Guide to the Anne Tischer and Bess Watts Collection on Marriage Equality 2017.021

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Summary Information

Repository: Local History & Genealogy Division

Source: Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley

Title: Anne Tischer and Bess Watts collection on marriage equality

ID: 2017.021

Date [inclusive]: 1984-2013, bulk 2004-2013

Date [bulk]: bulk 2004-2013

Physical Description: 8.5 Cubic Feet 9 boxes, 1 over sized box, and 86 large signs.

Language of the

English

Material:

Mixed Materials 1-9

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Graphic Materials OS1-OS3

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Abstract: This collection consists of the papers of Rochester based gay rights

> activists, Anne Tischer and Bess Watts. The materials date between 1984 and 2013, with a bulk of the materials dated between 2004 and 2013. The materials consist of ephemera, flyers, brochures, news articles, publications, meeting minutes, resource information, correspondence, notes, speeches, Pride at Work reports and minutes,

photographs, and signs.

Preferred Citation

Anne Tischer and Bess Watts Collection on Marriage Equality, [box#:folder#/ item description]. Local History and Genealogy Division, Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County N.Y.

Biographical Note

Anne Tischer and Bess Watts describe themselves as accidental activists. Anne Tischer and Bess Watts are well known in the Rochester community as long time LGBT rights advocates. In 2004, Anne and

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Bess were the first same-sex couple to be refused a marriage license in Rochester. As front page news, they were married anyway by Reverend Jim Mulcahy in a public act of civil disobedience. Years of grassroots organizing followed, culminating in their founding of Equality Rochester and local chapters of Marriage Equality New York and Pride at Work AFL-CIO. Launching into union leadership Bess successfully pursued domestic-partner benefits for employees at Monroe Community College where she was employed. She received MCC "Innovation of the Year" award for initiating their safe-zone project and the Rochester Labor Council "Community Solidarity Award" for the work done by Pride at Work to forge LGBT-labor unity. Today Bess is the president of Civil Service Employee Association Local 828, national vice president of Pride at Work AFL-CIO and is on the executive board of Rochester Labor Council (RLC).

Anne and Bess have been repeatedly recognized for their efforts promoting LGBT civil rights: "STAR" awards from the Empire State Pride Agenda, a "community service" award from the GAGV and the "Tenacity with Aplomb" award from Metro Justice. Deemed instrumental in achieving the successful passage of New York's marriage equality legislation in 2011, they were given the "Mother Jones" award by the Rochester Labor council, were recognized by the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (LeGal), received a bi-partisan proclamation of recognition from the Monroe County Legislature and served as grand marshals of the 2011 Rochester Gay Pride Parade.

Early on the couple recognized that lack of LGBT visibility was the biggest impediment to rights advances. To educate the public and foster relationships with other groups who might become allies, they extended their outreach into the wider community and became champions of "visibility." They set up dozens of rallies, speaker panels, and educational events, sponsored by Rochester's first "Gay History Fair" and helped organize the first same-sex Wedding Expo in Rochester. They made sure there were obvious LGBT supporters at every progressive event and labor rally possible.

Some of the most effective tools they used to build visibility and organizational relationships turned out to be arts, crafts, and photography. Armed with a good camera and openly representing Pride at Work, Bess took pictures at events ranging from Seniors' dances to union conferences and used social media to effectively create linkages and build a database, Anne used her artistic skills to provide hundreds of media attracting signs to any organization or union that needed them. They taught "effective sign making and visibility" classes, made issue themed center-pieces for union parties, created performance art props for progressive causes and helped organizations build award winning parade floats.

Ultimately, the years of intense relationship building paid off. As the final push for marriage legislation votes began in 2011, Equality Rochester's volunteers and coalition partners generated 1000 letters and 300 calls for each local State Senator weekly. And Rochester's labor community actively supported Pride at Work's call to action. Rochester produced the first GOP legislator to publically support marriage equality. Anne is a retired social services worker and Bess is a senior library technician at Monroe Community College. In 2006 Bess and Anne legally wed in Canada after 12 years together.

Scope and Contents

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The papers and ephemera in this collection document the fight for marriage equality on a local and national level. It documents the Rochester, New York grassroots campaign for gay rights. The papers also show Anne Tischer and Bess Watts' growth as activists. Anne Tischer made many annotations about the collection on sticky-notes and directly onto the papers.

The papers in the collection are related to national and local level rally's, events, and organizations such as the Gay History Fair, the Equality Leadership Conference, Pride at Work, National Equality March, Marriage Equality New York, Human Rights Campaign for NY Marriage, "Light the Way to Justice," and Equality Rochester.

The signs and posters in the collection were created by Anne Tischer. Anne created signs for the national and local rally's and events. Anne also created signs for events that were not LGBT related, such as labor pickets. Her signs can be seen in associated press photos nationally.

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Arrangement

This collection consists of seven boxes divided into three series:

Series I: Marriage Equality and Gay Rights Issues papers, 1984-2013

Series II: Ephemera, 2005-2012

Series III: Signs and Posters, 2005-2012

Series IV: Family Portrait Storytelling Project photographs, circa 2007

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 100 College Avenue, Suite 100, Rochester, New York 14607 on August 11, 2016 [Acquisition number 2017.021].

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the collection.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

This project was made possible by a grant from the Documentary Heritage Program of the New York State Archives, a program of the State Education Department.

Processing Information

This collection was kept in the original order. The creator of the collection, Anne Tischer, annotated a substantial amount of the documents with sticky notes as well as notes on the papers. The sticky notes were un-stuck from the papers and placed in poly film sleeves to maintain the creators arrangement. The creator placed all of the documents in chronological order. All metal fasteners were removed. Wooden sticks were removed from the handmade signs.

Processing Information

According to deed of gift, any duplicates or items found unsuitable to the RPL collections and not retained should be returned to the donor. Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 100 College Ave., Suite 100, Rochester, New York 14607.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Same-sex marriage
- Buttons (Information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Gay rights
- political activism
- Protest movements--United States
- Same-sex marriage--Law and legislation--United States
- political posters
- Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley
- Pride at Work (Organization)
- Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
- Empire State Pride Agenda
- Human Rights Campaign (U.S.). Family Project
- California. Proposition 8 (2008)
- Marriage Equality for New York (MENY)

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"Panel Discussion Participant Biographies." ImageArt! October 25, 2013.

Collection Inventory

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Lesbian publications and resources, 1984-1993	box 3	folder 2-3
G.L.B.S.A. (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Student Association) at SUNY Brockport, 1993-1994	box 3	folder 4

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Marriage equality and gay rights issues, January-March 2011	box 4	folder 7
Marriage equality and gay rights issues, April-May 2011	box 4	folder 8
HRC campaign for NY marriage - Planning materials for letter writing/calls to politicians, 2011	box 4	folder 9
HRC campaign for NY marriage - Support from businesses, 2011	box 4	folder 10
HRC Campaign for NY marriage - Letter signed by Chuck Shumer, 2011	box 4	folder 11
HRC Campaign for NY marriage - Copies of letters sent to Senator Robach, 2011	box 4	folder 12
HRC Campaign for NY marriage - Copies of letters to Senator Alesi, 2011	box 4	folder 13
HRC Campaign for NY marriage - Copies of letters sent to other NY district representatives, 2011	box 4	folder 14
HRC Campaign for NY marriage - Letter templates, mailing information, and strategies, 2011	box 4	folder 15
Marriage equality and gay rights issues, May-June 2011	box 4	folder 16-17
Marriage equality and gay rights issues, June 2011	box 4	folder 18-19
Marriage equality and gay rights issues, June 2011-July 2011	box 4	folder 20-21
Marriage equality and gay rights issues, July 2011	box 4	folder 22-23
Marriage equality and gay rights issues, August-November 2011	box 4	folder 24-25
Marriage equality and gay rights issues, November-December 2011	box 4	folder 26-27
Equality Rochester and marriage equality events, 2012	box 5	folder 1-2
"Light the Way to Justice" and DOMA actions, February-March 2013	box 5	folder 3
DOMA Decision Day, April-June 2013	box 5	folder 4
DOMA decision, July-November 2013	box 5	folder 5-7
Pride at Work - Annual reports, 2008-2012	box 6	folder 1
Pride at Work - Delegates reports, 2009-2013	box 6	folder 2
Pride at Work - Handout to NEB, Detroit, MI, circa 2012	box 6	folder 3
Pride at Work - Chapter history and development, Undated	box 6	folder 4
Anne Tischer and Bess Watts presentations to legislatures, 2006-2007	box 6	folder 5
Bess Watts correspondence on Domestic Partnership benefits, 2004-2012	box 6	folder 6
Gay Alliance leadership acceptance speech, Undated	box 6	folder 7

Text of Democrat and Chronicle articles featuring Bess Watts and Anne Tischer, 2002-2013	box 6	folder 8
Activism calendar, 1993-2013	box 6	folder 9
Compilation of CSEA Pride at Work important documents and essays, 2004-2009	box 6	folder 10
Pride at Work - Rochester-Finger Lakes chapter meeting minutes, 2007-2009	box 6	folder 11
Pride at Work - Rochester-Finger Lakes chapter meeting minutes, 2010-2013	box 6	folder 12
Family Portraits Storytelling project documents, 2007	box 6	folder 13

Series II: Ephemera, 2005-2012	box 1-2	
Title/Description	Instances	
"Marriage Equality New York" yellow t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 1
"Marriage Equality New York" orange t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 2
"Marriage Equality New York" red t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 3
"Rochester Finger Lakes Pride at Work AFL-CIO/Out and Organizing" blue t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 4
"HRC - New Yorkers for Marriage Equality" black t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 5
"2012 Dyke Picnic and Womyn's Festival" green t-shirt, 2012	box 1	item 6
"Would Jesus Discriminate?" tye-dyed t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 7
Scope and Contents		
T-shirt had annotated post-it note stuck to it. Read: "Open Arms MCC, Pride Parade, and Marriage Campaign." Sticky note was removed from shirt and placed in a poly film sleeve and placed with the t-shirt.		
"Linked by Love" white t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 8
Scope and Contents		
T-shirt had annotated post-it note stuck to it. Read: "Linked by love walk in mall." Sticky note was removed from shirt and placed in a poly film sleeve and placed with the t-shirt.		
White foam tiaras, Undated	box 2	item 4-5
MENY red umbrella, Undated	box 2	item 6-7

"President Obama, I Want You to Tell Congress Repeal DADT Now" white t-shirt, May 2010	box 2	item 1
Scope and Contents		
Worn by Anne Tischer during arrest from Get Equal for DADT rally.		
"Just Married" blue ribbon sashes, July 24, 2011	box 2	item 2-3
Scope and Contents		
Sashes had annotated post-it note stuck to it. Read: "Just Married! from first day of marriages at City Hall 7/24/2011." Sticky note was removed from sashes and placed in a poly film sleeve and placed with the sashes.		
MENY yellow umbrella, Undated	box 2	item 8
Bumper sticker and decal, 2005, undated	box 2	folder 1
Out and Equal buttons, Undated	box 2	folder 3
Political support ephemera, 2006, undated	box 2	folder 4
Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley buttons, Undated	box 2	folder 6
Get Equal for DADT ephemera, May 2010	box 2	folder 2
Scope and Contents		
Contains sticky note annotation from Anne Tischer.		
Human Rights Campaign ephemera, Undated	box 2	folder 7
MENY business cards, Undated	box 2	folder 8
MENY buttons, Undated	box 2	folder 9
Marriage Equality NY (MENY) ephemera, Undated	box 2	folder 5
Scope and Contents		
Ink was removed from the ball point pens for safe storage.		
Empire State Pride Agenda buttons and pins, Undated	box 2	folder 10
Empire State Pride Agenda stickers and decals, Undated	box 2	folder 11
Rochester Labor and Pride at Work buttons and pins, Undated	box 2	folder 12
Rochester Labor and Pride at Work stickers and temporary tattoos, Undated	box 2	folder 13

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Series III: Signs and Posters, 2005-2012

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Title/Description	Instances		
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force - Jobs - justice - Education One Nation working together, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 1-2
Scope and Contents			
Dimensions 20"x16". Annotated sticky-note, removed and placed in envelope reads, "One Nation March - organizers very slow to include LGBT organizations. Rochester Pride at Work AFL-CIO interacted nationally to protest. We ultimately worked in collaboration with Jeff Campagna of RWSDA and Stuart Appelbaum to improve the situation."			
"We Are One" - Pride at Work, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 3
Pride at Work Union Yes, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 4
Pride at Work Union Yes, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 5
Equal protections for transgender New Yorkers, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 6
Proud of New York State, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 7-9
NYCLU fighting for all New York families, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 10
Support Hotel Workers, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 11-12
I Do Support Marriage Equality, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 13
Igniting Equality. Advancing Justice. ESPA, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 14
Marriage Now/Equality for All Families, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 15
Thank you Cuomo/Duffy, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 16
Equality Across America - National Equality March, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 17
One Nation Working Together - NAACP/NAACP Says Great Schools Now!, Undated	box OS1	folder 1	item 18
We Are One - with annotation, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 1
Out of the closet and into the streets, February 20, 2010	box OS1	folder 2	item 2
Scope and Contents			
Dimensions - 12"x18". From LGBT activist conference at Rochester Institute of Technology.			
Assemblyman Joe Morelle, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 3
Thank you Governor Cuomo/Promise Kept, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 4-5
Another straight New Yorker for Marriage Equality, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 6-7
Obama Pride - LGBT for Obama, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 8-9
Pride network 40th anniversary celebration, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 10
Rally for Love and Marriage, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 11

"We are one" - Pride at Work, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 12-13
Marriage Now/Equality for All Families, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 14-17
Equality Across America - National Equality March, Undated	box OS1	folder 2	item 18
"Light the Way to Justice" DOMA actions events, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 1
Thank you Harry Bronson, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 2-3
"I Do Support Marriage Equality", Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 4-5
GENDA NOW, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 6-7
Dignity for all students now, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 8-9
Thank you Governor Spitzer, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 10-11
In memoriam - Felix Cacco, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 12
In memoriam - Allison Dawe, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 13
In memoriam - "We remember those we lost", Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 14
Thank you Cuomo/Duffy, Undated	box OS1	folder 3	item 15-17
Supreme Court, History is Watching, Undated	box OS1	item 11	
NYS AFL-CIO Supports Genda, Undated	box OS1	item 5	
Equality Means Marriage, Undated	box OS1	item 10	
Hate is Not Entertainment, Undated	box OS1	item 9	
Married in Canada 'Single' for NY Taxes?, Undated	box OS1	item 8	
Paladino Too Crude Rude and Lewd, Undated	box OS1	item 7	
End DOMA Now, Undated	box OS1	item 6	
Mr. Paladino Stop Anti-Gay Slurs, Undated	box OS1	item 13	
Gay Rights are Civil Rights, Undated	box OS1	item 4	
End the Harm From Religious Based Bigotry and Prejudice, Undated	box OS1	folder 4	item 1
NY Senate Pass Equal Marriage, Undated	box OS2	item 12	
Shame on Maine, Undated	box OS2	item 10-11	
1138 Federal Marriage Benefits, Undated	box OS2	item 9	

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Sign dimensions - 27"x21.5". Annotated sticky-note removed from sign and placed in protective envelope, "Bess

Watts and Monroe Community College designed this for a workshop there. Widely used as a handout in Rochester."

It's About Love, Undated	box OS3	item 3
Scope and Contents	box OS1	item 14
Dimensions of foam board sign - 27"x21.5" The sticky-note annotation removed and placed in a protective envelope "AP photo - Todd Plank > Dozen newspapers"		
I DODemand Equality, Undated	box OS3	item 11
I'll Get You My Pretty And Your Little Flag Too, Undated	box OS3	item 4
Domestic Partner Benefits Now, Undated	box OS3	item 8
NY Senate Pass Equal Marriage, Undated	box OS3	item 10
Rochester Celebrates Marriage Equality, Undated	box OS3	item 9
18,000 Couples are in Limbo End Prop 8, Undated	box OS2	item 1
Love Honor Cherish Equality, Undated	box OS3	item 6
Thank you Governor Cuomo/I Love NY, Undated	box OS3	item 7
Eat, Drink, Be Married/Thank you Alesi, Undated	box OS3	item 5
Equal Taxes = Equal Rights, Undated	box OS2	item 8
	box OS3	item 15
Senator Robach Hurt Gay Families, Undated	box OS2	item 3-4
Pride at Work AFL-CIO, Undated	box OS2	item 7
DADT DOMA ENDA, Undated	box OS2	item 6
Trans Rights are Human Rights , Undated	box OS2	item 5
Welcome Pride at Work True Colors, 2009	box OS2	item 2
Full Marriage Equality Now, Undated	box OS3	item 14
Veterans for Marriage Equality, Undated	box OS3	item 13
1138 Federal Rights Denied, Undated	box OS3	item 12
Marriage Equality Passes/Thank you NY, Undated	box OS2	item 13
Civil Marriage - Civil Rights, Undated	box OS2	item 16
Joe- Hypocrisy Will Bite You, Undated	box OS2	item 15
Ask Joe Why He Discriminates, Undated	box OS2	item 14
Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley Sponser sign, Undated	box OS3	item 1
"Live Loud, Feel Proud, Break the Silence", GAGV Youth DOS 2012, 2012	item 1	

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Dimensions 127"x34" accordion folded sign was mounted on cardboard box, removed sign from box, rolled sign, and tied with string.

Celebrate/Put a Ring On It, Undated	box 7	item 2	
Married and Happy/My Family Matters, Undated	box 7	item 3	
Repeal DOMA/Value All Families, Undated	box 7	item 4	
DOMA Demeans/Value All Families, Undated	box 7	item 5	
Celebrate/Now I Need a Honey, Undated	box 7	item 6	
Celebrate/Lesbian, Married + Proud of NY, Undated	box 7	item 7	
GayProudHappy/Marry Me?, Undated	box 7	item 8	
Equality = Rochester/Love Wins, Undated	box 7	item 1	
Celebrate/Going to the Chapel, Undated	box 7	item 9	

Series IV: Family Portrait Storytelling Project Photographs, circa 2007	box 8-9	
Title/Description	Instances	
Greg Partridge and Doug Potter black and white photograph , circa 2007	box 8	item 1
Greg Partridge and Doug Potter color photograph, circa 2007	box 8	item 2
Greg Partridge and Doug Potter label sheet, circa 2007	box 8	item 3
Ginny Tucker and Sara Berger color photograph, circa 2007	box 8	item 4
Ginny Tucker and Sara Berger label sheet, circa 2007	box 8	item 5
Jamie and Sally Whitbeck label sheet, circa 2007	box 8	item 6
Jamie and Sally Whitbeck color photograph, circa 2007	box 8	item 7
Sandra Lowery and Rosemary Rivera label sheets, circa 2007	box 8	item 8-9
Color photograph, two un-identified people holding pride flag, circa 2007	box 8	item 10
Ginny Tucker and Sara Berger black and white photograph, circa 2007	box 8	item 11
Jenny, Sue, Katie, and Elinor color photograph, circa 2007	box 8	item 12
"New Fight for Gay Nuptials" Democrat and Chronicle article, July 7, 2006	box 9	item 1

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