



Bob Summersgill Collection (Series XXI)

2017.July.08

Finding Aid Draft Updated

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Descriptive summary

Title: Bob Summersgill Collection (GLAA and other materials)

Dates: Provide the year of the oldest and newest documents; and the range of the majority of the documents. That is: "1981-1990, bulk 1984-1985"

Accession number: 2018.032

Series number: MS 0764 RHP, Series XXI

Creator: These are the working files of Bob Summersgill, former treasurer and president of GLAA. He was active in the city since 1988, throughout 2000s and fought to repeal the sodomy laws, and expand DP act and later the battle for marriage equality.

Extent: 5 letter-size, Hollinger boxes. 2.5 linear feet of records.

Biographical note

Bob Summersgill received the ["Community Pioneer Award" from RHP in 2012.](#)

1983: Moved to DC from NJ to attend GWU.

1993-1994: Secretary of GLAA

1999: VP of GLAA

2000-2003: President of GLAA

2004: Treasurer of GLAA

Oral history interview with Bob Summersgill

Scope and content of collection

Included (notes)

- 2000 DC City Council candidate Surveys
- DC Police Harassment
- DC Sodomy Law Reform
- GLAA internal documents

Administrative Information

Repository and Access: The DC History Center. By appointment only.

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Acquisition information: Bob Summersgill donated the material to RHP in July 2017; deed of gift signed 8 July 2017.

Processing history:

2017.July.08. Chuck Goldfarb and Vincent Slatt collect the material from the home of Bob Summersgill, transport it to home of Vincent.

2017.July.09. Vincent with Sarah Venti, Cornelius Joy and Elizabeth Westbrook typed and labeled all folders. Removed surplus folders, two sets of duplicates.

2017.July.23 Vincent with Brian Miller, Bryan Schwartz, Patrick Brown, Ruzanna Mikitarova, Anne Lafferty and Ann Halbert-Brooks reviewed the folders, created the online collection, cataloged items for scanning to web, replaced folders, and improved labels.

2018.August.02 Vincent delivered the collection to HSW and placed it in boxes.

Processing next steps:

Clear up folder titles and finish the list. (Completed 8/14/25 - MM)

Finish the guide and do press release.

Folder labelled “Students for the Exploration of Space” should be offered to donor or destroyed; this folder is at home of Vincent E. Slatt

CONTAINER LIST -- INITIAL INVENTORY

Box 1

- Folder 1: Discrimination in DC Public Schools, 1993-2002
- Folder 2: Suing the DC Government under the Human Rights Act, 2001
- Folder 3: Police Harassment Fliers 1997
- Folder 4: GLAA Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports, 1998-2000
- Folder 5: GLAA Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports, 2001
- Folder 6: GLAA Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports, 2002-2003
- Folder 7: Civil Lawsuit Against GLAA, 2000
- Folder 8: Rainbow History Project, 2001
- Folder 9: DC "Limitation on Nude Dance Bars Amendment Act of 2001"
- Folder 10: DC "Elimination of Outdated Crimes Amendment Act of 2003"
- Folder 11: 2000, Marc Fajer, Sodomy Laws

Box 2

- Folder 1: Margie Hunter v. District of Columbia
- Folder 2: Domestic Partnerships 2006
- Folder 3: DC Council Candidate Ratings 1973-1998
- Folder 4: 1981 Sodomy Law Repeal
- Folder 5: Human Rights Act 1985
- Folder 6: Sodomy-related Criminal Law Experts, 1999
- Folder 7: 2000 DC Election Candidate Surveys
- Folder 8: 2002 DC Election Candidate Surveys
- Folder 9: DC Fire Department EMS Oversight Case, 2002
- Folder 10: The Sodomy Challenge, 2001, Boston, MA
- Folder 11: What About My Rights? Guidelines for Employers and Employees Living with HIV & AIDS, 1999
- Folder 12: DC Employees Healthcare Benefits Expansion Act, 1992
- Folder 13: Domestic Partnerships, 2002
- Folder 14: Domestic Partnerships 2007
- Folder 15: 2009 Marriage Equality Act: Memos and Correspondence (Including Fliers)

Box 3

- Folder 1: 2009 Marriage Equality Act DC Government Documents
- Folder 2: 2009 Marriage Equality Act Superior Court of DC Documents
- Folder 3: Legalizing Same Sex Marriage in DC, 2009 (including Fenty's Proclamation)
- Folder 4: Frank Kameny Biographical Materials (Material by Kameny)
- Folder 5: Frank Kameny Biographical Materials (Material about Kameny)
- Folder 6: Sodomylaws.org Website Administration
- Folder 7: HR 5990 Repeal Hearing 1963: Solicitation in DC
- Folder 8: Needle Exchange 1999-2002
- Folder 9: Sodomy Repeal 1993

Box 4

- Folder 1: 1991 Blade Clippings on Sodomy Law
- Folder 2: 1992 Blade Clippings on Sodomy Law
- Folder 3: 1993 Blade Clippings on Sodomy Law
- Folder 4: Sodomy Casework by State 1992 - 2001 (Ark, DC, KY, GA)

Folder 5: Sodomy Casework by State 1987 - 2000 (LA, MD, MONT, NC, RI)
Folder 6: Sodomy Casework by State 1995 - 2001 (SD, TENN, TEX)
Folder 7: Sodomy Laws, Massachusetts, 2001

Box 5

Folder 1: Sodomy Laws, Minnesota, 1999-2000
Folder 2: Sodomy Laws, Mississippi, 1999
Folder 3: Sodomy Laws, Virginia, 1 of 3
Folder 4: Sodomy Laws, Virginia, 2 of 3
Folder 5: Sodomy Laws, Virginia, 3 of 3
Folder 6: Sodomy Laws in Other Places, Blade Articles 1992-1993