

## **LGBT-010 Larry Wilson Collection**

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### **COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name:	Wilson, Larry	<b>LGBT-010</b>
Material:	Papers, Photographs, and Artifacts (1972 – 2013)	
Volume:	.50 linear feet (1 document box, 4 CDs, 2 DVDs, 27 artifacts)	
Donation:	Donated by Larry Wilson, 2013 & 2015	
Usage:	These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.	
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Larry Wilson was born in 1950 in Huntington, PA, where he grew up with his mother, father, three brothers, and sister. In 1970 he enrolled in the Air Force and worked in Intelligence. After the Air Force, Wilson entered the corporate sphere until he decided to take a sabbatical in his profession to enter the LGBTQ+ bar scene in Harrisburg, PA.

In 1980, Wilson opened Shadows Bar, which operated until 1984, and then in 1983 The Archives Nightclub and Restaurant, which operated until 1988. After Wilson closed The Archives, he went back into the corporate sphere working for a consulting company in Lancaster, PA until he retired.

### **COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

These materials document several LGBTQ+ bars that operated in the Harrisburg, PA area, namely The Archives Nightclub and Restaurant (1983), La Rose Rouge (1978-1992), Neptune's Lounge (1972), and the Shadows bar (1980-1984). These items take the form of bar memorabilia, photographs, and video recordings.

This collection also includes trophies, plaques, and buttons highlighting the Harrisburg Hustler's volleyball team, which Larry Wilson sponsored from 1981-1987. In addition, it includes an anniversary

pin from The Pennsmen Inc., an organization for LGBTQ+ individuals with an interest in the leather/rubber/fetish lifestyle and was founded in South Central PA in 1977, and a scrapbook featuring Pennsmen events.

The beginning pages of the Pennsman scrapbook also includes pictures of Benedict A. “Wesley” Trautwein, a drag performer known as Francis Parker. Wesley was a part of the The Jewel Box Revue, a troupe of drag performers who traveled around the country from 1939 to 1969, which made many stops in Pennsylvania. After departing the Revue, he moved back to Harrisburg and continued performing at local bars and clubs, such as The Neptune Lounge.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### Series 1 Documents

- 1.01 Harrisburg Bar Timeline – 2013  
Pennsmen history and description – 2013
- 1.02 The Night Before Christmas at the Neptune’s script and cast list – 1980

### Series 2 Photo Albums

- 2.01 Neptune Lounge 40 year retrospect, The Early Years in Photos – 1972 - 2012
- 2.02 Archives Restaurant and Nightclub – circa 1980 - circa 1990
- 2.03 Shadows Bar – circa 1980 - circa 1990
- 2.04 La Rose Rouge – circa 1980 - circa 1990
- 2.05 Wesley/The Pennsmen of Harrisburg – circa 1980 – circa 2000

### Series 3 Media

- LGBT-010-D01 Neptune Bar photos – 1970 - 1990
- LGBT-010-D02 Archives Restaurant and Nightclub photos – circa 1980 –  
circa 1990
- LGBT-010-D03 Shadows Bar photos – circa 1980 - circa 1990
- LGBT-010-D04 La Rose Rouge photos – circa 1980 - circa 1990
- LGBT-010-D05 La Rose Rouge Drag Show – circa 1985
- LGBT-010-D06 Lily White and Company performance at Paper Moon –  
Oct. 27, 1991

### Series 4 Artifacts

#### Bar Memorabilia

- LGBT-010-AC01 Archives Restaurant napkins – 1983
- LGBT-010-AC02 Shadows bar sign – 1980 – 1984

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**Series 4 Artifacts (cont.)**

Posters

LGBT-010-AC03 Harrisburg Hustlers poster – 1982 - 1989 (see oversized OW)

Buttons

LGBT-010-AC04 Pennsmen 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin – 1984

LGBT-010-AC05 Raffles Bartenders' Ball button – undated

LGBT-010-AC06 "I Support the Harrisburg Hustlers" button – undated (2)

Matchbooks

LGBT-010-AC07 Shadows matchbook – circa 1980 - 1985

LGBT-010-AC08 The Archives Restaurant matchbook – 1983

Trophies and Plaques

LGBT-010-AC09 L. P. Rec. "B" Division League 2nd Place trophy– 1983-1984  
(see oversized OW)

LGBT-010-AC10 NAGVA III International Tournament plaque – May 24-27, 1985

LGBT-010-AC11 NAGVA Nationals Tournament 4 Chicago plaque – 1986

LGBT-010-AC12 Charm City Invitational Baltimore trophy – 1987

LGBT-010-AC13 Charm City Invitational 3<sup>rd</sup> place Consolation Bracket trophy–  
1987 (see oversized OW)

LGBT-010-AC14 Charm City Invitational Volleyball Tournament plaque –  
Oct. 8-9, 1988

LGBT-010-AC15 Charm City Invitational 3rd Place trophy – 1988

LGBT-010-AC16 Unidentified trophy – undated

Shirts

LGBT-010-AC17 The Archives staff t-shirt – 1983

LGBT-010-AC18 Shadows (Harrisburg, PA) t-shirt – circa 1980 - 1985

LGBT-010-AC19 "NAGVA Nationals Tournament 4 Chicago '86," grey t-shirt –  
1986

LGBT-010-AC20 "NAGVA Nationals Tournament 3 Chicago '86," white long  
sleeved shirt – 1986

LGBT-010-AC21 Charm City Invitational '86 t-shirt – 1986

LGBT-010-AC22 Hustlers #3 Captain Shirt, maroon and white long sleeved shirt –  
undated

LGBT-010-AC23 Harrisburg Hustlers #3 Captain T-shirt, yellow and black t-shirt –  
undated

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Shirts (cont.)

LGBT-010-AC24	Hustlers HBG #16, yellow and black long sleeved shirt – undated
LGBT-010-AC25	Harrisburg Hustlers #3, red long sleeved shirt – undated
LGBT-010-AC26	HBG Hustlers #3, white tank top – undated
LGBT-010-AC27	Harrisburg Hustlers Captain #3, silver and black striped t-shirt – Undated