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Oehler (Terry) Journals

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Summary Information

Repository:	James C. Hormel Gay & Lesbian Center
Creator:	Oehler, Terry D.
Title:	Terry Oehler Journals
ID:	GLC 64
Date [inclusive]:	1979-2005
Physical Description:	3 boxes (15 journals + 5 folders)
Physical Location:	The collection is stored onsite.
Physical Location:	The collection is stored in L65.
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Collections materials are in English.
Abstract:	Oehler was a librarian and former lawyer who lived in the San Francisco bay area. He was a gay man who loved bridge, chess, travel, and genealogy. His meticulously detailed diaries provide a glimpse of his life.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical note

Terry D. Oehler was born on June 30, 1940, in Newton, Iowa, the son of Charles and Myra (Awtry) Oehler. He lived most of his early life in Newton and graduated from Newton Senior High School in 1958. That same year, he enrolled at Harvard and graduated with honors with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. He then attended Stanford University and graduated from law school in 1965. He practiced law for national and international firms, primarily in Arizona, California and Germany, until his semi-retirement circa 1995, as senior regional counsel for Legal Services Corp. in San Francisco. Following

that, he pursued his love of learning in his position of government information librarian at the San Francisco Public Library. He was an avid chess and bridge player, a dog lover, an amateur photographer, as well as the family genealogist. He was very detail-oriented and his travel journals and diaries are meticulous. He died of a malignant brain tumor on November 7, 2005.

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Scope and Contents

Oehler's meticulously detailed diaries provide a glimpse of his activities and thoughts. References include: bridge, chess, travel, and genealogy. The Lifedex is a partial index to his journals.

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Arrangement

Arranged into four sections: original journals, transcribed journals, partial index to transcriptions, and family history.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Access

The collection is available for use during San Francisco History Center hours.

Publication Rights

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Provenance

Donated by Terry Oehler in 2005.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Gay men -- California -- San Francisco -- Diaries.
- Oehler, Terry D. -- Diaries
- Oehler, Terry D.

Collection Inventory

Original Journals, 1979-2005

Title/Description	Instances	
"I", August 6, 1979-July 28, 1980	box 1	folder 1
"II", July 29, 1980-May 28, 1981	box 1	folder 2
May 29, 1981-August 7, 1982	box 1	folder 3
August 8, 1982-February 18, 1984	box 1	folder 4
February 19, 1984-January 28, 1986	box 1	folder 5
January 29, 1986-April 13, 1987	box 1	folder 6
"Caribbean Journal", April 14-November 23, 1987	box 1	folder 7
November 24, 1987-August 24, 1988	box 1	folder 8
"Oh, my aching back!", August 25, 1988-January 16, 1990	box 1	folder 9
January 17, 1990-May 30, 1991	box 1	folder 10
"European Journal", May 31, 1991-February 15, 1993	box 1	folder 11
February 16, 1993-August 18, 1995	box 1	folder 12

August 19, 1995-November 26, 1998	box 1	folder 13
"My Italian Journey", November 27, 1998-January 29, 2003	box 2	folder 1
February 1, 2003-January 2, 2005	box 2	folder 2

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"The Journals of Terry Oehler" [transcribed journals], 1979-1982

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume I, August 6, 1979-July 28, 1980	box 2	folder 3
Volume II, July 29, 1980-May 28, 1981	box 2	folder 4
Volume III, May 29, 1981-August 7, 1982	box 2	folder 5

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"Lifedex to the Journals of Terry D. Oehler" [index], August 6, 1979-December 15, 1983	box 2	folder 6
"An American Pedigree" by Terry D. Oehler. [Family history and genealogy], 2000	box 3	

General note

In addition to the facts for each individual, Oehler included some historical details relating to the lives of his ancestors to give a sense of who they were and what life was like for them. Some of the major family names in this genealogy are: Cope, Oehler, Wilson, Knouse, Henry, Awtry, Maytag, Klopping, and Ruberg.