Joseph W. Burns donated these materials in 2013 as the first contribution of historical documents to the LGBT Center of Central PA History Project. These materials reflect his involvement in gay rights activism in rural Pennsylvania, beginning with a 1969 letter from the New York Mattachine Society seeking to form a branch in the Lehigh Valley area. That effort resulted in the creation of the Le-Hi-Ho organization in May 1969.

Boxes One and Two of this collection contain individual files regarding people, organizations, or issues related to LGBT activism. These files are arranged alphabetically. Box Three contains lengthier series of files regarding organizations in which Burns was involved.

At the time of this donation, Burns created a timeline of gay activism based on these documents. That timeline has been filed in the last folder in Box Three.

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