

LESBIAN HERSTORY ARCHIVES

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The Archives is both a library and a "family album": an attempt to preserve our living experiences beyond our generation and reconnect with our family of the past. The books-newsletters-pamphlets are easy to come by but what we urgently need now are tapes-oral herstories-photographs of faces,homes,art works,friends-autobiographies-journals-letters-diaries.

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"Summer was an interesting time for the Archives with a record number of visitors including women from California, England and Italy. I found that whether I was talking with lesbians from Manhattan or Europe the concern expressed for the preservation of our herstory creates an energy that whisks the Archives from the past into our daily lives. There is motivation and activity everywhere. In London women are producing street theater in the Punch and Judy tradition in support of Wages for Housework. In Italy lesbian groups are beginning to meet in the high schools. Some of our visitors organized lesbian centers or were responsible for coordinating such notable events as the Lesbian Herstory Exploration near Los Angeles. Of course in many cases the enthusiasm was closer to home taking the shape of a "Hello. I just found out that the Archives is a few blocks away and I'd like to stop by tomorrow." This summer brought a feeling of universal lesbian power--women united in the celebration and adventure of pursuing our identity."

-----Valerie

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We were delighted and excited to receive a grant of \$415 from the women of the New York Region Lesbian Feminist Conference Committee. They suggested that the funds be used for preservation of already collected materials and cataloging.

We would appreciate ideas and expertise from any women-librarians and otherwise-to help us establish a permanent cataloguing-retrival system for the Archives based on Lesbian-Feminist principles. Please write to us and let us know if you want to explore this further with us.

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Many times women who have been doing research or writing newspaper articles have asked to xerox original material. We ask all contributors to specify any restrictions they want to place on the duplication of their work. This is particularly important in relation to tapes. When you send a tape please let us know if we can allow other women to make transcriptions or duplicates. We are willing to respond to any requests a contributor makes, including requests for confidentiality.

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Pam is still interested in oral herstories from older lesbians. She is willing to travel to interview women. But we would encourage all of you to become interviewers so that we can preserve the lives and voices of older women while they are still with us.

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Because the Lesbian community is so alive and there is so much to preserve and record we suggest the setting up of regional Archives. Eventually we could share our catalogs, and set up exchanges.

...The Archives survives on donations
please help...

We are going to use the Newsletter to list some of our holdings. Eventually a complete catalog will be available. Our first listing is of the Archives "1950s" Lesbian paperback and hardcover novels. Bibliographies and articles in the Archives providing more information in the area are also listed. We also have several examples of male authored paperbacks about Lesbians dating from the same period in the Archives. These are not listed here. Our collection is not nearly complete; the Gene Damon-Jan Watson-Robin Jordan Bibliography is the best guide to existing material. We are listing women authors under their first name.

Anna Elisabet Weiruch. Of Love Forbidden. New York: Fawcett Pub., 1958.
The Scorpion. New York: Avon Pub., 1948.

Note: these are basically the same work but each has been edited differently. Both are translated by Wittaker Chambers.

Ann Aldrich. Carol in a Thousand Cities. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub. Inc., 1960.

We, Too, Must Love. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., Inc., 1958.

We Two Won't Last. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., 1963

We Walk Alone. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., 1955.

see also Vin Packer.....both are pseudonyms for Marijane Meeker

Ann Bannon, I am a Woman. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., 1959

Journey to a Woman. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., 1960.

Women in the Shadows. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., 1959

Claire Morgan, The Price of Salt. New York: Bantam Books, 1953, 1958 (different covers)

Donna Richards. Women Like Me. New York: Lancer Books, 1958.

Diana Frederics, Diana: A Strange Autobiography. New York: Citadel Press, 1939. (hardcover)

Carol Emery. Queer Affair. New York: Beacon Books, 1957.

Elisabeth Craigin. Either is Love. New York: Lion Books, 1952. (pseudonym)

Flora Fletcher. Strange Sisters. New York: Lion Books, Inc., 1954.

Whisper of Love. Pyramid Books; New York, 1959 original title:
Desperate Asylum

Francoise Mallet. The Loving and the Daring. New York: Popular Lib., 1953.

(also known as the Illusionist) trans. Herma Briffault

Gale Wilhelm. The Strange Path. New York: Berkley Pub., 1938.

original title Torchlight to Valhalla.

We Two are Drifting. New York: Berkley Pub., 1955. Grayson Pub., 1946 (H)

Kathrin Perutz. The Garden. New York: Paperback Lib., 1962

Kay Addams. Three Strange Women. New York: Beacon, 1960.

Warped Desires. New York: Beacon, 1960.

Note: there is no reference to these works in The Lesbian in Literature.
Any information about the author?

Lesley Evans. Strange are the Ways of Love. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., 1959.

Olivia. Olivia. New York: Berkeley Pub., 1949. (pseudonym for Dorothy Bussy)

Tereska Torres. Women's Barracks. Greenwich: Fawcett Pub., 1950/

Relevant material in the Archives collection:

Fran Koski and Marda Tilchin. "Some Pulp Sappho" Margins #23, August 1975
ed. Beth Hodges. pp41-44.

Gene Damon. "The Lesbian Paperback" Tangents, June 1966, pp4-7; July 1966, pp13-15.

(pseudonym of Barbara Grier)

Gene Damon, Jan Watson, Robin Jordan. The Lesbian in Literature: A Bibliography.

2nd edition. avail. The Ladder, P.O. Box 5025, Washington Station,
Reno, Nevada 89503.

Gene Damon, Jan Watson. Index to the Ladder. Reno: The Ladder, 1974. Covers
the Ladder's contents Oct. 1956-1972. Reviews and discussions of
Lesbian paperbacks are scattered throughout the issues.

Jeanette Foster. Sex Variant Women in Literature. Baltimore: Diana Press, 1975.
avail. Diana Press, Inc., 12 West 25th Street. Baltimore, Md. 21218

Valerie Taylor. For My Granddaughters. Text of speech delivered before
1st Annual Lesbian Writers Conference, Chicago, Sept. 13, 1974.
Womanpress, Box 59330, Chicago, IL. 60645.

Note: There are so many possibilities for further research suggested by
these titles and authors. For example--- Who was doing the editing
for Fawcett during these years? the correspondence? What has happened
to these women? to their unpublished works?

The Archives collective hopes the listing will encourage interested
women to continue to explore the past. Let us know what you discover.

help
survive!

UPDATE: BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BIBLIOGRAPHIES
continued from Newsletter #2
(A)= in the Archives

- Margins Focus: Lesbian Feminist Writing and Publishing, ed. Beth Hodges (A)
#23, August 1975a valuable resource
- Index to the Ladder vol. 1,1956- Vol 16,1972 (A)
- A Listing of library Collections Oriented to Women. Prepared by Buckwheat Turner
Feb. 1976 (A)
- Off Our Backs Index The first 5 years,1970-1974 (A)
- Bibliography in the History of American Women Dr. Jerda Lerner, Sarah Lawrence
College, Bronxville, N.Y. 10708 (A)
- A Selected Bibliography for Black Feminist Reading. Prepared by A. Shockley
Library, Fisk University, Tenn. (A)
- International Contact List of Lesbian Feminists prepared by D. Rolio (A)
- Index/Directory , Media Report to Women. 3306 Ross Place, nw, Washington DC 20008 (A)
- Lesbian Resources in New York Cityprepared by Lesbian Feminist Liberation, NYC (A)
- Outreach: Lesbian and Gay Mens Fact Sheet Feb.24,1976. Listing of organisations,
groups, services in N.Y.,Conn.,N.J., area. Grew out of
channel 13 Outreach program (A)
- Just Us: A Directory of the Washington Gay Community. Pub. by Washington Area
Gay Community Council (A)
- GAIA's Guide-1976 Third Edition 115 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94105 (A)
- New York Gay Yellow Pages, Sept. 1976, # 2 , Renaissance House, Box 242, Village
Station, NY 10014 (A)
- Bibliography of Gay Radio Programs(and Services) available from NGTF (A)
- Sexual Minorities: Serial Sources of Information on Male Homosexual ,Lesbians,
Transvestites and Transsexuals held by the Labadie (A)
Collection of Protest Literature, Univ. Of Michigan
Ann Arbor ,Mich. 48104 compiled by Edmund F Santavacia,1975
- Lesbian and Gay Male Theater Resources Prepared by Loretta Lotman and Owen Wilson (A)
- Homosexuality-Female articles pre 1969; articles published since 1968 ,
Homosexuality-Female: Community and Counseling, Homosexuality-General, (A)
Survey of Informational Materials Relating to Human Sexuality
all from: Institute for Sex Research Library
416 Morrison Hall, Indiana University,Bloomington, In.47401

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A forthcoming journal: Conditions " a new magazine of women's writings with
emphasis on writings by lesbians. " edd. Kelly Bulkin,
Jan Clausen, Irene Klepfisz and Rima Shore.
610 Sixth Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

- Wanted: women interested in preserving herstory of Third World lesbians--
autobiographies, folklore,music, songs, tapes, art.

- The Lesbian Town Meeting will be held monthly at the Women's Center 243 W.20St, NYC

- Heresies: A Feminist Publication on Art and Politics Box 766 Canal St. NYC 10013
\$10 for 4 issues. the 3rd issue is to be on Lesbian
Art and Artists--copy deadline March for publication
in June send to Harmony Hammond 129 W 22 St. NYC 10011

- GWARN(Gay and Women's Alliance for Responsible Media) would appreciate the
following : information about local TV shows across the country
dealing with lesbian themes. Write to GWARN, apt 2C,121 E.88St, NYC 10028
- The Archives is asking for new videotape or donations to be used for
the purchase of tape (\$21 an hour). Contributions would enable
us to preserve such programs as "War Widow" recently aired on
Channel 13 or the Beverly Sills interview with Elaine Noble and
a lesbian mother.

- A LOSS: Lavender Women last issue Vol 5 #1, July 1976. We will miss you.
We call attention to some excellent articles in the last issue;
J.R. Roberts on Gabrielle L'Autre (poet and translator) and Renee Vivien
and a review of Elsa Gidlov's Ask No Man Pardon.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE WOMEN WHO HAVE SENT US AND BROUGHT US
NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES, DIARIES, BOOKS, POETRY AND POSTERS.

• THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LISTING OF NEW ACQUISITIONS.....

• NEW PUBLICATIONS.....

Lesbian Home Journal PO Box 2344, Seattle, Wash. 98111 First issue Summer 1976 ..
printing diaries, letters dreams.
Pa'fuera 11 Publicacion oficial de la Comunidad de Orgullo Gay, San Juan, Puerto Rico
apartado 5523, Pta. de Tierra, San Juan, PR 00906
Sinister Wisdom Vol 1, #1. July 1976 eds. Harriet Desnoines and Catherine Nicholson
3116 Country Club Drive Charlotte, N.C. 28205
Talk Among the Womanfolk Susan Saxe Susan Saxe Defense Fund c/o Philadelphia
National Lawyers Guild, 1427 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
Womenfriends: A Soap Opera by Esther Newton and Shirley Walton, Friends Press
520 West 110 St., NY, NY \$4.50

• ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS.....

Julia Stanley: "Fear of Flying" an answer to E. Langer's review in Ms.
et al: "Saxist Slang and the Gay Community. Are You One, too?"

M.A.: "Women of Women" a ritual chant

P.G. "Lesbianism Causal Factors: Myths and Realities";

S.A.: "Eleanor Reban Belmont, Amy Lowell, Ada Dwyer Russell; Women's Friendship
in the World of Men"

• GIFTS.....

N.Y. DOB Newsletters, minutes and announcements from Vol 1, 1969 to Dec. 1971, :

A complete edition of the Furies, 13 issues of the Rat, issue #1 of the
Udder Side (April 1973), issues 2,3 of Coverie

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