

Finding Aid to the Shiloh Quine papers

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Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Shiloh Quine papers

Collection Number: 2019-04

Physical Description: .1 linear feet (one folder)

Creator: Shiloh Quine

Date (inclusive): 2011-2018

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Shiloh Heavenly Quine, a transgender woman born in 1959, was the first person in the United States to receive state-funded gender-affirming surgery while incarcerated. The collection consists of two signed self-portrait drawings created by Quine.

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Ruth Beham Leonard on the instructions of Shiloh Quine.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Isaac Fellman in 2019 based on earlier catalog entries.

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Biographical/Organizational History: Shiloh Heavenly Quine, a transgender woman born in 1959, was the first person in the United States to receive state-funded gender-affirming surgery while incarcerated. Her 2015 settlement with the state of California established a key precedent that transition care should not be considered elective and must be provided to incarcerated people. Quine had begun transitioning several years prior while serving a life sentence; when her request for surgery was rejected, she sued the state with the support of the Transgender Law Center.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of two signed self-portrait drawings created by Quine. The drawings are dated July 20, 2011 and August 30, 2011. The collection also includes a letter about the donation from Quine to Ruth Beham Leonard, her friend and donor of the drawings, dated December 30, 2018.

Indexing Terms:

Transgender people