



Archives and Records Finding Aid

COLLECTION NUMBER: Coll. #18
David Peterson Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): David Peterson
Title: The David Peterson Collection
Extent: 9 Linear Feet
Date Span:
Repository: The History Project, Archives, and Records Department

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Biographical Note:

David Peterson (B: September 1, 1943; D: November 3, 2011) came from a conservative family in Indiana. In 1965 Peterson came to the Boston area to attend MIT. One of the first organizations he became involved with was the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB). It was in those years he became friends with Laura McMurry (Daughters of Bilitis). In 1972 Peterson, along with McMurry and Harry Phillips started Boston's Gay Speakers Bureau (now known as Speakout Boston). In 1973 Peterson along with Charlie Shively and John Mitzel founded the Gay Community News. In 1974, Peterson founded Gayline Greetings with friends, Mary Leno and Maggie Krebs. It was one of the first companies to produce and market non-sexist gay/lesbian oriented greeting cards. In 1979 Peterson started Iris Cards and Stamps which continued to carry the Gayline greetings as well as developing the world's largest selection of lesbian and gay oriented art rubber stamps.

David Peterson due to his conservative background collected a lot of right-wing material on homosexuality, including a rather extensive collection of materials on the Ted Haggard / Michael Jones scandal, in which he befriended Michael Jones and spent years corresponding with him.

Related Collections:

#74 – Charles Shively Collection
#77 – John Mitzel Journals
#16 – Gay Community News (Publication)
9 - Homophile Union of Boston
#17 – Laura McMurry Collection
#29 – SpeakOut

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Scope and Content Notes:

The collection consists of 10 boxes that have been arranged topically based on David Peterson's organization and is divided into nine distinct series. The Peterson collection contains a variety of printed media including newspaper articles, (original and photocopied,) business receipts, correspondence, and photographs.

Artist/Photographer Index

Card Company	Artist
Iris Greeting Cards	M.P. Smith
Iris Greeting Cards	Roxan McKinnon
Iris Greeting Cards	Ken LaMond
Iris Greeting Cards	Demian
Iris Greeting Cards	H. P. Barnes
Iris Greeting Cards	Stephanie Munroe
Iris Greeting Cards	R.G. Vosburg
Gayline Greetings	Gerry Takano
Gayline Greetings	Joanna Zarkadas
Gayline Greetings	Steve Blevins
Gayline Greetings	Maggy Krebs
Gayline Greetings	M.R.
Robert Samuel Galleries	Gopura
Robert Samuel Galleries	Arthur Tress
Robert Samuel Galleries	Robert Quigley
Robert Samuel Galleries	Robert Crowl
Robert Samuel Galleries	Kas Sable
Robert Samuel Galleries	Robert Maplethorpe
Robert Samuel Galleries	Tom of Finland
Robert Samuel Galleries	Starr Ockenga
Maggy's Attic	Maggy Krebs
Ken Brown Cards	Ken Brown

Handmade by Lorie	Lorie
Elizabeth Graphics	Catherine Kayser
Elizabeth Graphics	Elizabeth Gornstein
Elizabeth Graphics	Fran Levy
Elizabeth Graphics	Janet Elliot
Elizabeth Graphics	Peter Wallack
Kitty Kimono	Kitty Kimono

Box 1:

Series I: Iris Greeting Card Company

Notes: This series contains various greeting cards that were offered by mail-order through Iris Greeting Card Company. Copies of some of the company's mail-order catalogs are found in Series 2 – Business Files.

- Folder 1: Iris Greeting Cards, 1979-1980
- Folder 2a: Gayline Greetings, 1976
- Folder 2b: Gayline Greetings, 1976
- Folder 2c: Gayline Greetings, 1976
- Folder 3: Robert Samuel Cards, 1980
- Folder 4: Maggy's Attic, 1983
- Folder 5: Ken Brown Cards, 1984
- Folder 6: Handmade by Lorie, n.d.
- Folder 7: Elizabeth Graphics, n.d.
- Folder 8: Kitty Kimono, 1982
- Folder 9: Trick Cards, n.d.
- Folder 10: Iron-On Patches, n.d.
- Folder 11: Buttons and Pins
- Folder 12: Man's Best Friends Playing Cards

Box 2:

Series II: Business Files

Notes: This series contains advertising rates, correspondence for publications which Iris Card Company used to promote and advertise the greeting card company. It is especially valuable as a tool for looking back in time at the numerous and varied LGBTQ publications from across the country during the late 1970's and early 1980's.

- Folder 1: Scribbles and Notes, 1960-1987
- Folder 2: GPU News, 1979
- Folder 3: The New Republic, 1981
- Folder 4: Philadelphia Gay news, 1979
- Folder 5: New Roots Magazine, 1980
- Folder 6: North Shore Gay Alliance, 1980
- Folder 7: National Association of Business Councils, 1981
- Folder 8: The Nation, 1982
- Folder 9: Ms. Magazine, 1981
- Folder 10: Mother Jones, 1980
- Folder 11: Lesbian Tide, 1979
- Folder 12: Ambitious Amazons/Lesbian Connections, 1979
- Folder 13: Gay Yellow Pages, 1988-1981
- Folder 14: The Northland Companion, 1979

Folder 15: River City Business Association, 1982
Folder 16: Phoenix Classifieds, 1979
Folder 17: Seattle Gay News, 1979
Folder 18: Sojourner, 1980
Folder 19: Sisters United, 1981
Folder 20: Stamp Happy, 1982
Folder 21: Straw into Gold, 1983
Folder 22: Stonewall Distributors, 1978
Folder 23: Top Drawer Rubber Stamp, 1981-1983
Folder 24: Alan Tuck Associates, 1982
Folder 25: The Wishing Well, 1981
Folder 26: Gayline Greetings, 1979-1984
Folder 27: Rubberstampede, 1980-1985
Folder 28: Décor-8-Craft Products, 1978
Folder 29: Diced Lemon Rubber Stamps, 1984
Folder 30: Dirty Shirt Company, 1978
Folder 31: Elbow Grease, n.d.
Folder 32: Emerald City Stamps
Folder 33: The Stamping Grounds, 1983
Folder 34: Stampworks, 1983
Folder 35: Sisco and the Kid, n.d.
Folder 36: Single Shot Gallery, n.d.
Folder 37: Fly By Night, 1984
Folder 38: Funny Business Rubber Stamp Company, 1980
Folder 39: Good Impressions, 1981
Folder 40: Gumbo Rubber Stamp Works, 1980
Folder 41: Hand of the Craftsman, 1983
Folder 42: Hero Arts, 1980
Folder 43: Ruth Hoppe's Rubber Stamps, 1982
Folder 44: Inkadinkado, 1981
Folder 45: Inkling Stamp Company, 1983
Folder 46: Loving Little Rubber Stamps, 1984
Folder 47: Ministries of Silly Stamps, n.d.
Folder 48: Patrick and Company, 1979
Folder 49: Red Rubber Valley, n.d.
Folder 50: The Rubber Ingot, 1983
Folder 51: Rubber Stamps of America, 1983
Folder 52: Asya Graphics, 1983
Folder 53: All Night Media, n.d.
Folder 54: Rubber Stamp Companies – Other
Folder 55: Go! California's Gay Outdoors Club, 1980
Folder 56: The Body Politic, 1980-1981
Folder 57: Christopher Street Magazine, 1979-1980
Folder 58: After Dark Magazine, 1980
Folder 59: Classified Advertising Other, 1979-1982
Folder 60: Advertising General, 1979-1986
Folder 61: In Touch For Men, 1983

Box 3:

Series II: Business Files

- Folder 1: Gay and Lesbian Catalogs
- Folder 2: Iris Card Company Catalogs
- Folder 3: Lesbian Resources
- Folder 4: Inventory
- Folder 5: Wholesale Orders, 1979-1980
- Folder 6: Retail Orders, 1979-1980
- Folder 7: Bills and Financials, 1976-1980
- Folder 8: Gay and Lesbian U.S. Outlets Listing, 1979
- Folder 9: General Business Correspondence, 1978-1980

Series III: Subject Files

- Folder 10: Gays in the Church: Larry King Live, 2006
- Folder 11: Homosexuality and the Bible, 2002-2004
- Folder 12: HIV/AIDS, 1982-1985
- Folder 13: Gays in the Media, 1989-2005
- Folder 14: Gay Marriage, 1996-2005
- Folder 15: TV Guide Articles, 1979-1986
- Folder 16: Gay Bashings, 1987-1988
- Folder 17: California, n.d.
- Folder 18: Colorado, 1996
- Folder 19: Indiana, 1978
- Folder 20: Maine, 1979-1982
- Folder 21: Massachusetts, 1979-1982
- Folder 22: Montana, 1979
- Folder 23: New York, 1981-1983
- Folder 24: Virginia, 1985
- Folder 25: Washington D.C., 1980
- Folder 26: Jay and Young Sexuality Survey, 1977

Box 4:

Series IV: People Files

Notes: David Peterson kept files on various people. Whether or not he knew each of them personally is unknown. This series is based on his filing system.

- Folder 1: Address Lists
- Folder 2: Adams, Mark
- Folder 3: Alspach, Rick
- Folder 4: Ash, Charles
- Folder 5: Bachrach, George
- Folder 6: Beresford, John
- Folder 7: Bronski, Michael
- Folder 8: Brown, Carol
- Folder 9: Brudnoy, David
- Folder 10: Buscher, Mary
- Folder 11: Burns, Richard
- Folder 12: Busiek, Betty
- Folder 13: Canfield, William
- Folder 14: Finell, Karin
- Folder 15: Fleury, Jacques
- Folder 16: Frank, Barney
- Folder 17: Fry, Michael

Folder 18: Jackson, Derrick
Folder 19: Kadet, Gary
Folder 20: King, Mel
Folder 21: Davis, Henrietta
Folder 22: Delvalle, Orlando
Folder 23: Dickinson, Barbara
Folder 24: Dunn, Belynda
Folder 25: Furdon, Betty
Folder 26: Haggard, Ted / Michael Jones
Folder 27a: Haggard, Ted
Folder 27b: Haggard, Ted
Folder 27c: Haggard, Ted
Folder 27d: Haggard, Ted
Folder 27e: Haggard, Ted
Folder 27f: Haggard, Ted
Folder 28: Hopkins, Ray
Folder 29: Huff, Don
Folder 30: Kirkpatrick, Brian
Folder 31: Klossner, John
Folder 32a: Krebs, Maggie
Folder 32b: Krebs, Maggie
Folder 33: Lawrence, Alok
Folder 34: Milk, Harvey
Folder 35: Monette, Elizabeth and Bill
Folder 36: Pelosi, Alexandra
Folder 37: Podgers, Kathy
Folder 38: Satya
Folder 39: Schweitzer, Mary
Folder 40: Sheppard, Matthew
Folder 41: Shively, Charles
Folder 42: Sidney, Sylvia
Folder 43: Simone, Richard
Folder 44: Small, Bob
Folder 45: Socarides, Charles
Folder 46: Steinwert, Tiffany
Folder 47: Studt, Randy
Folder 48: Thompson, Carolyn
Folder 49: Tingle, Jimmy
Folder 50: Tom of Finland
Folder 51: Tsongas, Paul
Folder 52: Perdue, Linda
Folder 53: Walker, Nancy
Folder 54: Wander, Marty
Folder 55: Zakim, Lenny
Folder 56: Names of People
Folder 57: Obituaries
Folder 58: Political Candidates
Folder 59: Correspondence
Folder 60: Local News – Events - People

Box 5:

Series V: Organization Files

Folder 1: Addresses – National LGBT Organizations
Folder 2: AIDS Action Committee – Brochures

- Folder 3: AIDS Action Committee – Clippings
- Folder 4: AIDS Action Committee – Events
- Folder 5: AIDS Action Committee – Lifelines, June 1984-May 1986
- Folder 6: AIDS Action Committee – Meetings and Notes
- Folder 7: AIDS Action Committee – Update, April 1986-July 1989
- Folder 8: American Family Association, 2003
- Folder 9: Anti-Gay Christian Literature, 1985-1987
- Folder 10: Anti-Gay Christian Literature, 1985-1987
- Folder 11: Bisexual Gay Lesbian Alums of MIT (BGALA)
- Folder 12: Boston Center for Lesbian and Gay Men, 1990
- Folder 13: Boston Institute for Gay Studies, 1982
- Folder 14: Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance (BLGPA)
- Folder 15: Cambridge GLBT Commission, 2004
- Folder 16: Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, 1979-1985
- Folder 17: Cambridge Lavender Alliance, 1999-2000
- Folder 18: Cambridge Welcoming Ministries
- Folder 19: Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (CLUM), 1983-1984
- Folder 20: Crime Watchers Program, 1983-1985
- Folder 21: Dreizehn: Boston's Gay S/M Fraternity
- Folder 22: Fenway Community Health Center
- Folder 23: Front Runners: Newsletters, 1983
- Folder 24: Gay Academic Union of Boston, 1979
- Folder 25: Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)
- Folder 26: Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)
- Folder 27: Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
- Folder 28: Gay Men's Center of Boston
- Folder 29: Gay Nurse's Alliance, 1978
- Folder 30: Gay Rights National Lobby, 1984
- Folder 31: Glad Day Bookshop, 1984
- Folder 32: Greater Boston Business Council, 2003
- Folder 33: Greater Boston Gay Men's Association, 1983-1985
- Folder 34: The History Project
- Folder 35: Intermountain Christian Ministries
- Folder 36: Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, 1997
- Folder 37: Lesbian Herstory Archives
- Folder 38a: Lesbian and Gay Business Guild
- Folder 38b: Lesbian and Gay Business Guild
- Folder 39a: Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (GCN)
- Folder 39b: Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (GCN)

Box 6:

Series V: Organization Files

- Folder 1: Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus
- Folder 2: Millennium March on Washington
- Folder 3: Names Project, 1987
- Folder 4: National Association of Business Council
- Folder 5: National Gay and Lesbian Journalist Association
- Folder 6: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1986-1989
- Folder 7: National Gay Rights Advocates, 1988-1990
- Folder 8a: National Gay Task Force, 1977-1988

- Folder 8b: National Gay Task Force, 1977-1988
- Folder 9: National March on Washington, 1987
- Folder 10: National Women's Mailing List
- Folder 11: New England Bears, 1999-2003
- Folder 12: New England Lesbian and Gay Conference, 1981
- Folder 13: New England War Tax Resistance
- Folder 14: New York Lesbian and Gay Community Center
- Folder 15: North American Man/Boy Association (NAMBLA)
- Folder 16: PFLAG, 1996-2010
- Folder 17: Point Foundation, 2006
- Folder 18: Pride – Lafayette Indiana
- Folder 19a: Prime Timers – Boston, 2004-2011
- Folder 19b: Prime Timers – Boston, 2004-2011
- Folder 20: Purdue GLBTA
- Folder 21: Queer Book Worms (QBW), 2007-2008
- Folder 22: Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE)
- Folder 23a: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011
- Folder 23b: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011
- Folder 23c: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011
- Folder 23d: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011
- Folder 23e: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011
- Folder 23f: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011
- Folder 24: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau – Newsletters, 1987-2001
- Folder 25: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau – Publication Committee
- Folder 26: Theater Offensive
- Folder 27: Trinity Gay and Lesbian Fellowship
- Folder 28: Uncircumcised Males of America
- Folder 29: Wabash and Erie Canal Association, 2001-2002

Box 7:

Series VI: Publications

- Folder 1: The Advocate, 1984-1986
- Folder 2: Boston Gay and Lesbian Pride Programs, 1978-1984
- Folder 3: Boston/Cambridge Publications, 1982-1987
- Folder 4: Christopher Street, 1980
- Folder 5: Citizen: Focus on the Family, 2002
- Folder 6: David, 1980-1981
- Folder 7: Equality: Human Rights Campaign, 2001-2006
- Folder 8: Gay Jubilee, 1980
- Folder 9: Gay Persons Guide to New England, 1975-1977
- Folder 10: Green Mountain Dyke News, 1980
- Folder 11: High Gear: Ohio's Gay Journal, 1981
- Folder 12: Ladyslipper: Records and Tapes by Women, 1982
- Folder 13: The Longest Revolution, 1980
- Folder 14: New England Lesbian and Gay Guide, 1981
- Folder 15: New England Knight Life, 1980
- Folder 16: New Roots, 1980-1981
- Folder 17: Non-Local Newspapers, 1978-1981
- Folder 18: The Pinball Player by Pat Kuras, 1982
- Folder 19: SisterSource, Inc., 1981
- Folder 20: Telewoman: A Women's Newsletter, 1982

Folder 21: Valley Women's Voice, 1979-1980
Folder 22: Women's Network Directory, 1982

Series VII: Audio Video

Folder 23: The Trial of Ted Haggard, DVD
Folder 24: David, Cassette
Folder 25: Maggy Krebs: Memorial Service, Cassette
Folder 26: SpeakOut: The Stories We Tell, Cassette
Folder 27: FID and JCP, 3 Cassettes

Box 8:

Series VIII: Slides

Notes:

Container 1: Boston Buildings, Doll Cabinet, Parades
Container 2: New York City Buildings
Container 3: Boston Pride, 1981
Container 4: San Francisco Trolleys
Container 5: Amsterdam 1986
Container 6: Pope's Visit, 1979
Container 7: Hopkin's Family, 1982
Container 8: Mountains, Lakes, Forests Western US & Canada
Container 9: Odds and Ends
Container 10: Boston Pride, GCN, Back Bay
Container 11: Unknown
Container 12: Unknown
Container 13: Unknown
Container 14: Unknown
Container 15: January 1986
Container 16: Unknown
Container 17: Unknown
Container 18: Unknown
Container 19: Miscellaneous
Container 20: Boston Blizzard, 1978
Container 21: Fire at 16 Cottage Street
Container 22: NYC
Container 23: Boston Cambridge Street Scenes Late 70's
Container 24: Rehab of 2F, Yard and Garden, ERH's Christmas Trees

Box 9:

Series IX: Photographs

Notes: The photographs in this box are unmarked, unidentified, and unfolded. They have been left as they were in the collection without any assumption as to who or what the photographs are of or who took them.

Box 10:

Notes: The photographs in this box are believed to have been taken by David Peterson's late partner Raymond Hopkins, and were organized topically in the collection.

Folder 1: Enlargements: Boston Street Scenes

Folder 2: Negatives: Boston Street Scenes
Folder 3: Contact Sheets
Folder 4: Negatives: New York City Pride
Folder 5: Negatives: Somewhere Else
Folder 6: Negatives: Beach Scenes
Folder 7: Negatives: Sex Toys, Demos, Displays
Folder 8: Negatives: Red Carpet Club
Folder 9: Negatives: 48 Magazine Street
Folder 10: Negatives: Raymond Hopkins Family
Folder 11: Uncategorized Photos and Negatives