

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PRIMARY COLLECTIONS

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Author/Creator: Black and White Men Together

Title: Black and White men Together-Milwaukee Records, 1981-1991

Summary: The collection documents the functions and activities of the Milwaukee chapter of Black and White Men Together (BWMT), which held its first membership meeting in November 1980. BWMT--Milwaukee provided a safe environment for gay male, interracial couples and individuals interested in interracial dating. It also raised awareness about and combated racism within Milwaukee's gay community and homophobia within its black community. The collection includes brochures and fliers, newsletters, correspondence between the Milwaukee chapter and the national association, agendas and minutes from membership and steering committee meetings, and information about the 1987 national convention held in Milwaukee. The collection also contains some general information about the national association (NABWMT).

Call Number: Milwaukee Mss 208

Author/Creator: Brady East STD Clinic

Title: Brady East STD Clinic Records, 1972-2004

Summary: Collection documents the development of the Brady East STD Clinic from its origin in 1974 as a program of the Gay Peoples Union, a prominent gay rights group in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to being a statewide leader in the battle against HIV/AIDS by the 1990s. The collection includes administrative records such as minutes, annual reports, correspondence, and newsletters, and well as general informational sources such as posters and brochures on human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Call Number: UWM Mss 238

Author/Creator: Daniels family

Title: Papers, 1865-1984, 1994.

Summary: Papers collected and generated primarily by Olive Bell Daniels (1891-), genealogist and wife of Farrington Daniels, a prominent University of Wisconsin chemistry professor. Included are correspondence; writings and notes on family history, the role of women, and other topics; printed material relating to peace and foreign and domestic missions of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches; diaries; reminiscences; biographical material on Olive and Farrington. Correspondence, comprising the largest and most significant portion of the collection, primarily document the routine family life of the Farrington Daniels family. Includes courtship letters of Olive and Farrington, as well as announcements of their engagement and marriage.

Call Number: Mss 364

Title: Divorce Records. Shawano County

Summary: Court documents relating to individual divorce files. Documents usually include the complaint, response, and findings of fact. Divorce records document marital relationships and the causes for the dissolution of the marriage.

Call Number: Shawano Series 54; Shawano Series 55

Use reading room index to determine cases.

Author/Creator: Goska Family

Title: Papers, 1958-1960

Summary: Courtship letters of two college students, 1958-1960. Barbara Trinkner and Ron Goska wrote almost daily to each other while attending separate universities in Wisconsin. The extensive letters describe their daily life, dorm life, and activities as well as their feelings for each other.

Call Number: Unprocessed UWGB collection

Author/Creator: Grassman, Fred

Title: Papers, 1879 and 1924

Summary: Courtship letters, 1879, between Fred Grassman in Minnesota and Frederika Klabunde in Monroe County, Wisconsin. The Grassmans married in 1882 and farmed in Granton, Clark County, Wisconsin. Also included are two photos and a 1924 obituary for Mrs. Grassman.

Call Number: M86-594

Author/Creator: Howard, James C.

Title: Papers, 1813-1886, 1925.

Summary: Correspondence of numerous members of the Howard family from several sections of the United States. James C. Howard came from Rossie, New York, in 1836, to settle on a large farm in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The letters touch on the various activities of the correspondents, their health, financial concerns, religious beliefs, and cultural interests, some local politics, financial panics, the California gold rush, educational facilities, scientific farming, fruitgrowing, wood conservation, spiritualism, and the final settlement of the estate. Included are courtship letters, 1853-1855 and materials in an 1872 divorce.

Call Number: Wis Miss FV

Author/Creator: Konopacki, Clarence

Title: Letters, 1943-1944

Summary: Transcribed letters written by Clarence Konopacki of Manitowoc, Wis. to Marianne F. Kruzicki (who became his wife in April 1944) of Rosholt, Wis. during his World War II military service. Letters begin while Konopacki was undergoing advanced training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Tex. and follow his military career through fighting in Germany with the 95th Infantry Division, where a battlefield commission promoted him to Captain. Although the letters are primarily love letters, they do give a broad picture of the life of an Army infantryman, as well as a glimpse of life on the home front. Interspersed throughout are photographs (photocopies) and illustrations drawn by Konopacki. The transcriptions were prepared by the Konopackis' daughter, Laurie Kattreh, and are bound into a volume titled "An American Cross Section of War, Vol. 1."

Call Number: M94-320

Author/Creator: Liethen, Alois J.

Title: Papers, 1930-1946

Summary: Letters written by Alois J. Liethen of Appleton, Wis. to his wife, Gretchen Hofmann, during the period of their courtship (from 1936 until their marriage in 1939) and later, during his service in the U.S. Army during World War II. Liethen, who attained the rank of captain in the XX Corps, G-2 Section, worked as a translator and interrogator of captured German soldiers. The courtship letters describe good times with friends and activities such as bridge, golf, movies, and popular radio programs. The detailed wartime letters describe his service from recruitment and training to duties and free-time activities in England, and later, in France and Germany. Letters also reflect homefront conditions and the collection includes other letters to Gretchen from family and friends dating 1930-1946 (but mainly 1941-1945). Interspersed in the collection are occasional round-robin letters addressed to "family."

Call Number: M95-188

Author/Creator: Lutz, Bobby

Title: Bobby Positive booklets and papers, 1996-1998

Summary: Collection consists of booklets on living with HIV/AIDS authored by Bobby ("Positive") Lutz from 1996 to 1997. It also includes materials that provide context about the author and the works themselves. (Some materials are in Spanish.)

Call Number: UWM Mss 239

Author/Creator: Madison Senior Center

Title: Reminiscences, 1988-1993

Summary: Copies of reminiscences written by members of creative writing classes at the Madison Senior Center. Most of the writers are women, and the recollections include topics such as family life, the home environment, relatives and friends, holiday celebrations, school experiences, religion, travel, courtship and marriage, entertainment, clothing, sickness, and funeral practices.

Call Number: M90-350

Author/Creator: Montezuma, Carlos

Title: Papers, 1892-1937

Summary: Papers of a prominent American Indian leader and physician who gained recognition for participation in the Pan-Indian movement and as an advocate of Indian assimilation. Papers include correspondence, financial records, newspaper clippings, writings and notes, and American Indian periodicals. In his personal correspondence from 1901-1902 are many letters from Zit-kala-sa, revealing a turbulent courtship and tenuous engagement, and unpleasant break-up.

Call Number: Mss 263

Author/Creator: Myrechuck, Joseph Charles

Title: Papers, 1942-1945

Summary: Letters written by Joseph Myrechuck of Milwaukee, Wis. to his future wife, Loretta Marie Pitsch, in Fond du Lac, while he served with the 226th Signal Operations Company during World War II. The letters follow him from his training as a radio operator in California through duty in North Africa, Italy, and France, during which he attained the rank of sergeant. They reflect the general activities of a soldier assigned to desk duties and often focus on his travels. Perhaps the most significant aspect of this collection is the fact that Joseph and Loretta were clearly courting by mail, and the evolution of their relationship can be traced through the letters.

Call Number: M93-158

Author/Creator: Pierce, Theodore, 1907-1999

Title: Papers, 1867-1998

Summary: Papers, mainly 1925-1998, of Pierce, an African-American resident of Madison, Wisconsin who served as messenger to several governors. The papers primarily document his family and relationships within the homosexual community. Included are biographical clippings and incoming personal correspondence spanning a 73-year period.

Some of the incoming letters are from individuals who were correspondents for fifty years. Many of the letters are from individuals who also were homosexuals and intimate relationships and sexuality are frequently discussed. Notable correspondents for researchers interested in sexuality include Harold W. Lindemann (who signed his letters "Linde"), Robert Andersen, Ronnie J. Olson, and Donald Pryse Jones. Some letters refer to Pierce's longing for the "Golden Age" of Madison homosexuality.

An interesting subset is 43 incoming letters from David Zellmer that span the years from 1940 to 1947. During the time Zellmer corresponded with Pierce, he took classes with Martha Graham in New York City, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and lived in New York City as a CBS News writer. His letters detail interactions between members of Martha Graham's Dance Company during the early 1940s and express his view that homosexuality had negatively influenced the dance world.

Call Number: Mss 934

Author/Creator: Plautz, Dorothy

Title: Papers, 1960-2007

Summary: The collection contains the personal papers of Dorothy Plautz of Greenfield, Wisconsin, a genealogist and writer. The majority of the collection consists of photographs and materials from scrapbooks compiled by Dorothy Plautz. She began assembling the scrapbooks around the time she met and married her second husband, Alan Brunka. The scrapbooks capture daily and special family events, such as hospital stays and vacations. Plautz continued gathering items that tell the story of her life and her family's throughout her divorce from Brunka, marriage to Paul Ogrizovich, his death, and subsequent marriage to John Plautz.

Plautz wrote about her first marriage, which was troubled early on in, an account entitled, "Four Generations of Women."

Call Number: UWM Mss 170

Author/Creator: Thiel, Mark G.

Title: Mark Thiel and Patricia Poskie-Thiel papers, 1898-1982

Summary: Papers and photographs regarding the 1978 West Allis, Wisconsin, wedding ceremony and preparations based on Polish traditions, of Mark Thiel and Patricia Poskie, together with family and genealogical papers. In addition to photographs and a description of the actual wedding ceremony are papers, programs, flyers, and other material collected while the couple researched traditional Polish costumes, music, and other aspects of the wedding celebration. Genealogical materials concern the Piotrowski, Poskie, and Wleczyk families in Wisconsin.

Call Number: Milwaukee Mss 73

Author/Creator: Tucker, Philip C.

Title: Letters, 1823

Summary: Letters to Philip C. Tucker, Vergennes, Vermont, from family and friends in Boston, Mass., revealing attitudes toward courtship, religion, and illness; accompanied by later documents concerning lands owned by the Tucker family in Alabama and Texas.

Call Number: SC 763

Author/Creator: Vahey, Ray

Title: Ray Vahey papers, ca. 1930-2008

Summary: The Ray Vahey papers document Vahey's life with his partner, Richard Taylor, and their political activism on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender civil rights in Wisconsin.

Call Number: UWM Mss 271

Author/Creator: Zerk, Oscar

Title: Oscar and Dorothy Rynders Zerk papers, ca. 1900-1995

Summary: Papers of inventor Oscar Zerk and of his fourth wife, Dorothy Rynders. The collection includes biographical information; personal memorabilia; extensive correspondence with Mr. Zerk's family in Europe and America; information about his first three wives, including marriage proposals; extensive courtship correspondence between Oscar and Dorothy; personal papers of Dorothy Rynders Zerk, a former Milwaukee beauty queen and secretary to federal judge F. Ryan Duffy, including clippings, personal correspondence, wedding memorabilia, a folder concerning her 1928 Wauwatosa High School class, information about various trips she made between 1938 and 1953, and hate mail which she received when her engagement to Oscar was announced, warning her of his alleged sexual proclivities.

Call Number: Parkside Mss 92
