

Inventory of the Philip Turner Papers

(#2001-19)

***Note:** This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.*

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Philip Turner papers

Collection Number: 2001-19

Physical Description: 14 linear feet (nine cartons, one manuscript box, one large oversize box)

Creator: Philip Turner

Date (inclusive): 1990-2001

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Philip Turner (1951-2001), was a prominent figure in San Francisco's leather community. He owned Daddy's bar in the Castro, was a longtime fundraiser for AIDS and other charities, and served on the boards of many organizations. The bulk of the collection consists of 30 volumes of "The Adventures of Philip and Greg," scrapbooks that document Turner's life and world travels with his partner of 12 years, Greg Pennington.

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: Philip Turner (1951-2001), was a prominent figure in San Francisco's leather community. He owned Daddy's bar in the Castro, was a longtime fundraiser for AIDS and other charities, and served on the boards of many organizations, including the AIDS Emergency Fund, the GLBT Historical Society, and the Inter Club Fund. Turner held the titles of Leather Prince to the Ruby Empress and San Francisco Leather Daddy XI. He also created and or produced many popular events, including the Leather Extravaganza event and the first Mr. Hairy Chest contest.

Scope and Content: The bulk of the collection consists of 30 volumes of "The Adventures of Philip and Greg," scrapbooks that document Turner's life and world travels with his partner of 12 years, Greg Pennington. The scrapbooks contain photographs, cards, materials related to leather events and charity work, and ephemera. The collection also includes awards and plaques, ephemera documenting the leather scene, photographs, artifacts, a Daddy's leather vest, and materials relating to Turner's memorial.

Indexing Terms:

Gay men

Leather

Long-term relationships

Container Listing**Carton 1:**

The Adventures of Philip and Greg, volumes 22-30, plus volume 11, 1992-1996. The scrapbooks include photos, cards, materials related to leather events and charity work, and ephemera.

Carton 2:

The Adventures of Philip and Greg, volumes 1-9, 1990-1992.

Carton 3:

The Adventures of Philip and Greg, volumes 10-19, 1992-1994

Carton 4:

Awards and plaques (unsorted)

Carton 5:

Clothing

Stuffed Harley-Davidson pig

Posters from the River Resort in Guerneville

Books— (such as the *World Almanac and Book of Facts*)

Award

Ephemera and programs related to leather events, including flyers for an evening with San Francisco Leather Daddy XI, Philip M. Turner, 1996 and materials regarding Leather

Extravaganza, including executive correspondence regarding Silent Auction items

Address book

Carton 6:

Includes an LP from Castro Boy Records from Danny Boy and the Serious Party Gods

Ephemera from the 1992 San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration

Plastic bag filled with periodicals, ephemera, photograph of dogs

Framed photos

Motorwerks calendar, October 1994

The Adventures of Philip and Greg, Volumes 20-21 and one from a trip to Europe, circa 1995-1998

Carton 7:

Clothing and hats (some hats have pins)

Carton 8:

Clothing

Carton 9:

Clothing and hats

Box 1:

t-shirts

2002 Mr. Leather program, dedicated to Turner

Wooden penis—Philip Turner, the “Dick of Death” award

Videotape of Turner’s memorial tribute, 2001 and other materials from the memorial

Box of badges, buttons, and medals

OS Box 1:

Daddy of Daddy’s leather vest

OSF 1:

A Taste of Leather calendar, 1995

Styrofoam plaque proclaiming, “Philip Turner born this glorious day Nov. 10, 1951”

Drawing, Sister Maryto Leather, by [Frinch], 1999

Get well card to Daddy Philip
Color photo, mostly bare-chested men, on tropical island
Grant Dupont poster