LGBT-084 Altland's Ranch Collection

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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: Altland's Ranch LGBT-084

Material: Documents, Posters, Artifacts, and CDs (1985–2016)

Volume: .25 linear feet (1 document box, 2 oversized folders, 1 vinyl record album, 2 CDs,

8 artifacts)

Donation: Donated by Barry Loveland, 2017

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Opened in 1966 in the small town of Spring Grove, PA, Altland's Ranch was the first official LGBTQ+ bar in the York area, and was the longest running LGBTQ+ bar in the county. Altland's Ranch was abspace for the LGBTQ+ community to make their own. It was known for hosting drag balls, discos, and particularly Halloween parties.

Altland's Ranch became more than just a party space, it was also a space for LGBTQ+ community groups to use for programs and became a type of community center for the LGBTQ+ community in the York area. Altland's Ranch closed in 2016.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection has four series: Posters, Miscellaneous, Media, and Artifacts. The Poster series holds posters of events, fundraisers, and drinks specials from Altland's Ranch. The Miscellaneous series is comprised of a signed poster, business materials, and holiday event planning materials. The Media series houses a vinyl record album and two CDs of music used at the bar, and the Artifact series contains awards and physical advertisement materials.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1 Posters

1.1 AIDS Fundraiser Posters

- 1.1.01 "A 'FUN'draiser for AIDS and Breast Cancer" Poster Aug. 25, 1995
- 1.1.02 "The Fourth Annual Entertainment Benefit" Posters Jul. 12, [1999]

1.2 Aphrodisiactic April Acts of Kindness [AAOK] Posters

- 1.2.01 "AAOK Show: Act IV" Posters pt. 1 Apr. 27, 1991
- 1.2.02 "AAOK Show: Act IV" Posters pt. 2 Apr. 27, 1991
- 1.2.03 Performer Application for AAOK Act IV Apr. 27, 1991

1.3 Drink Special Posters

- 1.3.01 Troegs Hopback Microbrew Special circa 2000
- 1.3.02 Redneck Ice Tea Special circa 2000
- 1.3.03 Captian and Coke Speical circa 2000
- 1.3.04 Beer Bottle Speicals circa 2000

1.4 Event Posters

- 1.4.01 "Karaoke with Extreme Entertainment" Poster Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 23, circa 2010
- 1.4.02 "Ladies" of Illusion Posters Mar. 19, circa 2010
- 1.4.03 Miss Gay York PA America Poster Jun. 8 [after 2011]
- 1.4.04 One Stage Night Poster Feb. 26, 2016 (see oversized OBS)
- 1.4.05 Karaoke with DJ Storm Poster Feb. 27, 2016
- 1.4.06 "Splash!" Full Moon Glow Party Aug. 29, 2015 (see oversized OD)

1.5 Holiday Events Posters

- 1.5.01 25th Halloween Celebration Oct. 31 [1991]
- 1.5.02 Christmas Celebration Poster Dec. 19-31, 1997
- 1.5.03 "Haunting Halloween" Posters Oct. 30, circa 2000
- 1.5.04 "Haunting Halloween" Posters Oct. 26, 2002
- 1.5.05 New Year's Eve Buffet Posters Dec. 31, 2002

1.6 Square Dancing Posters

- 1.6.01 "Come and Try It: The Susquehanna Squares" Poster Aug. 23, 1997
- 1.6.02 "Square Dance with Anyone in the World" Posters Sep. 8, 1997
- 1.6.03 "The Susquehanna Squares" Posters Fall 1997-Spring 1998

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Series 1 Posters (cont.)

1.7 Themed Night Posters

- 1.7.01 Country Night Poster circa 2000
- 1.7.02 Bear and Leather Night Posters circa 2010
- 1.7.03 "Udderly 80's" Posters Sep. 25, circa 2010

Series 2 Miscellaneous

2.01 '	"I can't Stand the I	Rain" Record promotion t	o Radio Station Le	etter – [1977]
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- 2.02 Bill Ross Jr. and Crazy Roy Signed Poster Jul. 1996
- 2.03 Welcome Sign circa 2000
- 2.04 Halloween Table Number Cards Oct. 25, [2001]
- 2.05 Halloween Table Number Cards pt. 1 Oct. 26, 2002
- 2.06 New Year's Eve Table Numbers 2001 and 2002
- 2.07 Business Card Jul. 4, 2014

Series 3 Media

LGBT-084-A01	Bill Ross Jr. and Crazy Roy, "Honest-to-Goodness Amigo/Hide Away" (Vinyl Record Album) – Sep. 1989
LGBT-084-D01	Bill Ross Jr. and Crazy Roy, "Honest-to-Goodness Amigo/Hide Away" (CD) – Sep. 2017
LGBT-084-D02	Ranch CD 5 – undated

Series 4 Artifacts

"In Appreciation to Altland's Ranch" Plaque with Marathon Photo and
Paper Attached – Jul. 14-15, 1978
Miniature Ship's Wheel Appreciation Plaque – 1985
Chalice Presented to Rodney and Burni – 1989
Clock Plaque – 1994
32 Years of Service Plaque – Oct. 30, 1999
Pink Cocktails Sign – undated
Feature Attractions Sign – undated
Altland's Ranch in Appreciation W-4 Plaque – undated