

Inventory of the Greg Day Papers

(#2002-24)

Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Greg Day papers

Collection Number: 2002-24

Physical Description: 10 linear feet (eight cartons, one oversize folder)

Creator: Greg Day

Date (inclusive): 1964-1998, bulk 1980s

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Greg Day is a photographer, activist, and former political candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Board of Education. This collection contains materials about a variety of groups with which Day has been involved, including the Alice B. Toklas Gay Democratic Club, Greg Day political campaigns for Board of Supervisors and Board of Education, queer youth advocacy organizations, the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade, and the South of Market arts scene.

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: Greg Day is a photographer, activist, and former political candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Board of Education.

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Indexing Terms:

Gay men
Photography
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Politics and elections

Container Listing

Carton 1:

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence banner
Sweatshirt, T-shirt autographed by Robin Tyler
Cassette tapes (approximately 50) of interviews conducted by Day, circa 1981
Buttons
Framed postcards from the Gertrude Stein Philatelic Society
Photo of Day in Castro, circa 1980; two shots from a contact sheet (taken by Rink Foto)

Carton 2:

Subject files, including United Way Bay Area, circa 1983-1984; Homeless Plan/Homeless youth in SF, Mayor's Office for Homeless Youth and Their Families, circa 1981-1995
Materials regarding Day's campaign for Democratic Central Committee, circa 1996 (in folder marked 1990s political, 1994-1998)
Materials regarding Shanti Project (Day was Director of Public Education), circa 1988

Materials regarding Democratic Central Committee, including meeting minutes, correspondence, election materials, circa 1994-1996

Materials regarding Greg Day for Supervisor, including mass mailings, flyers, 1982

Materials regarding 1977 Gay Day Parade, including correspondence

Materials regarding 1981-1982 Gay Day Parade (Day was co-chair of 1981 Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day)

Subject files regarding various organizations Day was involved with, including Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, Gay/Lesbian Youth Advocates, Angels of Light, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Materials regarding gay and lesbian photography shows, including mailing/phone lists, correspondence (not sure if he organized or was part of the show), circa 1982

“Physique Pictorial,” vol. 13, No. 4, May 1964

Carton 3:

Correspondence regarding photography business

Materials regarding Larkin Street Youth Center (where Day was Community Relations Director), circa 1986-1987

Materials regarding Day’s cultural activities (e.g. Gay Freedom Day), political campaigns (e.g. for Board of Education) and Democratic politics more generally, circa 1983-1984—there also appear to be materials Day edited. (He was Chair of the Issues Committee of the Toklas Democratic Club)

Day Campaign photos

Materials regarding Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade, including board materials, mass mailings, bylaws, circa 1982

Subject files: materials regarding Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, 1981 and other materials regarding immigration decision affecting LGBT people; International Gay Association Conference, 1982;

Materials on the parade, Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day, 1981-1982

Carton 4:

May 21st Rally, 1982

Newspaper clippings/newspapers – many out of Bay Area

Subject files, e.g. LGBT activities in Washington, D.C., AIDS, Front Runners, Lavender Arts Faire, Labor, Aging, Parasites Study Group, Radical Fairies

Materials related to Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day 1981, including advertising contracts, photos, program ads, speeches, press releases

Carton 5:

Materials regarding Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Committee, including problems with police, 1981

Materials regarding National Organization of Lesbians and Gays (NOLAG), 1981

Assorted ephemera for various gay events and organizations

Materials regarding Alice B. Toklas Club, 1983

Subject files, including recalls, 1983; Parade, 1982 (photographs); Hamburg, Germany parade, 1982;

International Gay Association; AIDS; affirmative action legislation; poppers; immigration; panic defense; Coors Boycott
Black and white Colt Studio photos and photographs of Day (by Rink Foto)

Carton 6:

Incoming correspondence (not personal—appears to be mail from various LGBT organizations), circa 1981-1982

Unsorted ephemera from various LGBT events/organizations

Materials regarding Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Committee, circa 1981-1982

Unsorted ephemera, news clippings, mass mailings, correspondence, et cetera from various LGBT events and organizations, including activities Day was involved in, circa 1981-1982

Materials regarding Lesbian and Gay parade, including by-laws, meeting minutes, flyers, notes, circa 1978-1981

More unsorted ephemera, including materials about film and social services

Carton 7:

Contact sheets, photos and some personalia (greeting cards, autographed photos)

Newsclippings

Materials regarding Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Committee/Parade (materials from Chrysanthemum Ragtime marching band show up a lot), including materials regarding immigration lawsuit, circa 1982-1983

Materials regarding Day's campaign for the Board of Education

Materials regarding National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Rights, 1981

Materials regarding San Francisco Human Rights Commission and services to gay youth, including complaint, circa 1983

AIDS-related newspaper clippings

Phone numbers and messages

Materials regarding Citizens' Committee on Community Development (Day was the chair), 1985-1986

Materials regarding Alice B. Toklas Club (in manila envelope)

Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Committee legal affidavits (related to immigration case), address lists, circa 1981

No on 6 bumper stickers

Assorted flyers from various events, circa 1980-1982

Carton 8:

Unsorted ephemera—this includes interesting material, such as affidavits of discrimination against Asian American queers from the Asian Information Network and about the struggle to keep the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade a non-corporate event

Materials related to Lesbian and Gay Photographers Workshop and exhibits

Materials regarding International Gay Association, 1982-1983

Materials related to Lesbian and Gay Freedom Committee and parade, including press releases, guidelines, flyers, correspondence, etc., circa 1978-1980

Unsorted materials regarding local politics, including mass mailings, flyers, newsclippings; also materials regarding international politics, e.g. Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador

Subject files, labeled by Day (shaky writing), including Alice B. Toklas Club; San Francisco Police Advisory Committee; police training video with positive depictions of the LGBT community (1982); Coors Boycott; Gay Freedom Day Committee, including history, finances (circa 1978-1980); National Organization of Lesbians and Gays (NOLAG); court proceedings—the People of the State of California v. Dana B. Holley (or Holly), 1983

OSF:

Photograph from 1982 Castro Street Fair (black and white)