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1979-1982

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English

Extent

.42 Linear Feet 1 Hollinger box

Repository

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Content Description

Five handwritten diaries written from 1978 to 1982. The diaries belonged to John Foster, a Hamilton college student in Schenectady, New York. The diaries cover a period of John's life in which he worked a summer job as a dishwasher at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolten Landing, New York and as he studied abroad in Aberdeen Scotland. Within the diaries, John also ponders his friendships and sexual identification. A single letter is also included in the collection

Keywords

Gay and lesbian studies
Gay men -- United States
Bisexual college students
Gay men -- Sexual behavior -- United States
Libraries -- Special collections -- Gay and lesbian studies
Gay men's writings, American
Gay and lesbian studies--United States--History
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Diaries
Correspondence

Arrangement

The John Foster diaries are arranged into two series: Series I. Notebooks and Series II. Correspondence. The materials are arranged chronologically by date.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Notebooks

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/593583

Unit Date 1978-1981

Separated Materials

Five handwritten diaries written from 1979 to 1982. The diaries belonged to John Foster, a college student from Schenectady, New York. Foster discusses his daily life and struggles with his sexuality.

Untitled notebook 1**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/593575**Unit Date** 1978-1979**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Language** English**"Book Two of the history of John Foster" notebook 2****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/593576**Unit Date** 1979**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Within this diary, John Foster discusses sexual identification.

Untitled notebook 3**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/593577**Unit Date** 1980**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Notebook three contains letter to "mom and dad" on page 51, in which John discusses male and female friendships.

Untitled notebook 4**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/593578**Unit Date** 1981**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Language** English**Untitled notebook 5****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/593579**Unit Date** 1981**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Language** English**Series II: Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/593580**Unit Date** 1981**Correspondence from John Foster to Alan Robinson****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/593584**Unit Date** 1981-08-28**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (Folder)