Randy Burns papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Randy Burns papers
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Abstract: The bulk of the collection consists of materials relating to LGBT American Indians, Two-Spirit people and American Indian history collected by activist Randy Burns, co-founder with Barbara Cameron, of Gay American Indians (GAI). The collection includes materials related to Burns, GAI and other LGBT Indian organizations across the United States and Canada, including a typescript of “Living the Spirit: A Gay American Indian Anthology” by the GAI History Project.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Two-spirit people--North America.
Kenny, Maurice, 1929-
Roscoe, Will
Gay American Indians (Organization)
Randy Burns Container List