Gay men
Erotica