

Collection 0038

William Meneely Collection

1972-2010 [inclusive]
1982-1996 [bulk]

6 linear inches

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SC0038

Collection Summary

Title	William Meneely Collection
Creator	William Meneely
Dates (inclusive)	1970-2010
Dates (bulk)	1982-1996
Size	6 linear inches
Language of material	English
Repository location	John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives Philadelphia, PA
Identification	SC0038

Biographical History

William Meneely was born on October 9, 1952; he was raised in Pennsylvania with his brother and sister. He received his B.A. in the Classics from Bucknell University in 1974, his M.A. in the Classics from the University of Kentucky, and his M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh (both in 1976). Meneely spent the majority of his career working as a librarian at Georgia State University, from which he retired in 1992.

Meneely enjoyed playing Celtic harp, doing needlepoint and crochet, reading, and dancing. He was passionate about gardening and was also an experienced body worker in polarity and massage. He was also an artist, exploring various themes through his unique collage work. He was active in a number of social and civic organizations in Atlanta, including Gay Men's Spirit Vision, the AIDS Survival Project, the Men's Center, and Actors Express.

Meneely died on March 3, 1996 at Haven House in Atlanta.

Scope and Content Note

The William Meneely collection houses the personal papers of William E. Meneely. The collection dates from 1972 to 2010 and contains original artwork, travel diaries, photographs, correspondence, and journals evidencing his artwork, his close relationships, and his passions, which included gardening, travel, and writing.

Arrangement

The records are arranged in 2 series: "Series 1. Papers and correspondence, 1970-2010" and "Series 2. Artwork, 1982-1992, undated)."

Access

This collection is open for research use.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Appraisal Note

Records relating to Michael Callen (including 2 cassette tapes from “The Flirtations”) were removed from this collection to be housed separately due to no known link between the two creators.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Papers and correspondence (1970-2010)

Series Abstract: This series consists of correspondence, including postcards; photographs; journals; and diplomas for William Meneely.

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Correspondence and photographs, including one 10” x 13” portrait of Meneely; Photographs from the garden at 3202 Canary Court (circa 1994) and of Ireland from Howard Katz (1994); a program from Meneely’s memorial service (March 23, 1996); a copy of “Survival News,” which includes Meneely’s obituary (April 1996)
1	2	Diplomas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mountain View School District, High School Diploma, June 5, 1970• Bucknell University, Bachelor of Arts, <i>cum laude</i>, June 2, 1974• University of Kentucky, Master of Arts, August 11, 1976• University of Pittsburgh, Master of Library Science, August 14, 1976.
1	3	Journals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Book of Memories” – presented to William Meneely upon his retirement from Georgia State University, full of personal notes from colleagues and students (1992 September)• Journal with original poetry by Meneely and quotes by numerous other authors (in a variety of languages) (undated)• Travel journal – includes guest book for Meneely’s annual Groundhog Day party (1990-1991), and entries during travels in Ireland and England (1991) and Paris (1993)

Series 2: Artwork (1982-1992, undated)

Series Abstract: This series contains some of William Meneely’s original artwork. His artwork is generally collages assembled from photographs and advertisements. Many of the works assembled here include digital reprints as well as a few matted works. The works are ordered chronologically.

Box	Folder	Contents
1	4	Artwork, originals and reprints, 1982-1992, undated
1	5	Matted artwork, 1982-1983

Subject Headings

Personal Names

Meneely, William E., 1952-1996

Subject Terms

Collage.
Photocollage.

Processing and Other Information

Processing Information

This collection was processed and the finding aid prepared by Steven Duckworth in 2013.

Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Sources Consulted

Greenwood, J. (Ed.). (1996 April). "Survival News." Atlanta, GA: AIDS Survival Project, p. 6.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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