

## **Finding Aid to Lou Sullivan Correspondence with David**

**(#2009-02)**

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

**Collection Title:** Lou Sullivan Correspondence with David

**Collection Number:** 2009-02

**Physical Description:** .1 linear feet (one folder)

**Creator:** Louis Graydon Sullivan

**Date (inclusive):** 1980-1990

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** Louis Graydon “Lou” Sullivan (1951-1991) was a transgender activist, diarist, and author who often corresponded with other trans men. This small collection comprises eight letters and one photo sent from Sullivan to a trans man named David.

**Preferred Citation:**

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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:** Louis Graydon “Lou” Sullivan (1951-1991) was a transgender activist, diarist, and author who often corresponded with other trans men.

**Scope and Content:** This small collection comprises eight letters and one photo sent from Sullivan to a trans man named David. David’s replies are not included among the correspondence in Sullivan’s collection, and nothing is known of him except that he lived in Nevada and initially met Sullivan through his application to Golden Gate Girls/Guys, of which Sullivan was the treasurer at the time. In the letters, Sullivan offers advice, shares news, and discusses his activism.

**Indexing Terms:**

Transgender people