
Finding aid of the Fred Boydell Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Fred Boydell papers

Dates: 1984-1986

Collection number: Coll2008-047

Creator: Boydell, Fred, 1906-1987

Collection Size: 1 archive carton.0.25 linear foot.

Repository: ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Los Angeles, California 90007

Abstract: Recollections and other autobiographical materials by Fred Boydell (1906-1987), recounting his experiences growing up gay in Scotland, his emigration to California in 1969, and his life as an older gay man in Hollywood.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Biography

Fred Boydell was born in Scotland on September 9, 1906, the son of a dairy farmer. His father died when Boydell was thirteen, and he was apprenticed to a manufacturer. He eventually settled near Glasgow. Although he realized he was gay before his teens, he married in his 30s; his wife, who was aware of his sexual orientation, died after approximately ten years, leaving a young daughter. In 1969, facing mandatory retirement, Boydell accepted the invitation of a friend, an antiques dealer in Los Angeles, to move to California and help him run the business. In Los Angeles, he became involved with the Society of Pat Rocco Enlightened Enthusiasts (SPREE). He later volunteered his services with ONE, Inc. He died in Los Angeles in February 1987.

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Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of computer printouts of materials written by Boydell between 1984 and 1986. The bulk of these materials consists of Boydell's reminiscences, covering his life in Scotland from 1906 to 1969, his sexual awakening and experiences, his marriage and daughter, and his first years in Los Angeles. *Sex and I*, extracted from his autobiography, recounts his sexual experiences to the age of six; *Sex and Sammy* is a fictionalized version of this account. *Joly's bar* contains Boydell's recollections of one of the oldest gay bars in Los Angeles. The correspondence file contains printouts of two letters from 1984, to friends or family members, relating to music synthesizers. The ONE, Inc., folder contains Boydell's proposal to catalog the organization's audio-visual materials.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Autobiography

Boydell, Fred, 1906-1987

Gays--California--Los Angeles

Gays--Scotland

Box 1 : 1-4 **Historical reminiscences circa 1984-1986**

Physical Description: 4 folders.

Box 1 : 1 **Autobiography circa 1984-1986**

Box 1 : 2 **Autobiographical notes circa 1984-1986**

Box 1 : 3 ***Sex and I* 1985**

Box 1 : 4 ***Joly's bar* circa 1984-1986**

Box 1 : 5 **Correspondence 1984**

Box 1 : 6 **ONE, Inc 1986**

Box 1 : 7 ***Sex and Sammy* circa 1984-1986**