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Allen Wardell Collection 1987-1995

Accession Number: 1995-8

Fonds/Provenance: Allen Wardell

Series Number:

Title: **Allen Wardell Collection**

Date Range: 1987-1995

Extent: 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

Location: C1E (Row C, Bay 1, Shelf E)

Collection History:

Allen Wardell was the former co-chair of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He won many awards for his work in the LGBTQ community and spoke to the Chicago City Hall for fairness for gay rights. He passed away in March 1995 due to complications due to AIDS.

Custodial History:

No accession forms available.

Scope and Content:

Boxes include papers of correspondence to friends and those in Chicago city hall. The boxes also contain ephemera of a book he was writing, obituaries, newspaper clippings, fan mail, and GLAAD news.

Arrangement:

Materials are in original order. There are many folders that Wordell collected over the years.

Series:

1 Obituaries and biographical

2 Correspondence to Charles Leeks

3 Newspaper Clippings

4 "Bernice"

5 “The Alley of Dead Sodomite Children”

6 Fan Mail

7 “Alley of Ghosts”

8 GLAAD

9 Rodde Center

10 Tribune

11 Clippings

12 Cremation

13 GLBVA Newsletter Vet Pride

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. Newspaper Obituaries and Biographies

1.1 Obituaries and other articles about the life of Allen Wardell

2. Letters to and from Charles Leek

2.1 Leek mentions Warhol 15 minutes of fame and traveling throughout the world

3. Newspapers and letters

3.1 Letters to newspapers, hospitals and articles in newspapers ranging from 1985 to 1995

4. “Bernice”

4.1 Letters from Bernice in the 1990’s to Allen

5. “The Alley of Dead Sodomite Children”

5.1 Two drafts of the book The Alley of Dead Sodomite Children

5.2 Gerber Hart Board of Directors and Mission Statement

5.3 Internal Revenue Service

5.4 Gerber/Hart Preliminary Budget 1994

6. Fan Mail

6.1 American Friends Service Committee

6.2 Rough draft of Of Martians and Eros...Of Love and Time

6.3 Mel Wilson sending letter of praise to Allen Wardell

6.4 Newspaper clipping of the awards that Wardell won

6.5 Family thanking author about Allen Wardell's kindness to their son who came out at the age of 19

7. "The Alley of Ghosts"

7.1 First draft of book

8. GLAAD

8.1 Human Rights Achievement Award Dinner March 4, 1989 honoring Al Wardell

8.2 The GLAAD Monitor Winter/Spring 1994

9. The Rodde Center

9.1 Allen's resignation letter to the Rodde Center January 22, 1992

9.2 Board of Directors accepting Allen's resignation letter January 14, 1992

10. Tribune

10.1 Letters to the editor

10.2 Instructions on how to write a letter to the editor at the Chicago Tribune

11. Clippings

11.1 What Do I Do Now: Information for young women and men questioning their sexuality

11.2 Human Rights Protections for Gay People

11.3 Jail Sexual Assault: Revised Crisis Intervention Protocol

11.4 Gay and Lesbian Youth Services in New Zealand: A Discussion Paper

11.5 Oregon's Sexual Minority Youth: An At-Risk Population lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Task Force on Sexual Minority Youth, Portland Oregon

12. Cremation

12.1 Cremation Society of Illinois Letter and form sent to Wardell on instructions of how to go about being cremated

13. GLBVA Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America

13.1 Dinner invitations to the Veterans day dinner

13.2 GLBVA newsletters VetPride

Separations:

Large framed signature picture (“Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force Human Rights Achievement Award 1989”)

Framed Certificate of Appreciation (“Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force express heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Al Wardell for ten consecutive years of service as an officer of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force 1988”)

Medium framed picture (“Willie Gault left his b.u.m. equipment behind”) colored billboard photograph

Bronze award Gay Chicago magazine 1989 awards Hall of Fame Al Wardell

Small metal bowl

Medium sized address book

VHS tape of 1989-1990 gay pride parade

Medium picture frame of newspaper clipping about Al Wardell’s testimony to the Chicago City Hall

Restrictions:

None

Related Fonds/Series:

Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force 1980-1988

Subject Headings:

Allen Wordell awards

Allen Wordell correspondence

Allen Wordel book

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