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## Biographical Sketch

Barbara Jessen is a millwright who formed the Maine Tradeswomen's Network, a loose organization of women in the trades and supporting personnel, in 1990, to promote networking, mentoring, and employment. She resides in Falmouth, ME.

## Description of the Collection

The Collection consists of six newsletter titles, plus newspaper clippings, all of which address LGBT and women's issues in Maine and nationally. The collection spans two decades, from the late 1970s through the year 2000. The collection has been organized around two series:

Newsletters  
Clippings

### Series 1. Newsletters

These have been ordered alphabetically by title, and within each title, are arranged chronologically. The specific titles present are: *Lesbian Connection* (publication of Helen Diner Memorial Women's Center/Ambitious Amazons, East Lansing, MI), *Portland Women's Community Newsletter*, *No-Name-Yet Newsletter* (publication of The Collective and a new iteration of *Portland Women's Community Newsletter*), *Prismatica* (publication of Iris, Inc. Portsmouth, NH), *The Common Scold* ("a women's newsletter, Portland, Maine," the now-named publication of The Collective), and *Women's Community Project Newsletter* (Portland, ME-based).

### Series 2. Clippings

Clippings have been grouped by the subject arrangement in which they were originally donated, but organized chronologically within each folder. The clippings come from the following Maine and nationally-based publications: *Portland Press Herald*, *Maine*

*Sunday Telegram, Socialist Review, The Free Press, Lewiston Sun-Journal, Boston Globe, The Forecaster, PFLAG's Issue Paper, USA Today, In the Family, and The Advocate.*

**Series 1 Newsletters (1979-83, 1986-88, 1990)**

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	<i>Lesbian Connection</i>	1979, 1990
1	2	<i>Portland Women's Community Newsletter</i>	1980-82
1	3	<i>No-Name-Yet Newsletter</i>	1982-83
1	4	<i>Prismatica</i>	1983
1	5	<i>The Common Scold</i>	1983
1	6	<i>Women's Community Project Newsletter (1 of 2)</i>	1986-87
1	7	<i>Women's Community Project Newsletter (2 of 2)</i>	1988

**Series 2 Clippings (1991-92, 1995-98, 2000, undated)**

1	8	Religion [and Gay Rights]	1997-98, 2000
1	9	Television	1996
1	10	Maine Community Articles	1992, 1996, 1998
1	11	Homosexuality	1992
1	12	Gay and Lesbian Family Issues	1991, 1995-98
1	13	Suicide	1991, 1995, undated
1	14	Political and Educational	1996, 1998
1	15	PFLAG	1996-97