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## Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin Lahusen Collection, 1964 – 2007

Accession Number: **xxxx-4**

Fonds/Provenance: Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin Lahusen

Series Number: -

Title: **Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin Lahusen Collection**

Date Range: 1964 – 2007

Extent: 1 linear foot (1 box)

Location: D5A (Row D, Bay 5, Shelf A)

### Collection History:

The papers document the work of two pioneers in the gay and lesbian rights movement. Activist, editor and writer, Barbara Gittings was an active member of the LGBT rights movement from the 1960s until her death. She organized the New York chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) from 1958 to 1963 and edited the national DOB magazine, *The Ladder: A Lesbian Review*, from 1963-1966. In 1972 Gittings was instrumental in lobbying the American Psychiatric Association to declassify homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses. Gittings also worked with the library community for the inclusion of books by and for gays in library collections. Her partner, Kay Tobin Lahusen, is known as the first openly gay American woman photojournalist and is responsible for many famous pre-Stonewall photographs. In addition, she helped to found the original Gay Activist Alliance (GAA) in 1970, contributed to the New York-based newspaper *Gay Newsweekly*, and co-authored *Gay Crusaders*.

### Custodial History:

Following Barbara Gittings' death in 2007, Kay Tobin Lahusen donated duplicate materials from their archives to various LGBT archives around the country. Their original papers are held at the New York Public Library. Material in this collection was received at Gerber-Hart on May 23, 2007.

### Scope and Content:

The original donation contained a large number of LGBT-themed periodicals that were separated out. The remaining material contains fliers, newsletters, brochures, publications, videotapes, and programs from Gittings' funeral and memorial.

### Arrangement:

Material is arranged into series based on topic or organization.

Series:

Conference on Sexual Orientation and the Law, University of Chicago | April 11, 1987  
Barbara Gittings – Funeral/Memorial Programs, Articles, and Collection Donation Letter | 2007  
“A Tribute to Barbara Gittings” at Gerber Hart | 2007  
Barbara Gittings – Statements, Speeches, News Articles, and Appearances | 1966 – 2003  
Gay Task Force of the American Libraries Association Correspondence, Policies, and Committee Activities, and Miscellaneous News Clippings and Publications on General Librarianship | 1973 – 2006  
Reviews, Booklists, Bibliographies, and Syllabies on LGBT, Women’s, and Miscellaneous Issues | 1969 – 1988  
Gay and Lesbian Teachers and Professors and LGBT issues in Education – Articles, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous | 1969 – 1976  
Religion and Gays and Lesbians – Pamphlets, Fliers, Correspondence, and Articles | 1966 – 1974  
Psychiatry and Homosexuality – Articles, Papers, Booklists, and Resolutions | 1965 – 1989  
Gay and Lesbian Films – Fliers | 1975 – 1984  
Gays and Lesbians, Politics and the Law – Pamphlets, Bills, News Releases, Platforms, and Miscellaneous | 1968 – 2008  
News Articles on Parents of Gay and Lesbian Children, Gay Rights, and Miscellaneous LGBT Issues | 1967 – 1994  
Gay Activists Alliance, Philadelphia and New York Chapters | [1973?]  
Gay Liberation Front | [1970?]  
Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations | 1968 – 1970  
North American Conference of Homophile Organizations | Undated  
American Civil Liberties Union | 1964 – 1975  
Gay Academic Union | 1974 – 1975  
Homophile Action League | 1969 – 1971  
National Gay Task Force | 1969 – 1978  
Society for Individual Rights | Undated  
Mattachine Society of Washington, DC | 1962 – 1969  
Student Homophile League – | 1968  
Kameny for Congress | 1971  
Miscellaneous Organizations | 1965 – 1975  
General Pamphlets, Articles, Fliers, and Miscellaneous | 1965 – 1985

Container List:

## **BOX 1**

### **0. Finding Aid**

#### **1. Conference on Sexual Orientation and the Law, University of Chicago, April 11, 1987**

1. 4 VHS Tapes
2. 4 DVDs

#### **2. Barbara Gittings – Funeral/Memorial Programs, Articles, and Collection Donation Letter, 2007**

3. **“A Tribute to Barbara Gittings” at Gerber Hart, 2007**
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13. **Gay Activists Alliance, Philadelphia and New York Chapters – Fliers Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, [1973?]**
14. **Gay Liberation Front – Fliers, [1970?]**
15. **Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations – Resolutions, Mailings and Miscellaneous, 1968 – 1970**
16. **North American Conference of Homophile Organizations – News Release, Conference Report, and Statement, Undated**
17. **American Civil Liberties Union – Pamphlets, Resolution, Dockets, and Statements, 1964 – 1975**
18. **Gay Academic Union – Fliers and Statement, 1974 – 1975**
19. **Homophile Action League – Pamphlets, Statements, Correspondence, Fliers, and Constitution, 1969 – 1971**
20. **National Gay Task Force – Fliers, Articles, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, 1969 – 1978**
21. **Society for Individual Rights – Pamphlets, Undated**
22. **Mattachine Society of Washington, DC – Pamphlets, News Releases, Statements, and Miscellaneous, 1962 – 1969**
23. **Student Homophile League – Statements, 1968**
24. **Kameny for Congress – Bumper-sticker, Fliers, Pamphlet, and Miscellaneous, 1971**
25. **Miscellaneous Organizations – Pamphlets, Fliers, Articles, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, 1965 – 1975**
26. **General Pamphlets, Articles, Fliers, and Miscellaneous, 1965 – 1985**

Separations:

*The Advocate*

July 9, 1981

January 21, 2003

*A Brief of Injustices: An Indictment of Our Society in Its Treatment of the Homosexual*, Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc., 2 copies

*Capitol Hill: The Newsletter of the Gay Rights National Lobby*  
 Volume 1, Number 3, 2 copies  
*The Chicago Gay Crusader*  
 January 1974  
*Connexion*  
 May 1973, 2 copies  
*Daughters of Bilitis Newsletter, Philadelphia Chapter*  
 May 1968, 2 copies  
*Eastern Mattachine Magazine*  
 March 1965  
 May 1965 – August 1965, 2 copies  
 September/October – November/December 1965  
*Echo '65, "The Homosexual Citizen in the Great Society"*, 2 copies  
*Everything Gay Men Know About Gay Women, Society for Individual Rights*  
*Essays on Homosexuality, Society for Individual Rights*  
*The Armed Services & Homosexuality, Essay No. 1, 4 copies*  
*Homosexuals & Employment, Essay No. 4*  
*The Gay Alternative*  
 Volume 1, Number 1, December 1972, 2 copies  
 Number 2, 1973  
 Number 4, 1973, 2 copies  
 Number 5, 1973  
*A Gay Bibliography, Sixth Edition, March 1980, 2 copies*  
*The Gay Blade*  
 Volume 1, Number 3, December 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 4, January 1970, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 5, February 1970, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 6, March 1970, 2 copies  
*The Gay Crusaders by Kay Tobin and Randy Wicker, 2 copies*  
*Gay People and Mental Health: A Monthly Bulletin*  
 Volume 1, Number 2, November 1972  
 Volume 1, Number 4, [1973?]  
 Volume 1, Number 5, [1973?]  
 Volume 1, Number 6, [1973?]  
*Gay Pioneers VHS, 2 copies*  
*Gay Teachers Association Newsletter*  
 Volume 1, Number 6, June 1978  
*Homophile Action League Newsletter*  
 Volume 1, Number 3, January 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 6, April 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 7, May 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 8, June 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 10, August – September 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 1, Number 11, October 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 2, Number 1, November – December 1969, 2 copies  
 Volume 2, Number 2, January – February 1970, 2 copies  
 Volume 2, Number 3, March – April 1970, 2 copies

Volume 2, Number 4, May – June 1970, 2 copies  
Volume 3, Number 1, September 25, 1970, 2 copies  
Volume 3, Number 2, November 26, 1970, 2 copies  
Volume 3, Number 4, January 26, 1971  
Volume 3, Number 5, April 10, 1971

*Homosexual Counseling Journal*

Editorials, Charter Volume No. 1 – 4, 1974, 2 copies

*Homosexuality: Lesbians and Gay Men in Society, History and Literature*, 2 copies

*Homosexuality and the Church: Special Section, New York Mattachine Newsletter*, December 1964

*Homosexuality and the Sickness Theory: A Critique*, Louis Crompton, 1969, 2 copies

*Interchange*, National Gay Student Center

Volume 2, Issue 1, March – April 1974, 3 copies

Volume 2, Issue 2, Summer 1974, 3 copies

*It's Time: Newsletter of the National Gay Task Force*

Volume 5, Number 6, June – July 1978, 2 copies

*The Ladder*

September 1959

December 1959, 2 copies

February 1960, 2 copies

July 1960

September 1960

April 1961 – May 1961

January 1962 – June 1962

August 1962 – December 1962

January 1963 – March 1963

April 1963, 2 copies

May 1963

June 1963, 2 copies

July 1963 – November 1963

December 1963, 2 copies

January 1964 – May 1964, 2 copies

June 1964

July 1964 – August 1964, 2 copies

September 1964 – November 1964

December 1964, 3 copies

January 1965 – February/March 1965, 2 copies

April 1965

May 1965 – December 1965, 2 copies

January 1966 – May 1966

June 1966, 2 copies

July 1966

*Mattachine Midwest*

July 1967

July & August 1968

*Mattachine Midwest Newsletter*

November 1970

December 1970/January 1971

March 1971  
[October?] 1971  
November 1971  
December 1971  
June 1972 – April 1973  
July 1973  
October [1973?]

*Motive*

Volume 32, Number 1, 1972, Lesbian/Feminist Issue, 2 copies  
Volume 32, Number 2, 1972, Gay Men's Liberation, 2 copies

*New Gay Life*

July 1977

*New York Mattachine Newsletter*

October 1964, 3 copies  
November 1964  
December 1964, 3 copies  
January 1965, 3 copies

*One-to-One: A Lesbian/Feminist Journal of Communication*

Volume 1, Number 1, Winter 1973

*Philadelphia Gay News*

Volume 23, Number 18, February 19 – 25, 1999  
Volume 25, Number 9, March 2 – 8, 2001, 2 copies  
Volume 26, Number 20, May 17 – 23, 2002  
Volume 29, Number 27, July 8 – 14, 2005

*The Phoenix*

May 1967  
June 1967  
July 1967, 2 copies  
August 1967

*Social Action*

“Civil Liberties and Homosexuality: An Issue in Christian Responsibility”, December 1967, 2 copies

*Trends*

July/August 1973, 2 copies

*20 Questions about Homosexuality: A Political Primer*, Gay Activists Alliance, 2 copies

*Understanding Homosexuality*, by John J. Kane, 1966

*Vision Today*

Fall 2001, 2 copies

*The Weekly Gayzette*

May 2 – 9, 1975, 2 copies  
May 9 – 16, 1975, 3 copies  
May 16 – 23, 1975, 2 copies  
May 23 – 30, 1975, 2 copies  
May 30 – June 6, 1975, 2 copies  
June 6 – 13, 1975, 2 copies  
[1976?] Newsprint, 2 copies  
May 7 – 14, 1976, 2 copies, 2 copies

August 27 – September 3, 1976, 2 copies  
October 1 – 8, 1976, 2 copies  
October 8 – 15, 1976, 2 copies  
October 29 – November 5, 1976, 2 copies  
November 5 – 12, 1976, 2 copies

*Women, A Selected Bibliography*, Maryland Library Association Junior Members Round Table

Restrictions:

Related Fonds/Series:

Subject Headings:

Gay activists  
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