

Finding Aid to Marcia M. Gallo Papers

(#2022-91)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Marcia M. Gallo papers

Collection Number: 2022-91

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet (1 manuscript box)

Creator: Gallo, Marcia M.

Date (inclusive): 1959-2009

Language of Material: English

Abstract:

This collection contains interview recordings; reproduction correspondence, articles, and organizational records; and project administrative materials generated and gathered by historian Marcia Gallo in the course of researching *Different Daughters: A History of the Daughters of Bilitis and the Rise of the Lesbian Rights Movement* (2006).

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Marcia Gallo in 2022.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Devin McGeehan Muchmore in 2023.

The received collection consisted of clearly-labeled research files; a plastic Ziploc bag containing microcassettes, cassette tapes, and a 3 ¼-inch floppy disk; and a small quantity of loose papers. The processing archivist replaced Gallo's original folders while retaining all file names. Loose papers were placed in folders.

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 Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves.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.

Item Removed from Collection:

Motive vol. 32 no. 1 (1972)—Issue added to GLBTHS's Periodical Collection.

Biographical Note:

Marcia M. Gallo is a historian, civil liberties advocate, and Professor Emerita of History at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Gallo served as field director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California between 1981 and 1996. She then attended the Graduate Center at the City University of New York (CUNY), earning a PhD in History in 2004. Before starting at UNLV, Gallo was Assistant Professor of History at Lehman College in the Bronx.

In addition to numerous articles and book chapters, Gallo is the author of *Different Daughters: A History of the Daughters of Bilitis and the Rise of the Lesbian Rights Movement* (2006) and “*No One Helped*”: *Kitty Genovese, New York City, and the Myth of Urban Apathy* (2015). *Different Daughters* was based upon Gallo's dissertation at CUNY.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains materials created and gathered by Marcia Gallo in the course of researching *Different Daughters: A History of the Daughters of Bilitis and the Rise of Lesbian Rights Movement* (2006). Research files include photocopied correspondence, articles, and organizational records related to the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB); letters by Daughters of Bilitis founders Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon introducing Gallo to potential interviewees; Gallo's oral history consent form; as well as an oral history transcript and correspondence related to Gallo's research. Personal files include a card from Kay Lahusen, as well as materials related to the 1996

celebration of Del Martin's 75th birthday in New York City. Interviews with leaders of the Daughters of Bilitis are primarily recorded on microcassettes.

Indexing Terms:

LGBTQ

Lesbians

Homophile movement

Daughters of Bilitis

San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.)

Oral histories

Container Listing

Series I: Research files, 1959-2009

Physical Description: 16 folders

Scope and Content: Reproductions of 1960s and 1970s correspondence, articles, and organizational records related to the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB). Also includes Gallo's oral history consent form; some notes and correspondence stemming from her research; 1959 issue of *The Ladder*; and original *Ladder* stationery.

Arrangement: Folders are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Box 1, folder 1	73 West Coast conf/B. [Beth] Elliott, circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 2	Consent form, 2002
Box 1, folder 3	"The Daughters of Bilitis: A Brief History", circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 4	DOB+ECHO [East Coast Homophile Organizations], circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 5	DOB Finances, circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 6	DOB/TL [<i>The Ladder</i>] transparencies, circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 7	Freund (Eva) email about Sandi Stancil and Barbara Grier, 2009
Box 1, folder 8	Gittings (Barbara)
Box 1, folder 9	<i>The Ladder</i> stationery, circa 1960s
Box 1, folder 10	Letters of introduction, 2002
Box 1, folder 11	Los Angeles, circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 12	New York, circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 13	Notes regarding <i>The Ladder</i> , 1959, circa 2000s
Box 1, folder 14	Rush (Stella) card and interview transcript, 2009
Box 1, folder 15	Shearer (Del) letter, 2005

Box 1, folder 16 SF [San Francisco]-C.R.H. [Council on Religion and the Homosexual], circa 2000s
Box 1 Floppy disk

Series II: Personal files, 1995-circa 2000s

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Content: Includes a card from Kay Lahusen, as well as materials related to the 1996 celebration of Del Martin's 75th birthday in New York City.

Arrangement: Folders are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Box 1, folder 17 Del+Phyllis, 1995-1996
Box 1, folder 18 Kay Lahusen note to Marcia Gallo, circa 2000s

Series III: Interviews, 1997-2003

Physical Description: 25 microcassettes and 2 standard audio cassettes

Scope and Content: Oral history interviews conducted by Gallo with members of the Daughters of Bilitis. Includes several unlabeled and/or unused microcassettes.

Arrangement: Cassettes are arranged alphabetically by the last name of the first listed interview subject. Additional tapes listed after.

Box 1 Beeby (Williams), Lois, 2002 May 27
Box 1 Bello, Ada, 2003 September 17
Box 1 Brock, Clara, circa 2002-2003
Box 1 Cordova, Jeanne, 2002 September 8
Box 1 Elliott, Beth, 2002 March 12
Box 1 Elliott, Beth, 2002 March 13
Box 1 Fields, Sandra, 2002 May 28
Box 1 Griffin, P.D. "Griff", 2002 May 31
Box 1 Hickok, Beverly, 2002 May 13
Box 1 Hickok, Beverly (Side A) and Handley, Susan (Side B), circa 2002-2003
Box 1 Johnson, Lois and Barden, Shari, 2002 June 10
Box 1 Kaiser, Nina, 2002 September 9
Box 1 Lyon, Patricia (Pat), 2002 May 17d
Box 1 Martin, Del and Lyon, Phyllis, 1997 December 1
2 tapes
Box 1 Rose, Aubrey (Side A) and Johnson, Lois and Barden, Shari (Side B), 2002 May 31 and 2002 June 10
Box 1 Rush, Stella, 2002 May

Box 1	2 tapes
Box 1	Ryer (Wells), Karen, 2002 May 30
Box 1	Talmadge, Billye, 2002 March 30
Box 1	“Mama bears”, 2002 May 15
Box 1	Tape with indecipherable label
Box 1	5 unlabeled and/or unopened microcassettes