

Finding Aid to the Veronica Friedman Papers, 1980-1982 (1994-01)

Extent:

1 box (.2 linear feet)

Access:

Collection is open for research.

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Creator:

Friedman, Veronica

Scope and Content of Collection

Veronica Friedman, born in 1945, was a Male-to-Female transsexual. From childhood on she knew that her “body was wrong.” In 1968 she married her wife Gail and they had two children. In 1980 she began participating in the Gender Program at Stanford, shortly after “coming out” to her wife. They separated and were finally divorced in 1982, which also meant the separation from the two children. Friedman’s papers cover the time period from 1980 through 1982, the year of her gender transitioning, and consist primarily of diary entries, written notes, and correspondence with her family and roommate-friend-sometimes lover. Her papers document her coming to terms with her gender and sexual identity, with new perceptions of herself and the world, and at the same time with the world perceiving her in a different way. Friedman died sometime around 1986 of brain tumor.

Container List

Folder 1: Curriculum Vita for Gender Identity Clinics

Folder 2: Diary entries of 1980 (rewritten)

Folder 3: Diary/Notes from April 1981 through November 1981

Folder 4: Calendar 1980 through 1981 and miscellaneous notes

Folder 5: Correspondence with M. (roommate, friend and sometimes lover) and family in 1981

Folder 6: Notes on napkins