

Record Series #: 1121-1003
Name: Proud Savannah History Collection
Dates: 2021-2024, no date
Extent/Size: 1 half document case (0.25 cubic feet)
Language: English

Collection History:

The Proud Savannah History Project was started in 2021 by the City of Savannah Municipal Archives to document the history of Savannah’s LGBTQIA+ community in their own words and own voices. The Proud Savannah History Project includes oral histories, physical collections donated by community members, and written reflections collected at community events. In 2022, the Municipal Archives became a partner with the Invisible Histories Project, a regional initiative that aims to preserve LGBTQIA+ Southern history.

Scope and Content:

The Proud Savannah History Collection contains the physical collection materials of the Proud Savannah History Project. The collection contains written reflections and ephemera related to LGBTQIA+ history, advocacy, and life in Savannah, Georgia. Materials have primarily been collected during community events including the annual Stonewall Block Party and the Pride Festival, where Municipal Archives staff have hosted tables to encourage awareness of and participation in the project. During events, participants filled out written reflection cards with prompts about Savannah’s LGBTQIA+ community and added brief responses to a community response board by writing on post it notes for prompts such as “What does Pride mean to you” and “What does Community mean to you.” Ephemeral materials such as brochures, business cards, and service directories from other community organizations such as the First City Pride Center, PFLAG, and Georgia Legal Services are also included in the collection.

Collecting initiatives are ongoing and the collection is expected to grow.

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

The Proud Savannah History Collection is arranged chronologically by collecting event. See the attached inventory.

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Related Collections:

Record Series 1121-074, First City Network News, City of Savannah Municipal Archives

Record Series 1121-1001, Proud Savannah Oral History Collection, City of Savannah Municipal

Archives. Available online at: https://www.savannahga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/26989/1121-1001_Proud-Savannah-Oral-History_FA

Access Points:

Coming out (sexual orientation)

Gay Pride celebrations

LGBT Community Centers

LGBTQ Activism

LGBTQ+ people

Religion and LGBTQ+

Same-sex marriage

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Inventory:

Box 1121-1003-001

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	News article: "Columnist wrong about gender issues, sexual identity", Wilson Huff, <i>Savannah Morning News</i> .	February 25, 2017
2	Ephemera collected from the Savannah Pride Center, including the <i>First City Pride Center Equality Directory</i> , a pamphlet about the First City Pride Center, and promotional materials for community advocacy groups.	2021-2023, no date
3	Ephemera, 2022 Stonewall Block Park	June 25, 2022
4	Prompt cards, 2022 Stonewall Block Party	June 25, 2022
5	"What does Pride mean to you?" response board responses, 2022 Stonewall Block Party	June 25, 2022
6	Ephemera, 2022 Pride Festival	October 29, 2022
7	Prompt cards, 2022 Pride Festival	October 29, 2022
8	"What does Pride mean to you?" response board responses, 2022 Pride Festival	October 29, 2022
9	Prompt cards, 2023 Stonewall Block Party	June 24, 2023
10	"What does Community mean to you?" response board responses, 2023 Stonewall Block Party	June 24, 2023
11	"What does Community mean to you?" response board responses, 2024 Stonewall Block Party	June 22, 2024