OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION
Number: 109-07-03
Title: Equity Action oral history collection
Creator: Thomas, Virginia
Dates: 2020
Quantity: 5 audio recordings (total of 1.8 GB)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
Accruals: Accruals are not expected.
Custodial history: Material was acquired from the collector.
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Conservation: Not applicable.
Language: Materials are in English.

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Location of copies
Recordings are available on www.provlibdigital.org.

Publication note
Not applicable.

Subject headings
AIDS & HIV
Bullying
Christian gay men
Civil rights
Clergy
Coming out (sexual orientation)
Discrimination-Law and legislation
Feminists
Gays - Medical care
Gay men
Gay rights
Gender transition
Hate crimes
Indian dance
Indigenous people
Interracial couples
Lesbians
Narragansett Indians
Parenting
Publishers and publishing
Racism
Same-sex marriage
Social isolation
Social workers
Social work with HIV-positive persons
Transgender people
Transphobia
Two-spirit people

Dove, Dawn.
Dove, Eleanor.
Glass, Jodi
TGI Network of RI
Youth Pride Rhode Island
American Civil Liberties Union
Marriage Equality Rhode Island
Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights
Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays
MOCHA Center (Rochester, N.Y.)
AIDS Rochester (Rochester, N.Y.)
Unitarian Universalist Association

Charlestown (R.I.)
Cranston (R.I.)
New Haven (Conn.)
Minneapolis (Minn.)
Providence (R.I.)
Rochester (N.Y.)

SEE ALSO
109-07-01, Queer Stories Project oral history collection
109-07-02, Queering Oral History collection

HISTORICAL NOTE
Dr. Virginia Thomas is a scholar of American Studies who completed her PhD at Brown University in 2020 with a focus on race, gender and sexuality in U.S. culture and history. She was awarded an Equity Action Grant by the Rhode Island Foundation in 2020 to complete a series of oral history recordings with members of Rhode Island’s LGBTQ+ community.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION
The collection includes oral history recordings of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual people in Rhode Island. The interviews document experiences related to identity including sexuality, gender identity and expression, race and ethnicity as well as art & creative expression, dating, marriage and families, activism, religious faith, social life and occupations.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION
The collection is organized alphabetically by interviewee.
## Detailed Description of the Collection

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