
Skip Ward papers

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Scope and Contents

The papers of Blanchard "Skip" Ward, a resident of Alexandria, Louisiana who was one of the pioneering members of LGBTQ activism in Louisiana. He focused the majority of his efforts on the rural and religious members of the queer community. His efforts are linked to nearly every queer activist group in Louisiana and many others nationwide.

Dates

- 1971-2006
- Other: Date acquired: 03/09/2012

Creator

- Louisiana Lesbian and Gay Political Action Caucus. (Organization)

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Blanchard "Skip" Ward, born September 17th, 1920, was raised in Alexandria, Louisiana. After serving in the United States Marine Corps and traveling throughout the United States and abroad, he returned to central Louisiana in his adulthood, where he remained for the rest of his life. He became increasingly involved in LGBTQIA activism in the early 1970s, when he first came out as homosexual in a Unitarian church in Baton Rouge and went on to co-found the Unitarian/Universalist Church's Gay Caucus. He also created Louisiana's first publication tailored to its gay population, called *Le Beau Monde*. Skip Ward held some form of membership with nearly every Louisiana LGBTQIA organization from the 1970s onward and was particularly active in the Louisiana Lesbian and Gay Political Action Caucus, a political activist organization, and the

Radical (or Raedical) Faeries, a national organization for rural-based gender and sexual non-conforming spiritualists. See less

Extent

8.00 Boxes

4 Linear Feet

Collapse All

Additional Description

Arrangement Note

The collection consists of eight boxes and is four linear feet.

Source of Acquisition

LGBT Community Center of New Orleans

Method of Acquisition

Gift

Processing Information

Processed by Lauren Kwiatkowski in 2012. Accruals processed by Althea Topek in 2017.

Subjects

- Correspondence **Subject Source:** Library of Congress Subject Headings
- Gay and lesbian rights movement **Subject Source:** Library Of Congress Subject Headings
- Lafayette (La) **Subject Source:** Library of Congress Subject Headings

Classifications

- LaRC. Louisiana Research Collection
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Related Names

Creator

- Louisiana Lesbian and Gay Political Action Caucus. (Organization)
- Ward, Skip (Person)

Finding Aid & Administrative Information

Title

Skip Ward papers finding aid

Status

Completed

Author

Originally written by Lauren Kwiatkowski.

Date

2017-7-11

Description rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Language of description

English

Repository Details

Repository Details

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Collection organization

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- Personal papers, 1971-2006
- Louisiana Lesbian and Gay Political Action Caucus
- Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus and Office of Gay Concerns, 1971-1990 Jan
- Church material, 1970-1997 Aug 4
- Organizations and activities, 1971-1997 Jan

➤ Newspaper clippings, 1993 Apr 23 - 2001 Apr 23

About:

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