

LGBT-007 Dan Miller Collection
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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: Miller, Dan **LGBT-007**

Material: Campaign materials, photographs (1990s, circa 2010, 2013)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 document box, 1 book, 2 artifacts, 1 VHS Tape)

Donation: Donated by Dan Miller, 2013-2015

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

Organizer/Cataloger: Sarah Wakefield, November 2020.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dan Miller was born in 1956 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Central Dauphin High School and earned his BA in Accounting from Elizabethtown College, later going on to get his MA in Finance from Penn State University. In October of 1990, after working for Donald L. DeMuth Professional Management Consultants as an accountant, Dan was fired for being gay. After the trial process, which Miller did not win, he continued to be an activist within the LGBT Community of Central PA.

Miller ran for mayor of Harrisburg, PA in 2013. While he was not successful in that election, he has held numerous positions of leadership. At the time of the mayoral campaign, he was the Harrisburg City Controller from 2010 to 2014 and Harrisburg's first openly gay elected official. He is a former member of the city council in Harrisburg. He founded the Business Association of Gays and Lesbians in Harrisburg (now called the Central PA Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce), founded the PA Justice Campaign, co-founded the Pride Festival of Central PA, and co-founded the Community Recognition Banquet (later re-named FAB or Fall Achievement Banquet).

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection is organized into four categories: Campaign Materials, Photographs, Media, and Artifacts. The Campaign Materials contains flyers from Dan Miller's election campaigns, primarily his run for mayor in 2013. The Photographs category includes photos from the 1994 Harrisburg Pride Festival, as well as the first Community Recognition Banquet in the early 1990s, which took place at Miss

Garbo's Tea Room at 22 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA. Miscellaneous items include a brochure by the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg, and a book and accompanying letter sent to Miller. The Media grouping contains a VHS tape that features the story of Dan Miller's fight for gay rights after being fired for being gay in 1990. The Artifacts series contains a campaign pin from Miller's run for mayor of Harrisburg, as well as the original VHS case of Dan Miller's featured story.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1 Campaign Materials

1.1 Flyers

- 1.1.01 "Please Vote for City Controller Dan Miller" (2) – circa 2010
- 1.1.02 "Vote Change, Vote Dan Miller" – 2013
- 1.1.03 "Financial Expert for a Financial Crisis" (2) – 2013
- 1.1.04 "Without a Fight, Dan Miller Said No!" (2) – 2013
- 1.1.05 "You're Invited!" (2) – 2013
- 1.1.06 "Vote Dan Miller on May 21st" (4) – 2013
- 1.1.07 "Only Dan Miller Fought for Harrisburg Residents!" (2) – 2013
- 1.1.08 "Dan Miller believes it's better to Light a Candle..." (2) – 2013
- 1.1.09 "For a toothache, call a Dentist" (2) – 2013
- 1.1.10 "Eric Papenfuse Hasn't Done his Homework" (2) – 2013

Series 2 Photographs (see white binder)

2.1 First Community Recognition Banquet, Miss Garbo's Tea Room, Carlisle, PA – 1992[?]

- 1 Cindy Lou Mitzel (left) and Lorraine Kujawa (right)
- 2 Frank Idaccola (left), last owner of the Neptune Lounge in Harrisburg, and Joe Weale (right), former member of the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus.
- 3 Mary Nancarrow
- 4 David Leach, one of the founding members of MCC Harrisburg
- 5 Jude Sharp (left) and Lorraine Kujawa (right)
- 6 Thurman Grossnickle (left) and Barry Loveland (right)

2.2 Pride Festival, Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA - 1994

- 1 Planning Committee (1)
- 2 Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus [?] (4)
- 3 Entertainer (14)
- 4 Entertainer (15)
- 5 Entertainers (5)
- 6 Entertainer (2)
- 7 Entertainer (1)
- 8 Entertainer (1)
- 9 Attendees (10)

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2.2 Pride Festival, Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA – 1994 (cont.)

- 10 Attendees (5)
- 11 Attendees (6)
- 12 Attendees (5)
- 13 Attendees (3)

Series 3 Miscellaneous

- 3.01 *Your Gay and Lesbian Guide to Central PA* – 1994/1995
- 3.02 *Antichrist in the Midst* and accompanying letter from Lloyd K. Mosemann II to Dan Miller
– Nov. 8, 2013

Series 4 Media

LGBT-007-V01 The Dan Miller Story: A Case for Gay Rights

Series 5 Artifacts

LGBT-007-AC01 Dan Miller for Mayor Button – 2013
LGBT-007-AC02 “The Dan Miller Story: A Case for Gay Rights” VHS case