



## **Finding Aid to Camille Moran Papers (2000-43)**

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

**Collection Title:** Camille Moran papers

**Collection Number:** 2000-43

**Physical Description:** 0.25 linear feet (1/2 manuscript box)

**Creator:**

Moran, Camille

**Date (inclusive):** 1998-2000

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** Camille Moran is a transgender poet and painter, as well as an activist who works against psychiatric abuse of queer and trans youth. This collection includes draft testimony, poetry, a series of satirical notes about her decision to transition, and other writing by Moran, as well as a number of articles she wrote or collected.

**Preferred Citation:**

[Identification of item], Camille Moran papers (2000-43), The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society.

**Conditions Governing Access:**

Collection is open for research.

**Publication Rights:**

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**Acquisition Information:**

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society in 2000 by Camille Moran.

**Processing Information:**

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

This finding aid uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these terms may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

**Biographical / Organizational Information:**

Camille Moran is a transgender poet and painter, as well as an activist who works against psychiatric abuse of queer and trans youth. As a six-year-old child in the 1950s, Moran was institutionalized for years because her parents were disturbed by her femininity. She was given electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), which left her with headaches, memory loss, learning disability, and seizures. As an adult, Moran has advocated for the removal of Gender Identity Disorder from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), on the grounds that the diagnosis could easily lead to similar abuse. Moran was also a member of the San Francisco LGBT Community Center Project Board and served on the Transgender Task Force of the Human Rights Commission.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection includes draft testimony, poetry, a series of satirical notes about her decision to transition, and other writing by Moran, as well as a number of articles she wrote or collected; of particular note is a 1993 special issue of *Lavender Network* about the relationship between queer community and psychiatry. Also included are awards and certificates, a small amount of correspondence, and photographs (including one of Moran watching Mayor Art Agnos sign a city ordinance opposing ECT, autographed with an appreciative note by Agnos). Some materials are signed with Moran's pseudonym, Camille Genderella Liberty.

**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged without series.

**Indexing Terms**

Electroconvulsive therapy

Mental health policy

Transgender people

Transgender people's writings