

# Gerber/Hart Library and Archives

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## **Gregory A. Sprague Collection, 1910 – 1989; (bulk) 1975 – 1989**

Accession Number: xxxx-18

Fonds/Provenance: Gregory A. Sprague

Series Number: -

Title: Gregory A. Sprague Collection

Date Range: 1910 – 1989; (bulk) 1975 - 1989

Extent: 2 linear feet (4 boxes)

Location: K2C – K2D (Row K, Bay 2, Row C – Row D)

### Collection History:

The collection includes personal papers, research sources, and documents related to the career of Gregory A. Sprague (1951-1987). Sprague is nationally known for research in Chicago lesbian and gay history. He co-founded the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History of the American Historical Association and was active in the Gay Academic Union. In 1978 he founded and remained the coordinator of the Chicago Gay History Project, a precursor of the Gerber/Hart Library. Sprague was posthumously inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, and more biographical information can be found on him [there](#).

### Custodial History:

[*No accession information available.*]

### Scope and Content:

This collection is mostly made up of secondary research materials, but also includes photocopies of a thematic range of documents, unpublished research, newspapers, clippings, correspondence, and photographs.

### Arrangement:

Series titled “Photocopies of G. Sprague Collection=” is in original order. Series 2 – 6 are arranged topically into folders, and by date where applicable. Series 2 is arranged alphabetically by author, not by date.

### Series:

1 Photocopies of G. Sprague Collection [Currently housed at the Chicago History Museum] | Date Range: 1978 – 1982; (bulk) n.d.

2 Secondary Research Sources | Date Range: n.d. [photocopies]

3 “Papers of Frederick William” Research Documents | 1910 – 1935; (bulk) n.d. [photocopies]

4 Articles, Documents, and Academic Studies authored by Gregory Sprague | Date Range: 1975 – 1985

5 Chicago Gay and Lesbian History Project | Date Range: 1979 – 1984; n.d.

6 Gay Academic Union | Date Range: 1981 – 1983

7 Newspapers and Clippings | Date Range: 1981 – 1984

8 Miscellaneous | Date Range: 1980 – 1982; (bulk) n.d.

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

**0. Finding Aid**

**1. Photocopies of G. Sprague Collection [Currently housed at the Chicago History Museum]**

- 1. Gay Studies Syllabi**
- 2. Gerber-Hart Library : 1978 Letters to Grant Agencies Re. Foundation of a Gay + Lesbian Archives**
- 3. Greater Chicago Gay + Lesbian Democrats**
- 4. Harvey Milk Archives**
- 5. Homosexuality – Surveys + Reports**
- 6. Homosexuality in Academe**
- 7. Gay Horizons 1979-1982**
- 8. Gay Paganism**

BOX 2

**2. Secondary Research Sources**

- 1. A – C**
- 2. D – G**
- 3. I – L**
- 4. M – Q**

BOX 3

**5. [Secondary Research Sources continued] R – T**

6. V – W
7. No Author

### 3. “Papers of Frederick William” Research Documents

BOX 4

4. Articles, Documents, and Academic Studies authored by Gregory Sprague
5. Chicago Gay and Lesbian History Project
6. Gay Academic Union
7. Newspapers and Clippings
8. Miscellaneous

Separations:  
None.

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

Related Fonds/Series:  
None.

Subject Headings:  
Gay liberation movement -- United States – History  
Gay men's writings, American -- History and criticism  
Homosexuality – History  
Homosexuality -- Societies, etc.  
Homosexuality and education -- United States

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