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Earl Welther Collection

Accession Number: xxxx-39

Fonds/Provenance: **[Earl Welther]***

Series Number: -

Title: **Earl Welther Collection****

Date Range: 1977-2009, bulk 1987-2006

Extent: .25 lf (1 box)

Location: K1E

Collection History:

The collection includes some information related to Midwest Men's Center of Chicago, but also includes a large amount of documents from the Windy City Naturists Society. Both Midwest Men's and Windy City Naturists were founded by Earl Welther (1942-2009) in the late 1980s. Welther was an active participant and gay-rights advocate in the greater Chicagoland gay community, in addition to being a member of several gay clubs including those he founded. There was an attempt in the early 2000s to induct him into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, though the campaign was ultimately unsuccessful.

Custodial History:

No folder or forms available regarding collection acquisition.

Scope and Content:

The Earl Welther Collection consists of certificates, correspondence, financial documents, newsletters, photographs, and miscellaneous documents.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged by document type and alphabetically with the box. Items within folders are arranged chronologically.

Series:

1 Certificates | Date Range: 1957 - 1985

2 Correspondence | Date Range: 1991 - 2009

3 Financial Documents | Date Range: 1993 - 2004

4 Newsletters | Date Range: 1992 - 2008

5 Photographs [Photocopies] | Date Range: 1985 - 1987

6 Miscellaneous | Date Range: 1977 – 2009, bulk undated

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

- 0. Finding Aid**
- 1. Certificates**
- 2. Correspondence**
- 3. Financial Documents**
- 4. Newsletters**
- 5. Photographs [Photocopies]**
- 6. Miscellaneous**

Separations:

Two (2) binders; One (1) folder

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H "Confidentiality Agreement" for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

Homosexuality—Social aspects

Homosexuality—United States--Illinois--Chicago

Homosexuality—Societies, etc

Male homosexuality

Nudism

Preferred Citation:

[Identification of item], Earl Welther Collection, Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, Chicago, Illinois

Language:
English

Repository:
Gerber/Hart Library and Archives

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Note(s):
*Provenance of collection is inferred from collection contents.
**Original name of collection was "Midwest Men's Center of Chicago, Inc.", but was changed after processing.