

HEARING THE SILENCE:

The Complexities of Documenting Diversity
in LGBTQ Archives





GLBT
Historical
Society
archives & museum

- “...collects, preserves, and interprets the history of GLBT people and the communities that support them.”
- includes historical archives and research center, as well as a museum

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Previous Names:

- San Francisco Bay Area Gay and Lesbian Historical Society
- Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California
- Est. in 1985



ARCHIVES



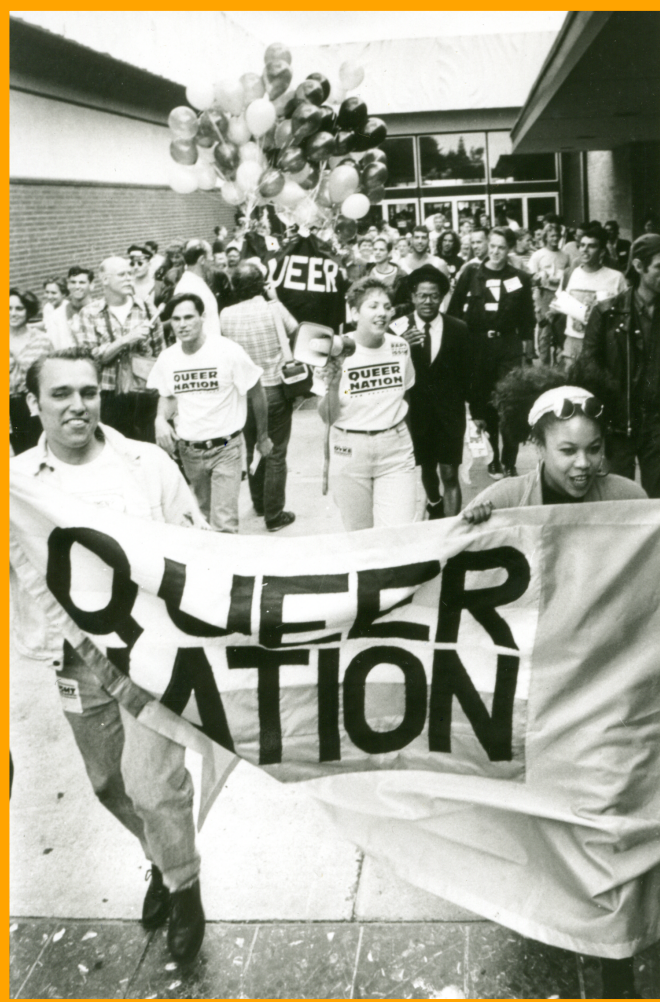
Sampling of buttons from the GLBT Historical Society button collection

COLLECTIONS INCLUDE:

- 840 collections of personal papers, photographs, audiovisual recordings, and organizational records
- over 5,000 periodical titles
- 70 linear feet of ephemera
- 500 oral histories
- historical textiles, fine and graphic arts, and artifacts

SUBJECTS INCLUDE:

- Activism
- Politics & Legislation
- Events (such as parades, fundraisers, and contests)
- Sports & Leisure



**TRANS
POWER**

**BI
POWER
QUEER
NATION**

San Francisco LGBT Groups Ephemera



Robert Pruzan collection (#1998-36)



Robert Pruzan collection (#1998-36)



Personal collection of Lani Ka'ahumanu

LGB
GLBT
LGBT
LGBT+
LGBTQ
LGBTQI
LGBTQIA
QUILT BAG
LGBTQQIAAP
LGBTQQIP2SAA

DOCUMENTING DISCRIMINATION



Gay and Lesbian Pulp Address Books collection (#1999-08)



J. D. Wade photographs (#1996-43)

DOCUMENTING TRAUMA

FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES



AN AIDS CANDLELIGHT MARCH
A personal expression to honor the dead and support the living

**PROCESSION BEGINS AT 8 P.M.
FROM CASTRO ST. TO U.N. PLAZA.**

Bring A Friend & A Candle!

MAY 27
MEMORIAL DAY

COORDINATED BY PEOPLE WITH AIDS AND PEOPLE WITH AIDS RELATED COMPLEX CAUCUS.
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME 335 New St. S.F. 94114 (415) 431-4860

Supporters:
SHANTI PROJECT S.F. AIDS FOUNDATION PACIFIC CENTER
PEOPLE WITH AIDS - S.F. STONEWALL GAY DEMOCRATS
Alice B Tokias Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club

Hank Wilson papers (#1996-02)

**'Gay Plague'
Called Epidemic**

New York

The head of the National Task Force investigating the "gay plague" calls the mystery sickness an epidemic unprecedented in the history of American medicine.

Dr. James W. Curran, of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, said the disease kills up to four out of 10 victims and threatens to explode in the nation's big cities.

Male homosexuals who have many partners and people who give themselves drugs through needles top the list of likely victims, medical experts said.

The illness is nicknamed "gay plague" because the first outbreaks took place in homosexual men. But now it is hitting heterosexual males as well as women, Curran said.

Curran and other experts spoke Tuesday during an all-day symposium at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

One form of the disease, Kaposi's sarcoma, causes leg tumors and formerly was only seen, and then rarely, among aging Jewish and Italian males. What disturbs the experts is that the new cases are showing up in young men.

Another form is a highly fatal rare pneumonia, pneumocystis-carinii pneumonia. That, too, formerly

San Francisco LGBT General Subjects Ephemera Collection

OUTREACH



PARTNERSHIPS



DIGITAL TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE
TRANS HISTORY, LINKED

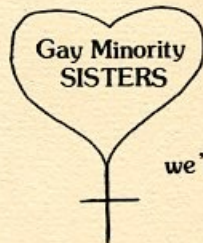
“...to increase the accessibility of transgender history by providing an online hub for digitized historical materials, born-digital materials, and information on archival holdings throughout the world”

www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

“The GLBT Historical Society focuses its collections on gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer life in the wider San Francisco Bay area and Northern California. **Currently, we are seeking accessions to fill particular gaps in our holdings.** We seek materials documenting LGBT life prior to the 1970s, as well as LGBT people of color, lesbian and bisexual women of all social/cultural backgrounds, LGBT working class communities, and bisexual and transgender people.”

-GLBT Historical Society collection policy



we're here for you

Sandy Holmes collection of Bay Area Black Lesbians and Gays (BABLAg) records (#2014-14)

Somos Hermanas



**(We Are Sisters)
Because...**

San Francisco Women's Building records (#1996-15)



Robert Pruzan collection (#1998-36)

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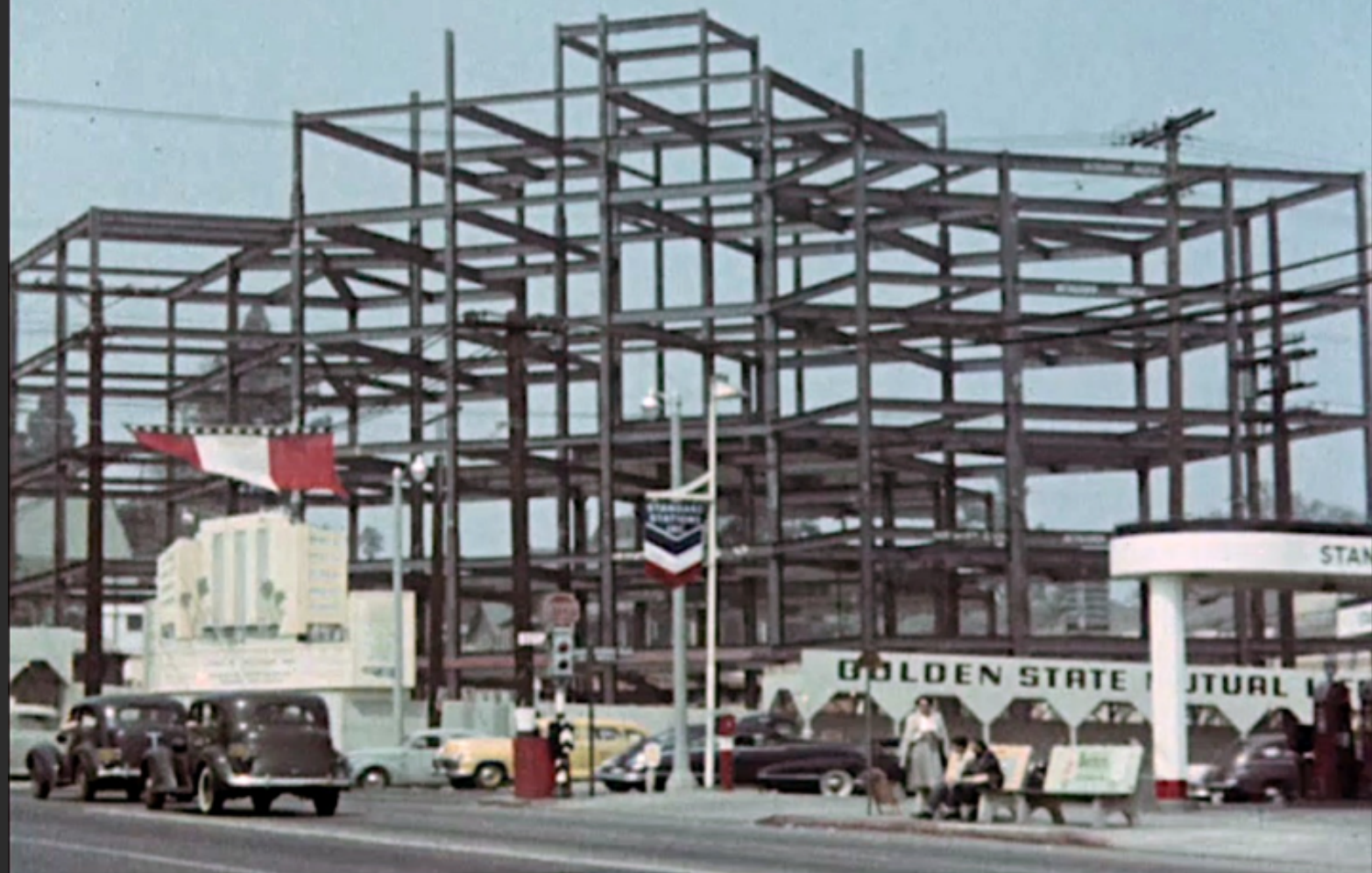
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**GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL
DESTINATION: RECREATION**







GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL LIFE

1999





Helen E. Batiste



Verna A. Hickman

























DUNES
GOLF COURSE & COUNTRY CLUB

CONVENTIONS

WELCOME
GOLDEN STATE
MUTUAL LIFE

SULTAN'S TABLE
Arturo Romero
AND HIS MAGIC VIOLINS
MAFALDA AT THE PIANO
DOME OF THE SEA KI PPY LOU

MOTEL
ROYAL PALM
A ROYAL WELCOME
LARG POOL
GOLF
TV IN DELUXE ROOM
VACANCY





**HOLIDAY
IN
ACAPULCO**



STRIKE...AND THAT'S GAME!

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