

# **Finding Aid to the Veronica Friedman papers**

## **(#1994-01)**

**Repository:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

**Collection Title:** Veronica Friedman papers

**Collection Number:** 1994-01

**Physical Description:** .5 linear feet (one half-size manuscript box)

**Creator:** Veronica Marie Friedman

**Date (inclusive):** 1980-1982

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** Veronica “Ronnie” Friedman (1945-1986) was a transgender woman who lived in San Francisco. The collection consists of Friedman’s detailed and emotional diary entries, as well as drafts of letters to her mother and children, personal notes, daily planner pages, timelines and autobiographical statements relating to transition, greeting cards, and other correspondence.

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**Acquisition Information:**

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**Processing Information:**

Finding Aid created by Isaac Fellman in 2019.

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**Biographical/Organizational History Note:** Veronica “Ronnie” Friedman (1945-1986) was a transgender woman who lived in San Francisco. Friedman was initially an executive in various signage businesses; after her transition, she worked a series of sales and cashiering jobs. Her collection documents the first two years of her gender transition, including her estrangement from her wife Gail and their children, her relationships, and her recognition of herself as a woman who loved women. Friedman died in 1986 of a brain tumor.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of Friedman’s detailed and emotional diary entries, as well as drafts of letters to her mother and children, personal notes, daily planner pages, timelines and autobiographical statements relating to transition, greeting cards, and other correspondence, including notes and letters exchanged with her roommate, with whom she had a close and sometimes romantic bond.

**Subject terms:**

Transgender people

Jewish transgender people