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Archives of Lesbian Oral Testimony

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Summary information

Repository: Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books

Title: Archives of Lesbian Oral Testimony

Reference code: MsC-156

Date: [199-]-2013 (date of creation)

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Archives of Lesbian Oral Testimony is a scholarly research and archival project directed by Dr. Ele Chenier of Simon Fraser University. Founded in 2010, the project aims to collect, preserve, and provide access to materials that bear witness to the histories and lives of lesbians. The project received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in 2013.

Notes

Title notes

Alternative form available

Digitized copies of the materials can be accessed via the ALOT archives website at: <https://alotarchives.org/browse/collections>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- Multi-media (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Subfonds MsC-156-1: Ele Chenier

Creator: Chenier, Ele

Publication status:

published

Series 1: Tough Ladies and Troublemakers

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Barbara	199-		
2	File - Evelyn	1993		
3	File - Helen	1996		
4	File - Ivy and Georgie	1993		
5	File - Jack	1994		
6	File - Lynne	1993		
7	File - Pauline	1992		
8	File - Al	2001		

Series 2: Inside the Continental

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Dorothy	2011		
2	File - Carole	2012		
3	File - Patti	2011		
4	File - Diane	2012		
	File -			

Series 3: Miscellaneous interviews

Date: 2012 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - E.T.	2012		

Subfonds MsC-156-2: Nadine Boulay

Creator: Boulay, Nadine

Publication status:

published

Series 1: Lesbian Generations in Vancouver

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Sandra and Naomi	2013		
2	File - Christine, Robin, and Nadine	2013		
3	File - Nancy and Candice	2013		
4	File - Betsy and Candice	2013		
5	File - Greta and Naomi	2013		
6	File - Nym and Erin	2013		
7	File - Pat and Nadine	2013		
8	File - Ellen and Nadine	2013		
9	File - Liz and Candice	2013		
10	File - Esther and Erin	2013		
11	File - Kaye and Nadine	2013		
12	File - North and Aliza	2013		
13	File - Micah and Erin	2013		

Subfonds MsC-156-3: Rebecka Sheffield

Creator: Sheffield, Rebecka

Publication status:

published

Series 1: The Bedside Table Archives

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Katie	2013		
2	File - Zoe	2013		
3	File - Steph	2013		
4	File - Julie and Alana	2013		
5	File - Jen	2013		
6	File - Rachel	2013		
7	File - Rebekah	2013		
8	File - Karen	2013		
9	File - Michelle	2013		
10	File - Marlene	2013		
11	File - Trisha	2013		

Subfonds MsC-156-4: Leather Archives and Museum

Creator: Leather Archives and Museum

Publication status:

published

Series 1: Leather Archives and Museum

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Marge	2013		
2	File - Janet	2011		
3	File - Meryl	2011		
4	File - Michelle	2010		

Subfonds MsC-156-5: Program Pride

Creator: Program Pride

Date: 1995-2007 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

Series 1: Program Pride

Publication status:

published

Subfonds MsC-156-6: Michael Riordon

Creator: Riordon, Michael

Date: [between 1990 and 2000] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Records consist primarily of sound recordings of interviews undertaken by Michael Riordon and his partner for his two published books, *Out Our Way: Gay and Lesbian Life in the Country (Between the Lines, 1996)* and *Eating Fire: Family Life on the Queer Side (Between the Lines, 2001)*. Materials include 282 audio cassettes and a copy of Riordon's notes on the tapes for *Out Our Way*. The fonds is arranged into two series.

Physical description: 282 audio cassettes
0.2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Arrangement:

The donor's original order for these records, and numbering system for the audio cassettes, have been maintained.

Alternative form available:

Audio cassettes were all digitized by the Archives of Lesbian Oral Testimony in 2016-2017. These interviews are available online at alotarchives.org as they become processed and available.

Restrictions on access:

Copyright for these recordings is held by the donor. No restrictions were placed on access by the donor, but select interviews are restricted from online access.

Publication status:

published

Series 1: Out our way

Creator: Michael Riordon

Date: [between 1990 and 1995] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of sound recordings of interviews undertaken by Michael Riordon for *Out Our Way: Gay and Lesbian Life in the Country* (Between the Lines, 1996). Interviews were undertaken across Canada. Textual records consist of a copy of Riordon's log and notes about the tapes and interviews.

Physical description: 175 audio cassettes and 0.2 cm of textual records.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

published

Series 2: Eating fire

Scope and content:

Series consists of sound recordings of interviews undertaken by Michael Riordon for *Eating Fire: Family Life on the Queer Side* (Between the Lines, 2001). Interviews were undertaken across Canada.

Physical description: 107 audio cassettes

Publication status:

published

Subfonds MsC-156-7: Shirley Petten

Creator: Petten, Shirley

Date: 1979 - 2007 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

Series 1: Personal records

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Workers Compensation Act	1979-1988		
2	File - 1991	1991		
3	File - 1991 misc	1991-1995		
4	File - 1992	1992		
5	File - 1993	1993		
6	File - 1993 misc.	1993		
7	File - 1994	1994		
8	File - 1995	1995		
9	File - 1996	1996		
10	File - 1997	1997		
11	File - 1998	1998		
12	File - 1999	1999		
13	File - Hepatitis	1994-1999		
14	File - News articles-WCB [Workers' Compensation Board] wins and celebration party	1992-2000		
15	File - Medical	1991-1992		
17	File - Petten volunteer work and retirement	1997-2006		
16	File - Needlestick research and legal case	1988-2003		
18	File - Bev-death certificate, tax, estate, misc.	1991-1992		
19	File - News articles-women of distinction	2000		
20	File - Media and Holmwood memorials	1992-2007		
21	File - Peterson article and Guelph newsletter	1993-1999		

Series 2: Videos

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Passing sharps safely: the hands-free technique			
2	File - Shirley Petten Interview 28 April 2014	2014		

Subfonds MsC 156-10: Louise Hutchinson

Creator: Louise Hutchinson

Date: 1989-1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Records consist of five files of materials related to Louise Hutchinson's term as the volunteer radio host for Vancouver Co-op Radio's The Lesbian Show, between 1989 and 1991. Records include recordings on audio cassettes and audio reels of episodes of The Lesbian Show from when the show

aired on the radio and related textual records. Most of the recordings were made of the radio show by Louise Hutchinson by home-recording the episodes of the show that aired on the radio.

Physical description: 38 audio cassettes, 4 audio reels : polyester, and 0.1 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)

Immediate source of acquisition:

Louise Hutchinson donated these records to the Archives of Lesbian Oral Testimony / Simon Fraser University Library, Special Collections and Rare Books in 2016.

Arrangement:

The donor's original order for these records has been maintained.

Alternative form available:

Audio reels and cassettes were all digitized by the Archives of Lesbian Oral Testimony in 2017. These interviews are available online at alotarchives.org as they become processed and available.

Restrictions on access:

Copyright for these recordings is held by Vancouver Co-Op Radio.

Publication status:

published