



FRED BOYDELL PAPERS

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Fred Boydell Papers

Creator

Boydell, Fred, 1906-1987

Extent

Number of containers: 1 archive carton
Linear feet: 0.25 linear foot

Date

1984-1986

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

Recollections and other autobiographical materials by Fred Boydell (1906-1987), recounting his experiences growing up gay in Scotland, his emigration to California in 1969, and his life as an older gay man in Hollywood.



Administrative Information

Access

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Preferred Citation

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Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

Autobiography
Boydell, Fred, 1906-1987
Gays—California—Los Angeles
Gays—Scotland

Acquisitions Information

Date and method of acquisition unknown.

Processing Information

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Biography

Fred Boydell was born in Scotland on September 9, 1906, the son of a dairy farmer. His father died when Boydell was thirteen, and he was apprenticed to a manufacturer. He eventually settled near Glasgow. Although he realized he was gay before his teens, he married in his 30s; his wife, who was aware of his sexual orientation, died after approximately ten years, leaving a young daughter. In 1969, facing mandatory retirement, Boydell accepted the invitation of a friend, an antiques dealer in Los Angeles, to move to California and help him run the business. In Los Angeles, he became involved with the Society of Pat Rocco Enlightened Enthusiasts (SPREE). He later volunteered his services with ONE, Inc. He died in Los Angeles in February 1987.

Source: Fred Boydell Papers, Coll2008-047, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives.

Scope and Content and Container List

The collection consists of computer printouts of materials written by Boydell between 1984 and 1986. The bulk of these materials consists of Boydell's reminiscences, covering his life in Scotland from 1906 to 1969, his sexual awakening and experiences, his marriage and daughter, and his first years in Los Angeles. "Sex and I", extracted from his autobiography, recounts his sexual experiences to the age of six; "Sex and Sammy" is a fictionalized version of this account. "Joly's bar" contains Boydell's recollections of one of the oldest gay bars in Los Angeles. The correspondence file contains printouts of two letters from 1984, to friends or family members, relating to music synthesizers. The ONE, Inc., folder contains Boydell's proposal to catalog the organization's audio-visual materials.

Box Folder

1	1-4	Historical reminiscences.
1	1	Autobiography. Circa 1984-1986
1	2	Autobiographical notes. Circa 1984-1986
1	3	Sex and I. 1985
1	4	Joly's bar. Circa 1984-1986
1	5	Correspondence. 1984
1	6	ONE, Inc. 1986
1	7	Sex and Sammy. Circa 1984-1986