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Descriptive Summary

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M 399

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1972-2008

Language

English

Creator

Equality Virginia

Extent

5.88 Linear Feet 14 Document Cases

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

Donated by Equality Virginia in 2015.

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Biographical/ Historical Information

Equality Virginia was founded in 1989 as Virginians for Justice, which served as a statewide, non-partisan education, outreach, and advocacy organization seeking equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Virginians. The organizational structure consists of members, advisory councils, board of directors, and the executive committee as well as three task force groups: Hate Crimes Task Force, Development Task Force, and Legislative Task Force.

When the organization was founded, their immediate goal was to pursue the enactment of legislation that would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all aspects of life. Specific goals included: to reform the ABC laws discriminating against LGBT establishments, increase penalties for hate crimes, amend the human rights law to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, and fight for the rights of victims of the AIDS epidemic. Materials in the collection document strategies employed by Equality Virginia to forward these goals, including the following: uniting LGBT organizations, educating Virginians, communicating to the media, lobbying the members of the State General Assembly and other governmental agencies, and encouraging grassroots response to legislative initiatives.

The organization has had multiple successes in changing Virginia legislation to include equal rights for LGBT Virginians. These successes include fighting the Virginia Housing Development Authority's "Family Rule" legislation, overturning legislation that allowed the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to revoke liquor licenses for homosexual establishments, along with defeating legislation that would ban gay adoption in Virginia.

Scope and Contents

The Equality Virginia records collection includes materials created and acquired by the organization in the course of carrying out its administrative, outreach, and advocacy activities. Materials include minutes, reports, correspondence, bylaws, clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, electronic records, and audio visual materials. The collection is of value as it includes legislative materials and news clippings pertaining to the *Bottoms v. Bottoms* case, news clippings documenting the HIV/AIDS epidemic, along with clippings of hate crimes that the Virginia LGBT community faced during the 1980s and 1990s. The legislative materials also include the lawsuit against the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control that overturned legislation allowing liquor licenses to be revoked at establishments employing or catering to homosexuals.

A substantial group of materials pertains to the Virginia Housing Development Authority's "Family Rule" which Equality Virginia led the fight against, defeating legislation that would have kept LGBT families from qualifying for low-income loans. Researchers will find content containing materials for potential research in the HIV/AIDS epidemic, LGBT legal rights from 1987 to 2005, the *Bottoms v. Bottoms* case, or LGBT hate crimes. The collection also provides insight into the personal beliefs and views held by Virginia General Assembly candidates during the 1990s through candidate questionnaires conducted by Equality Virginia.

Keywords

Gay rights -- Virginia -- Richmond

Gay activists -- Virginia -- Richmond

Arrangement

The collection is organized into four series: Series 1: Administrative records, 1988-2008; Series 2: Outreach materials, 1988-2008; Series 3: Legislative materials, 1972-2008; Series 4: Clippings, 1988-2006.

Efforts have been made to maintain the original file organization. Files are arranged alphabetically in each series and materials within the files are arranged chronologically where applicable.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Series 1: Administrative records

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57796

Unit Date 1988-2008

Annual board of directors retreat

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57800

Unit Date 2002-2003

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Articles of incorporation, bylaws, and organizational materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57801

Unit Date 1988-2007

Mixed Materials [A11424380873] 1 (box)

Container 2-3 (folder)

Board meeting minutes and reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57802

Unit Date 1988-2004

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Container 4-5 (folder)

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Container 1-3 (folder)

Board resource guide

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57803

Unit Date 2008

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Container 4 (folder)

Community action teams concept paper and three-year plan

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57804

Unit Date 2004

Mixed Materials [A11424380849] 2 (box)

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Correspondence, board of directors

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57805

Unit Date 1991-1992, 2001-2003

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Correspondence, response to Roanoke Times Living Gay series

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57806

Unit Date 2001

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Container 7 (folder)

Correspondence, Virginia Housing Development Authority's family policy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57807

Unit Date 2003

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Correspondence, Virginia Tech's removal of sexual orientation from anti-discrimination policy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57808

Unit Date 2003

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Education Fund Report

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57809

Unit Date 1989-2002

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Container 2 (folder)

Education Fund, PAC board meeting reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57810

Unit Date 2006-2007

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Executive director, legislative, and manager reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57811

Unit Date 1996-2004

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Financial report

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57812

Unit Date 2004

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Container 5 (folder)

Founding material

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57813

Unit Date 1987-1989

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Container 6 (folder)

Funders of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Programs directory

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57814

Unit Date 1993

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Container 7 (folder)

Internal committee materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57815

Unit Date 1993-1994

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Container 8 (folder)

Model release forms

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57816

Unit Date 2007

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Container 9 (folder)

Newsletters

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Unit Date 1989-1990, 2003

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Container 10 (folder)

Pledge packet, general information

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57818

Unit Date 2006

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Container 11 (folder)

Strategic planning

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57819

Unit Date 1990-2003

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Container 12 (folder)

Tax Forms

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57820

Unit Date 2002

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Container 13 (folder)

The State of Violence in LGBTQ Communities report

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57821

Unit Date 2008

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Container 1 (folder)

The Voice newsletter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57822

Unit Date 1990-2001

Mixed Materials [A11424380815] 5 (box)

Container 2-4 (folder)

Website hardcopy printouts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57823

Unit Date 2008

Mixed Materials [A11424380815] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Series 2: Outreach materials

Unit ID 2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57797

Unit Date 1988-2008

20 OUTstanding Virginians video

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57824

Unit Date undated

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Action Alerts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57825

Unit Date 2003

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Container 7 (folder)

Anti-Hate Crimes and Anti-Violence resources

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57826

Unit Date 2001-2007

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Christian Right articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57827

Unit Date circa 1987, undated

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Container 9 (folder)

Church Materials and Faith-based materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57828

Unit Date 2007

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Container 10 (folder)

Commonwealth Dinner videos

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57829

Unit Date 2005-2006

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Container 1 (folder)

Directory of Virginia Service Organizations for Gays and Lesbians

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57830

Unit Date 1990-1992

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Equal Rights for Gays and Lesbians audio cassette

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57831

Unit Date 2004

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Human Genome Research program announcement

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57832

Unit Date 1993

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Fairfax Alliance for Citizen Equality information packet

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57833

Unit Date 1998

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Fighting for Safe Schools in Virginia transparencies

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57834

Unit Date circa 2005

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Fundraising and Event information

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57835

Unit Date 1994-1999

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Hate Crimes Task Force program proposals and updates

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57836

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Homosexuality Issues Packet by Concerned Women for America of Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57837

Unit Date 2005

Mixed Materials [A11424380823] 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

LGBT Contacts in Southern Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57838

Unit Date undated

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LGBTQ Capital Gains and Losses report**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57839**Unit Date** 1997**Mixed Materials [A11424380823]** 6 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Logo and Grapics discs****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57840**Unit Date** 2005-2007, undated**Mixed Materials [A11424380823]** 6 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Major Donor Planned Giving files****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57841**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials [A11424380823]** 6 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Mothers and Others of Virginia promotional information****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57842**Unit Date** 2007**Mixed Materials [A11424380823]** 6 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**National Center for Lesbian Rights publications and materials****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57843**Unit Date** 2008**Mixed Materials [A11424380823]** 6 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Network Statewide Conference on LGBT Issues****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57844**Unit Date** 1992-1999**Mixed Materials [A11424380823]** 6 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Organizations' newsletter, pamphlets, and information****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57845**Unit Date** 2001-2003**Mixed Materials [A11424380823]** 6 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**OutReach to Virginia Public Officials newsletters****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/57846**Unit Date** 1991-1992**Mixed Materials [A11424380865]** 7 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)

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Unit Date undated

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Pride Festivals and Summits

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57848

Unit Date 2007

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Programs, flyers, advertisements, and bumper sticker

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57849

Unit Date 1988-2007

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Rally photographs disc

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57850

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57851

Unit Date 2007

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Same-sex marriage articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57852

Unit Date 1995

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Women's Voices Forum information packets

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57853

Unit Date 2001-2006

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

WRIR announcements and programs discs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57854

Unit Date 2005-2006, undated

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Virginia Currents McDonnell Interview video

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57855

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Vote No on 1 campaign discs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57856

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Vote No on 1 campaign banners

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57900

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials Two banners

Series 3: Legislative materials

Unit ID 3

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57798

Unit Date 1972-2008

Albemarle county schools district wide harrassment policies

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57857

Unit Date 2003

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

America Votes

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57858

Unit Date 2008

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

American Bar Association draft policy on sexual orientation and adoption

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57859

Unit Date 1998

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Anti-Gay Virginia laws, activism, and call to arms

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57860

Unit Date 1992-2001

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Atlas Project Strategic Roadmap Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57861

Unit Date 2008

Mixed Materials [A11424380865] 7 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Authority of Arlington County to Prohibit Discrimination on Basis of Sexual Orientation

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Unit Date 1992

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Criminal penalties

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57863

Unit Date 2000-2001

Mixed Materials [A11424381374] 8 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Challenging the Christian Right, The Activist's Handbook

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57864

Unit Date 1993

Mixed Materials [A11424381374] 8 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Christian Coalition Leadership manual

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57865

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials [A11424381374] 8 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Commonwealth Coalition Marriage campaign

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57866

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [A11424381374] 8 (box)

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Democratic Party of Virginia Election Readiness report

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57867

Unit Date 2008

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Final Report on Virginia General Assembly and supporting documents

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57868

Unit Date 1993-1994

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Health, Disease Prevention and Control, Crimes Against the Person bills

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57869

Unit Date 1993

Mixed Materials [A11424381405] 9 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Human Rights Campaign's Civil Marriage briefing binder

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57870

Unit Date 2003

Mixed Materials [A11424381405] 9 (box)

Container 4-5 (folder)

Legislative Packet for Virginia General Assembly

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57871

Unit Date 2001

Mixed Materials [A11424381405] 9 (box)

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Legislative Report for Virginia General Assembly

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57872

Unit Date 2001

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Legislative Strategies, Campaign to Preserve Family Life Education

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Unit Date 1996-1997

Mixed Materials [A11424381413] 10 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters to legislators, corporations, and candidates

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57874

Unit Date 1991-2005, undated

Mixed Materials [A11424381413] 10 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters to senators from General Assembly members concerning marriage

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57875

Unit Date 2003

Mixed Materials [A11424381413] 10 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Lobby Day materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57876

Unit Date 1990, 1997, 2006

Mixed Materials [A11424381413] 10 (box)

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Minnesota Supreme Court, Goins v. West Group, Rhode Island General Assembly act

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57877

Unit Date 2001

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Container 6 (folder)

National State PAC Training packet

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57878

Unit Date 2007

Mixed Materials [A11424381413] 10 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Rasmussen Poll

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57879

Unit Date 2000-2001

Mixed Materials [A11424381413] 10 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Sharon Bottoms Case

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57880

Unit Date 1993-1995

Mixed Materials [A11424381413] 10 (box)

Container 9-10 (folder)

Sodomy law talking points

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57881

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [A11424381382] 11 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Summary of Hate Crimes

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57882

Unit Date 1994-1997

Mixed Materials [A11424381382] 11 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unconstitutional Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and lawsuits

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57883

Unit Date 1972-1992

Mixed Materials [A11424381382] 11 (box)

Container 3-4 (folder)

Virginia Candidate Information

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57884

Unit Date 1993-1994

Mixed Materials [A11424381382] 11 (box)

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Virginia Candidate Questionnaire

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57885

Unit Date 1991-2001

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Virginia General Assembly bills

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Unit Date 1995-2006

Mixed Materials [A11424381421] 12 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Virginia General Assembly session reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57887

Unit Date 1989-1990, 1998

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Mixed Materials [A11424381073] 13 (box)

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Virginia Housing Development Authority

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57888

Unit Date 1990-2000

Mixed Materials [A11424381073] 13 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Virginia Issues and Answers interview on anti-family legislation video cassette

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57889

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [A11424381073] 13 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Warner transition team briefing

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57890

Unit Date undated

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Container 5 (folder)

Series 4: Clippings

Unit ID 4

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57799

Unit Date 1988-2006

AIDS newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57891

Unit Date 1988-1996

Mixed Materials [A11424381073] 13 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Gay families newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57892

Unit Date 2002-2006

Mixed Materials [A11424381073] 13 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Gay marriages newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57893

Unit Date 1995-1996

Mixed Materials [A11424381112] 14 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Gay political issues newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57894

Unit Date 1988-1996

Mixed Materials [A11424381112] 14 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Gays in the military, religion, and legal issues newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57895

Unit Date 1992-1996

Mixed Materials [A11424381112] 14 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Hate crimes against gays and lesbians newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57896

Unit Date 1988-1996

Mixed Materials [A11424381112] 14 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Newspaper and press clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57897

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [A11424381112] 14 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Presidential candidates views on gays newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57898

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials [A11424381112] 14 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Virginia Housing Development Authority family law newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/57899

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials [A11424381112] 14 (box)

Container 5 (folder)