



**NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS,
OCTOBER 11, 1987, RECORDS**

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Descriptive Summary

Title

National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, October 11, 1987, Records

Creator

Washington, DC, Office of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights

Extent

Number of containers: 40 archive cartons + 2 shoeboxes + 2 oversize boxes + 1 poster drawer
Linear feet: 17 linear feet

Date

1984-1991 (bulk 1987)

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

Administrative, financial, programmatic and follow-up records of the national office of the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights, held on October 11, 1987.



Administrative Information

Access

The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.

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Preferred Citation

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Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Washington, D.C., 1987
Civil rights demonstrations -- Washington (D.C.)
Gay liberation movement -- United States

Acquisitions Information

The records of the March were conveyed to the International Gay and Lesbian Archives in Los Angeles by Lee Bush, administrator of the March, in January 1990.

Processing Information

Formerly boxes 103-128, 103-238, 103-244, 103-250, 103-253, 103-258, 103-260, 103-261, 103-263, 103-264, 103-265, 103-269, 103-286, and 103-287. Collection processed by Ken Megill, CA, and Lawrence Tan, December 13, 2007; finding aid prepared by Michael Palmer, February 22, 2008.



Administrative History

The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights was held October 11, 1987. It was one of the largest, if not the largest, demonstration held in Washington, DC, with an estimated 750,000 people attending. The march was organized around the theme: "For Love and for Life, We're Not Going Back!"



Scope and Content and Container List

The records of the national office of the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights (1987) include administrative, financial, programmatic and follow-up records. The March on Washington had a surplus of \$87,028.42, according to an income statement dated December 31, 1987, of which \$67,000 was distributed to 34 organizations around the country. The collection contains the applications from the various organizations which demonstrate the breadth of the gay and lesbian movement at the time. In addition to records of the March itself, the collection contains records of five days of auxiliary activities, which included The Wedding of several hundred couples in front of the Justice Department, the first national display of the Quilt by the Names Project, civil disobedience in front of the Supreme Court building and meetings of many groups, including the first national meeting of gay and lesbian archivists. The collection includes hundreds of responses of individual supporters with names, addresses and records of contributions as well as several hundred endorsements from organizations throughout the country and around the world. Five reels of ¼-inch audio tape of the March are included in the collection.

Series 1: Administrative Records

Date: 1984-1988

Extent: 3.8 linear feet

This series includes the organizing documents of the March on Washington, agendas, minutes and notes of the national steering committee as well as reports from regional and local organizations that were sent to the Washington Office. Also included are resumes of staff members and those who applied to be staff members.

Box Folder

1	1	Actions & Groups Sprung from March. 1987
1	2	Archives. 1987
1	3-4	Bills (2 folders). 1987
1	5-7	Bills - Bills Paid (3 folders). 1987
1	8	Bills – Miscellaneous. 1987-1988
1	9-11	Bills - Orders Filled (3 folders). 1987
1	12	Bills – Telephone. 1987-1988
32	1	Booths and Vending [OS]. 1987
2	1	Budget. 1987
32	2	California Finances [OS]. 1987
32	3	Celebrity Contacts [OS]. 1987
2	2	Contracts & Steering Committee. 1987
2	3	Contributions. 1987
2	4	Coordinating Committee. 1987
45		Corporate Seal. 1986
2	5-8	Correspondence (folders 1-4). 1987
3	1-6	Correspondence (folders 5-10). 1987

- 32 4 Dakota Gifts [OS]. 1987
- 32 5 DC Solicitation Registration [OS]. 1987
- 3 7 Early Organizing for March. 1987
- 3 8 Effects of the March. 1988
- 3 9 Executive Board Minutes. 1987
- 3 10 Friends of the March. 1987
- 4 1-3 Fundraising (3 folders). 1987
- 4 4 Girard Video. 1987
- Poster
- drawer 1 Girard Video – Poster (35 x 17 in.). 1987
- 4 5 Governor Letter – Draft. 1987
- 4 6 Incorporation Documents. 1986
- 4 7 International Solidarity. 1987
- 32 6 Lease [OS]. 1987
- 4 8-9
- 5 1-2 Lee Bush's Folder (4 folders). 1987
- 5 3 Lesbian & Gay Outreach Letter. 1987
- 5 4 Letters of Thanks After The March. 1987
- 32 7-9
- 33 1 Local Steering Committee (4 folders) [OS]. 1987
- 5 5 March On Washington Blues (Post March Anthem). 1987
- 33 2-5 Miscellaneous (unsorted) (folders 1-4) [OS]. 1987
- 5 6-8 Miscellaneous (unsorted) (folders 5-7). 1987
- 5 9 Mobilization for Survival Education Fund. 1984-1987
- 5 10-12 National Mailings (3 folders). 1987
- 6 1 National Planning Conference for MOW (New York City) - Loose Handouts. 1986
- 6 2 Night of Thousand Gowns. 1987
- 33 6
- 34 1-2 Office Materials (3 folders) [OS]. 1987
- 6 3 Organizing Kit. 1987
- 41 Organizing Kit. 1 Kodak data diskette + 1 PC-Write working diskette ; 5.25 in. ; 2S ; 2D ; 48 TPI [OS]. 1987
- 6 4 Paid Invoices. 1987
- 34 3 Response to 1987 March [OS]. 1987
- 6 5 Resumes. 1987
- 6 6 Resumes (Original). 1987
- 6 7
- 7 1 Steering Committee Minutes (2 folders). 1987
- 7 2-3 Steve Ault's Computer Printout (2 folders). 1987
- 34 4 Steve Schulte [OS]. 1987
- 7 4 Students / Youth. 1987
- 7 5 Tracks. 1987
- 7 6 Women's Organizations. 1987



Series 2: Local Grants

Date: 1988

Extent: 1.9 linear feet

According to a news release of August 4, 1988, the March distributed \$67,000 to 34 organizations. This series contains grant applications, numbered 1 to 284 (with some gaps), in roughly alphabetical order, by local organizations.

Box Folder

7	7	Grant Draft Materials. 1988
7	8	Press Release. 1988
7	9	Proposal Requirements. 1988
7	10	Rejection Letters. 1988
7	11	Requests for Grant Proposal. 1988
7	12	Thank You Notes. 1988
7	13	Jim Noel. 1988
		Local Grant Applications. 1988
7	14	Nos. 1-12. 1988
8	1	Nos. 13-22. 1988
8	2	Nos. 23-29. 1988
8	3	Nos. 30-38. 1988
8	4	Nos. 39-50. 1988
8	5	Nos. 51-62. 1988
8	6	Nos. 63-70. 1988
9	1	Nos. 71-77. 1988
9	2	Nos. 78-86. 1988
9	3	Nos. 87-95. 1988
9	4	Nos. 96-102. 1988
9	5	Nos. 103-119. 1988
9	6	Nos. 120-129. 1988
9	7	Nos. 130-140. 1988
10	1	Nos. 141-148. 1988
10	2	Nos. 149-159. 1988
10	3	Nos. 160-169. 1988
10	4	Nos. 170-179. 1988
10	5	Nos. 180-189. 1988
10	6	Nos. 190-204. 1988
10	7	Nos. 205-211. 1988
11	1	Nos. 212-219. 1988
11	2	Nos. 220-230. 1988
11	3	Nos. 231-237. 1988
11	4	Nos. 238-243. 1988
11	5	Nos. 244-253. 1988
11	6	Nos. 254-260. 1988



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11 7 Nos. 261-273. 1988
12 1 Nos. 274-284. 1988

Series 3: Financial Information

Date: 1986-1991

Extent: 1 linear foot

This series includes budgets, financial reports, ledgers, check stubs and bank statements of the March on Washington, Inc, and other organizations affiliated with the March. According to the December 31, 1987, financial statement, income for the March was \$405,891.64 and expenses were \$315,811.38. The remaining funds were used to close out the operation of the March and to provide \$67,000 in grants to 34 organizations (see Series 2).

Box Folder

25	1	Account 263 (People of Color). 1987 Account 620 (Payroll). 1987
37	5	Check register & checks [OS]. 1987
25	2	Deposits. 1987
25	3	Account 745 (Rally). 1987 Account 751. 1986-1991
37	6	Check Register [OS]. March 1988-December 1990
43		Checks & bank statements. January 1987-June 1991
25	4-11	Deposits. December 1986-1989
25	4	December 1986
25	5	January-June 1987
25	6	July 1987
25	7	August 1987
25	8	September 1987
25	9	October 1987
25	10	November-December 1987
25	11	1988-1989
25	12	Miscellaneous. 1987-1989
25	13	Accounting Papers. 1986-July 1987
25	14	Accounts Receivable. 1987 Financial Statements. December 1986-December 1987
26	1	December 1986
26	2	January 1987
26	3	February 1987
26	4	March 1987
26	5	April 1987
26	6	May 1987
26	7	June 1987



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26	8	July 1987
26	9	August 1987
26	10	September 1987
26	11	October 1987
26	12	November 1987
26	13	December 1987
26	14	Internal Revenue Service. 1986-1988
37	7	Journal [OS]. December 1986-October 1987

Series 4: March Program

Date: 1987-1988

Extent: 1.3 linear feet

This series includes copies of the printed program distributed at the March as well as information on the permits, logistics, housing, speakers, endorsements and other activities that took place on the day of the March, October 11, 1987. Also included are a tribute to the March on Washington DC, entitled "...And Justice for All..." published by the William W. Wolfe Foundation of Baltimore, Maryland, and a 1988 Calendar with pictures of the March published by Frontline of Oakland, California. Pinned to the calendar is the name badge of Lee Bush, the chief staff member and organizer of the March.

Box Folder

12	2	1988 Calender. 1988
12	3	Afternoon Rally. 1987
12	4-5	Approval Document & Permits (2 folders). 1987
34	5	Breakfast with Nancy [OS]. 1987
12	6	Bus & Train. 1987
12	7	Commemorative Program. 1987
34	6	Disabled [OS]. 1987
12	8	Endorsement Letters. 1987
		Endorsements (9 folders). 1987
12	9	Folder 1. 1987
34	7	Folder 2 [OS]. 1987
13	1	Folder 3. 1987
34	8	Folder 4 [OS]. 1987
35	1	Folder 5 [OS]. 1987
13	2-5	Folders 6-9. 1987
13	6	Exhibitors. 1987
		Housing (3 folders). 1987
13	7-8	Folders 1-2. 1987
35	2	Folder 3 [OS]. 1987
13	9	Jesse Jackson. 1987
35	3-6	Logistics (4 folders) [OS]. 1987

Poster

drawer 2		Logistics. 16 x 24.5 in. 1987
13	10	Medical. 1987
13	11	Morning Rally. 1987
13	12	Peacekeepers. 1987
13	13	Program. 1987
13	14	Program Literature. 1987
13	15	Speakers. 1987
13	16	Supporters. 1987
13	17	Tribute to the March - And Justice for All. 1988
35	7-8	Volunteers for March (2 folders) [OS]. 1987

Series 5: The Wedding

Date: 1987-1988

Extent: 1.7 linear feet

On October 10, 1987, the day before the March, several hundred couples gathered in front of the Justice Department for The Wedding. Copies of individual Certificates of each couple are included in this series as other information related to the event planned and organized by Couples, Inc.

Box Folder

		Couples, Inc. (12 folders). 1987-1988
21	1-2	Couples Inc. (2 folders). 1987
		Walter Wheeler (10 folders). 1987-1988
21	3-7	Folders 1-5. 1987-1988
22	1-5	Folders 6-10. 1987-1988
22	6	Wedding. 1987
		Certificates of Participation (12 folders). October 10, 1987
23	1-6	Folders 1-6. October 10, 1987
24	1-6	Folders 7-12. October 10, 1987

Series 6: Auxiliary Events

Date: 1987

Extent: 1.2 linear feet

In addition to the Wedding (see Series 5) a large number of other events, including concerts, meetings, parties, dinners, breakfasts and gatherings of all kinds were held. The series includes flyers and other information of many of these events. The most visible of these events was the display of the Quilt by the Names Project on the National Mall, stretching from the Washington Monument to the Capitol.



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Box	Folder	
36	1	Aids Action Council [OS]. 1987
14	1	AIDS Activist Conference. 1987
14	2	American Run for the End of Aids. 1987
14	3	Bands. 1987
14	4	Black & White Men Together. 1987
14	5	Caravan. 1987
		Civil Disobedience (7 folders). 1987
14	6-9	Folders 1-4. 1987
36	2-4	Folders 5-7 [OS]. 1987
14	10	Congressional Cemetery. 1987
14	11	Exhibit Space. 1987
14	12	Gay & Lesbian Bill of Rights. 1987
14	13	Justice & Peace in Central America & Southern Africa. 1987
14	14	Labor Event. 1987
14	15	Lawyer's Luncheon. 1987
14	16	Lesbian & Gay Rights Congress. 1987
14	17	Lesbian & Gay Rights Congress - Los Angeles Committee. 1987
15	1	Lobby Day. 1987
15	2	March Against Death & Violence. 1987
36	5	Names Project (Quilt) [OS]. 1987
15	3	Other Events. 1987
		Petitions (5 folders). 1987
15	4-5	Folders 1-2. 1987
36	6-8	Folders 3-5 [OS]. 1987
15	6	Press Packet. 1987
15	7	Related Events. 1987
15	8	S/M Leather Conference. 1987
36	9	Softball Aid [OS]. 1987
15	9	Survival Guide. 1987
15	10	Time to Shine. 1987
16	1	Trek to Washington. 1987
16	2	Veterans Service. 1987
16	3	Women's Party & Dance. 1987

Series 7: Literature

Date: 1987

Extent: 0.3 linear foot

This series includes assorted copies of flyers and literature associated with the March. There is no apparent organization associated with this material.



Box Folder

38 3 Flyers [OS]. 1987
38 4-6 Notices and Flyers (3 folders) [OS]. 1987
38 7 Local Newsletters [OS]. 1987

Series 8: Contacts

Date: 1986-1987

Extent: 1.3 linear feet

This series consists of hundreds of replies sent to the Washington office by individuals throughout the country endorsing the March and sending in contributions. The replies were originally bundled together, apparently as they were processed by the office.

Box Folder

29-30 Address Envelopes. 1987
30 Civil Disobedience Pledge of Commitment Forms. 1987
30 Information / Donation / Order Forms. 1987
28 5 Information Requests & Donations. December 1986-April 1987
37 8 Information Requests & Donations [OS]. 1987
38 1 Mailing Lists [OS]. 1987
28 6 Miscellaneous. 1987
28 7-8 Orders Filled (2 folders). 1987
28 9 Orders for Buttons & T-Shirts to be Filled. 1987
28 10 Orders – Midwest. 1987
28 11 Orders Out. 1987
40 Pledge Envelopes [OS]. 1987
28 12 Post-March. 1987
38 2 Support / Information Request Forms [OS]. 1987
28 13 Support / Information Request Forms – Newspapers. 1987

Series 9: Local Committees

Date: 1987-1989

Extent: 2.5 linear feet

The bulk of this series consists of responses, organized by state, to a questionnaire sent out before the March which gives the number of attendees expected, transportation, housing and other logistical information.

Box Folder

16 4 Alabama. 1987

- 16 5 Alaska. 1987
- 16 6 Arizona. 1987
- 16 7 Arkansas. 1987
- California. 1987
- 36 10 Long Beach [OS]. 1987
- 16 8-10 Los Angeles (3 folders). 1987
- 16 11 Los Angeles – *Colage*. 1987
- 44 1 Los Angeles - *Colage* (OS). 1987
- 16 12 Northern. 1987
- 16 13 Orange County. 1987
- 16 14 Riverside. 1987
- 16 15 Sacramento. 1987
- 16 16 San Diego. 1987
- 16 17 San Francisco / East Bay. 1987
- 16 18 Santa Clara. 1987
- 17 1-2 Southern California Regional Support Network (2 folders). 1987
- 17 3 Ventura. 1987
- 17 4 Colorado. 1987
- 17 5 Connecticut. 1987
- 17 6 Delaware. 1987
- 17 7 Florida. 1987
- Georgia. 1987
- 17 8 Georgia. 1987
- 17 9 Atlanta. 1987
- 17 10 Hawaii. 1987
- 37 1 Illinois [OS]. 1987
- 17 11 Indiana. 1987
- 17 12 Iowa. 1987
- 17 13 Kansas. 1987
- 17 14 Kentucky. 1987
- Louisiana
- 17 15 Louisiana. 1987
- 37 2 New Orleans [OS]. 1987
- 17 16 Maine. 1987
- 18 1 Maryland. 1987
- 18 2 Massachusetts. 1987
- 18 3 Massachusetts – Boston. 1987
- 18 4 Michigan. 1987
- Midwest Region
- 18 5-6 Midwest Region (2 folders). 1987
- 18 7-9 Media Reports (3 folders). 1987
- 18 10 Minnesota – Minneapolis. 1987
- 18 11 Mississippi. 1987
- 18 12 Missouri. 1987
- 18 13 Montana. 1987

18	14	Nebraska. 1987
18	15	Nevada. 1987
18	16	New Hampshire. 1987
18	17	New Jersey. 1987
18	18	New Mexico. 1987
19	1	New York City. 1987
19	2-3	New York State (2 folders). 1987
19	4	North Carolina. 1987
19	5	North Central. 1987
		Ohio. 1987-1989
19	6	Ohio. 1987
19	7-8	Cincinnati (2 folders). 1987
42		Cincinnati (Album). 1987
19	9	Cincinnati - Gay/Lesbian March Activists (GLMA). 1987-1989
19	10	Oklahoma. 1987
19	11	Oregon. 1987
19	12	Pennsylvania. 1987
19	13	Rhode Island. 1987
20	1	South Carolina. 1987
20	2	South Central. 1987
20	3	South Dakota. 1987
20	4	Tennessee. 1987
20	5	Texas. 1987
20	6	Utah. 1987
20	7	Vermont. 1987
20	8	Virginia. 1987
37	3-4	Washington, DC (2 folders) [OS]. 1987
20	9	Washington State. 1987
20	10	West Virginia. 1987
20	11	Wisconsin. 1987

Series 10: Media Coverage

Date: 1986-1987

Extent: 1.5 linear feet

This series contains news releases, newspaper clippings, copies of publications and other material relating to media coverage of the March.

Box Folder

27	1-2	Articles on March (2 folders). 1987
44	1	<i>Colage</i> (official publication of the Los Angeles Committee 1987 March on Washington). Nos. 1-7. March 11-September 1987
44	2	<i>Gay News-Telegraph</i> . M.O.W. Report. 1987

- Media (7 folders). 1987
- 38 8-9 Folders 1-2 [OS]. 1987
- 39 1-2 Folders 3-4 [OS]. 1987
- 31 1-3 Folders 5-7. 1987
- Newspaper Clippings (5 folders). 1987
- 27 3-4 Newspaper Clippings (2 folders). 1987
- 27 5-7 Burrelle's Clipping Service (3 folders). 1987
- Pre-March Publicity (3 folders). 1986-1987
- 27 8-9 Folders 1-2. 1986-1987
- 28 1 Folder 3. 1986-1987
- 31 4-5 Press Kits (2 folders). 1987
- 31 6 Press Registration. 1987
- 28 2 Response to Press Coverage. 1987
- 28 3 Television News Broadcasts. 1987
- 28 4 Videos. 1987
- 44 3 *Washington Blade*. Special Edition for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. October 11, 1987
- 41 *1987 Gay & Lesbian March on Washington, DC*. Reel-to-reel audio tape produced by Lucia Chapelle & Greg Gordon. 55 minutes, tails out. Reels 1-5 [OS]. October 11, 1987
- 41 Interview with Lee Bush. Audio tape cassette [OS]. May 1989

Series 11: Ephemera

Date: 1987

Extent: 0.5 linear foot

This series contains a door sign, name tags, posters, ribbons and rubber stamps relating to the March.

Box Folder

- 45 Door Sign. 1987
- 45 Name Tags (5). 1987
- Poster
- drawer 3 Poster: March on Washington. 17 x 11 in. October 11, 1987
- Poster
- drawer 4 Poster: Out & Outraged: Non-Violent Civil Disobedience at the U.S. Supreme Court For Love, Life Liberation. 17 x 11 in. October 13, 1987
- 31 7 Ribbons (3). 1987
- 45 Rubber Stamps (5). 1987