

## **LGBT-068-SC Anonymous Collection**

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### **COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: Anonymous **LGBT-068-SC**

Material: Papers (1940 – 2017)

Volume: 9 document folders

Donation: Donated by Anonymous donor, 2017

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

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### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Joseph F. Christ was born in 1927 with Klinefelter Syndrome and assigned male at birth. The seventh of eight children, Christ was placed into an orphanage during the Great Depression until the age 18. Two weeks later, Christ was drafted into the Army and fast-tracked to work in a secret German Prisoner of War camp in Richmond, Virginia due to fluency in German, Pennsylvania Dutch, and English. Following World War II, Christ got a degree in education from Moravian College, going on to teach English, German, and Social Studies.

In 1974, Christ went to Germany to teach American English on a Fulbright fellowship, and there was married a second time to, Liz, a Fulbright scholar who was in Germany teaching British English. While working there, Christ helped improve the English skills of a German cytogeneticist to allow her to participate in the World Health Organization, and it was through this connection that Christ discovered they have XXY chromosomes. Christ had occasionally started presenting as a woman before learning they were intersex following the end of their first marriage in 1973, but never formally came out, electing to present as masculine or feminine selectively. Christ expresses comfort in being able to present as either/or, while not particularly identifying with the LGBTQ+ community.

Christ passed away in 2018.

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection is comprised of photographs, posters, and articles documenting Joseph F. Christ's life. Topics include military experience, Keystone Conference experiences, and personal photos. Items in this collection are printed copies of items that were donated in digital format.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### Series 1 Documents

Folder 01) Typed Life Summary by Joseph F. Christ – circa 2017

### Series 2 Military Experience

Folder 02) Downtown & Post Gates Uniform, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey – 1946  
Joseph F. Christ onstage at Arts Quest Center at SteelStacks for Veterans Day Speech – 2016

Folder 03) Information about Prisoner of War (POW) Camps in United States – undated  
“Little-known story of U.S. WWII POW camps,” *The Morning Call (Allentown, PA)* – Nov. 11, 2016  
“The Great Generation: Phoebe Richards Helps Decorated Veteran Return Home,” – circa 2016  
“Life Story of an Intersex World War II Veteran” advertisement poster – Sep. 21, [2016]

### Series 3 Keystone Conference

Folder 04) Joseph F. Christ (L) and Kristen Beck (R), Keystone Conference – 2015  
Joseph F. Christ (L) and Nicole Maines (R), Keystone Conference – 2015  
Joseph F. Christ hugging Nicole Maines, Keystone Conference – 2015

Folder 05) Joseph F. Christ (L) and Michelle (R), Keystone Conference – 2017

### Series 4 Personal Photographs

Folder 06) Joseph F. Christ file card from Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, PA – circa 1940s  
Joseph F. Christ driving mid-engine race car they built/designed – mid 1960s

Folder 07) Joseph F. Christ at backyard pool party – Jul. 4, 1974  
Unidentified female (L) and Joseph F. Christ (R) – circa 1979  
Joseph F. Christ (L) with Drag Queens during Halloween on Santa Monica Boulevard in Hollywood, CA – circa 1980s

Folder 08) Joseph F. Christ in front of the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach, CA – circa 1980s  
Joseph F. Christ in trench coat – Christmas 1994

Folder 09) Joseph F. Christ eating lunch on beach at Grand Turk Island – Jun. 2017  
Folder 09) Joseph F. Christ (L) and unidentified man (R) – undated  
Joseph F. Christ (L) and Michelle (R) at local church spaghetti super – undated  
Joseph F. Christ [lecturing?] – undated