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Biographical Note

Dale McCormick was born in 1947 in New York City to Elizabeth and Kenneth McCormick; the former was a teacher and the latter, editor-in-chief at Doubleday. When she was still a child, McCormick's family moved to Sigourney, Iowa, where she graduated from high school in 1965. In 1970, McCormick graduated with a BA and a teaching certificate from the University of Iowa. McCormick's political activism began soon after - in the early 1970s she participated in various movements, such as women's and lesbians' rights and anti-war. In 1975, McCormick apprenticed as a carpenter with the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and in 1975, Dale McCormick became the first journeywoman carpenter in the nation. From 1977 to 1980, McCormick ran her own cabinetry business in Iowa City.

After moving to Maine in the early 1980s, McCormick helped found and became the first President of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (now called EqualityMaine), which advocates statewide for civil rights and better treatment for lesbian/gay/bi/transgender/ and questioning people. In 1988, McCormick founded Women Unlimited, a program that successfully trains women on welfare to compete for high-paying jobs in trade and technical occupations. She was a co-founder of Northeast Women in Transportation, which educated women's organizations around the country about the opportunities in the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act (ISTEA) for increasing the number of women and minorities in the construction industry. McCormick won a seat in the Maine Senate in 1990 and was re-elected twice in a conservative district. She was elected Treasurer of the State of Maine on December 4, 1996 and served eight years, Maine's first female Constitutional Officer. In 2005, Governor John Baldacci appointed McCormick Director of the Maine State Housing Authority; she was reappointed to that position in February 2010.

McCormick has received many honors in recognition of her efforts to attain social, political and economic equality for women, lesbians, and other minorities. In 1997,

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McCormick received the Maryann Hartman Award for her political leadership and her work training women for non-traditional careers. McCormick received the Crystal Vision Award from the National Association of Women in Construction in 2006, and in 2008 she was presented with the Catalyst for Change Award from the University of Southern Maine's Jean Byers Sampson Center for Diversity in Maine. In 2007, McCormick was inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame.

She has also written two books: *Against the Grain: A Carpentry Manual for Women*, and *Housemending: Home Repair for the Rest of Us*.

Description of the Collection

This collection contains materials documenting McCormick's political career and LGBT and AIDS activism in Maine, including records and research material associated with McCormick's work as president of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA), along with materials on conferences and events attended by McCormick. In addition, there are materials on a course she taught in the spring of 1988 at the University of Southern Maine, *Relating Professionally to Homosexuality*. The materials span from the 1970s to the early 2000s, with the bulk of the material dating to the 1980s.

Series 1. MLGPA (Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance) (1984-1990)

This series contains the organizational, committee and political records of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance. Materials relate to various issues, such as MLGPA's work with AIDS awareness, gay rights and healthcare. These materials include reports, surveys, articles, newspaper clippings, and professional correspondence. Materials associated with the organization's legislative activity are also included in this series. For example, there are materials on the 1985, 1987 and 1989 Gay Rights Bills. There are newspaper clippings, statements, and notes from the trial for the murder of Charles Howard. In addition, there are records pertaining to the trial of Robert Gravel, along with information on his harassment complaint.

Series 2. AIDS (1984-1990, undated)

This series contains materials on McCormick's AIDS activism and political work, dealing with such issues as discrimination, insurance access, public policy and law, ACTUP, and services. This series also contains materials associated with the Caribou Mail Caper, in which an AIDS educational brochure was labeled as a "sexually orientated advertisement" by the Caribou postmaster.

Series 3. USM Course, SWO 267: Relating Professionally to Homosexuality (1970-1988)

This series contains material from a course taught by McCormick in the spring of 1988 at the University of Southern Maine. Topics covered include coming out, AIDS, homophobia (including a homemade educational game), and stereotypes. There are also reading lists and copies of the syllabus.

Series 4. Conferences and Events (1983-1990)

This series contains materials associated with conferences and events either attended by McCormick or those at which she presented. For example, there are newspaper clippings, copies of court documents and correspondence related to Madison Tolerance Day which was supposed to be an event at a school in Madison, Maine to foster tolerance and counter bullying in Maine schools, but school officials canceled the event after learning that McCormick would be giving a speech. In addition, there are both copies and original, handwritten speeches given by McCormick.

Series 5. Legislative and Political Activity (1977-1993)

This series contains materials related to McCormick's legislative and political activities. For example, there are press releases, correspondence and reports related to the 1983 Gay Rights Bill. In addition, there are copies of the 1989 Hate Crimes Bill, which sought to include the term "Sexual or Affectional Preference" in the Maine Human Rights Act.

Series 6. Organizations (1975-1988)

This series contains materials related to various organizations that McCormick was either involved with or researched, such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Organization for Women, various regional gay groups, and Parents and Friends of Gays.

Series 7. Statistics and Studies (1981-1988)

This series includes multiple reports on various studies and statistics relating to the LGBT community, including statistics on crime and violence perpetrated upon homosexuals in Maine.

Series 8. Printed Materials and Clippings (1982-2001)

This series includes newspaper clippings covering topics related to the LGBT community. Also included are publications such as the Maine Legislative Record.

Series 9. Subject Files (1970-1995)

This series contains a diverse range of topics. There are materials on Paul Cameron an American psychologist who was expelled from the American Psychological Association in 1983 after producing homophobic pamphlets that misrepresented other social scientists' research. There are also various political leaflets and broadsides, along with materials associated with Maine Won't Discriminate.

Series 10. Oversize

This series contains materials too large or awkward to fit into regular boxes. Listed within their regular series, they are included here to give their physical location.

Series 1.1. MLGPA. Organizational Records (1984-1990)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Haymarket Peoples Fund Grant	1984-1985
	2	Early Records (folder 1 of 2)	1984-1985

Series 1.1. MLGPA. Organizational Records (cont.)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	3	Early Records (folder 2 of 2)	1985-1988
	4	Finances	1984-1988
	5	Correspondence (folder 1 of 2)	1984-1986, undated
	6	Correspondence (folder 2 of 2)	1987, 1988, undated
	7	Mailing Lists	1985, undated
	8	Candidate Evaluations (folder 1 of 2)	1986
	9	Candidate Evaluations (folder 2 of 2)	1986
	10	Legislative Candidates (folder 1 of 2)	1986
	11	Legislative Candidates (folder 2 of 2)	1986
	12	Mailings	1986-1987
	13	Tax Status	1986-1987
	14	Anti-Gay Correspondence	1987
	15	IOLTA Grant (Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts)	1987
	16	Correspondence with Legislature	1987-1988
	17	Mail List: To be added to computer (folder 1 of 3)	1987-1990
	18	Mail List: To be added to computer (folder 2 of 3)	1987-1990
2	19	Mail List: To be added to computer (folder 3 of 3)	1987-1990
	20	Computer	1988
	21	Endorsements (folder 1 of 2)	1988
	22	Endorsements (folder 2 of 2)	1988
	23	By-Laws and Policies	undated
	24	Forms	undated

Series 1.2. MLGPA. Committees and Organizations (1984-1990, undated)

2	25	Maine Democratic Party	1984-1987
	26	Steering Committee	1985-1990
	27	Education Committee	1986-1987, undated
	28	Progressive Coalition (folder 1 of 2)	1986-1989
	29	Progressive Coalition (folder 2 of 2)	1986-1990
	30	Consumers for Affordable Healthcare (folder 1 of 2)	1988, undated
	31	Consumers for Affordable Healthcare (folder 2 of 2)	1989-1990, undated
	32	Dirigo Alliance	1988-1990
3	33	Dirigo PAC (folder 1 of 2)	1988-1989
	34	Dirigo PAC (folder 2 of 2)	1988-1989
	35	Legislative Committee	undated

Series 1.3. MLGPA. AIDS (1985-1991)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
3	36	Forums	1985-1986
	37	Legislation	1986-1988
	38	Legislation: "Operation Heat" (folder 1 of 2)	1986-1991
	39	Legislation: "Operation Heat" (folder 2 of 2)	1986-1991

Series 1.4. MLGPA. Gay Rights (1981-1990)

3	40	Legislation	1981-1987
	41	Defense Documents	1982-1988
	42	Charles Howard, Murder of	1984
	43	Gay Rights Bill 1985 (folder 1 of 7)	1985-1986
	44	Gay Rights Bill 1985 (folder 2 of 7)	1985-1987
4	45	Gay Rights Bill 1985 (folder 3 of 7)	1985-1988
	46	Gay Rights Bill 1985 (folder 4 of 7)	1985-1986
	47	Gay Rights Bill 1985 (folder 5 of 7)	1985-1987
	48	Gay Rights Bill 1985 (folder 6 of 7)	1985-1988
	49	Gay Rights Bill 1985 (folder7 of 7)	1985-1989
	50	Gay Rights Bill 1987 (folder 1 of 2)	1987
	51	Gay Rights Bill 1987 (folder 2 of 2)	1987
	52	Gay Rights Bill Testimony: 1987	1987
	53	Gay Rights Bill 1989 (folder 1 of 2)	1985-1989
	54	Gay Rights Bill 1989 (folder 2 of 2)	1985-1990

Series 1.5. MLGPA. Homophobia (1985-1988)

4	55	Violence Survey	1985-1987
5	56	Violence Reporting	1985-1988
	57	Congressional Hearings on Violence	1986
	58	Robert Gravel Trial (folder 1 of 6)	1986-1987
	59	Robert Gravel Trial (folder 2 of 6)	1986-1987
	60	Robert Gravel Trial (folder 3 of 6)	1986-1987
	61	Robert Gravel Trial (folder 4 of 6)	1986-1987
	62	Robert Gravel Trial (folder 5 of 6)	1986-1987
	63	Robert Gravel Trial (folder 6 of 6)	1986-1987
	64	Robert Gravel Harassment Complaint	1987
	65	Anti-Bias Crime Bill (folder 1 of 5)	1987
	66	Anti-Bias Crime Bill (folder 2 of 5)	1987

Series 1.5. MLGPA. Homophobia (1985-1988) (cont.)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
6	67	Anti-Bias Crime Bill (folder 3 of 5)	1987
	68	Anti-Bias Crime Bill (folder 4 of 5)	1987
	69	Anti-Bias Crime Bill (folder 5 of 5)	1987

Series 1.6. MLGPA. Other Issues (1984-1988, undated)

6	70	Precinct Results	1984
	71	Lobbying Materials (folder 1 of 3)	1984, 1985, undated
	72	Lobbying Materials (folder 2 of 3)	1984, 1985, undated
	73	Lobbying Materials (folder 3 of 3)	1984, 1985, undated
	74	Religion (folder 1 of 2)	1985-1988
	75	Religion (folder 2 of 2)	1985-1988
	76	Hospitality House	1987
		Framed award: MLGPA to Cameron Duncan See Oversize	1988
	77	Caucus Training Project	1988
	78	Uncommitted Voters	1988

Series 2. AIDS (1984-1989, undated)

6	79	Act to Correct Retirement Inequities	1987
	80	ACT UP	1988
	81	Articles	1987
	82	Behavior Change	1985, 1987
7	83	Caribou Mail Caper	1986-1987
	84	CIU, RTS, Clippings	1987-1988
	85	Confidentiality	1986
	86	Criminalization of HIV	1988-1989
	87	Discrimination	1986-1988
	88	First Bill, Process	1985
	89	Healthcare Workers	undated
	90	Hospice/Housing	1987
	91	In the Workplace	1985
	92	Insurance (folder 1 of 2)	1984-1987
	93	Insurance (folder 2 of 2)	1984-1987
	94	Laws, Elsewhere	1987, undated
	95	Clippings	1987

Series 2. AIDS (1984-1989, undated) (cont.)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
	96	Medical/Psych	1986-1987
	97	Noncompliant Carriers	1987-1988
7	98	Political (folder 1 of 2)	1985-1988
	99	Political (folder 2 of 2)	1985-1988
	100	Public Policy & Law (folder 1 of 2)	1986-1988
	101	Public Policy & Law (folder 2 of 2)	1986-1988
8	102	Services	1985, undated
	103	Studies (folder 1 of 2)	1985-1986
	104	Studies (folder 2 of 2)	1985-1986
	105	Summit	1986-1989
	106	Task Force	1985-1986
	107	The Public Policy Issues Teleconference	1986
	108	Walkathon	1987

Series 3. USM Course, SWO 267: Relating Professionally to Homosexuality Spring 1988 (1970-1988, undated)

8	109	AIDS	undated
	110	Coming Out	1975, undated
	111	Gay Men	1970, undated
	112	Gay Parenting	undated
	113	History	1984, 1988, undated
	114	Homophobia	undated
		Homophobia game	undated
		See Oversize	
	115	Maine Conference on Professional Work	1985, undated
	116	Materials Possibly Used for Course	undated
	117	Mental Health Professionals	1982-1988, undated
8	118	Myths and Stereotypes	1981, 1983- 1985, undated
	119	Parents of Gays	1984, undated
	120	Prejudice/Discrimination	1987, undated
	121	Resources	1977, 1985- 1988
9	122	Religion	1986, 1987, undated
	123	Sexual Identity	1984, 1985, 1988
	124	Syllabus	1988

Series 3. USM Course, SWO 267 (cont.)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
9	125	Values Clarification	1988, undated
	126	Audio Cassettes: Rev. Dr. Barry Wood; Defamation, narrated by Harvey Fierstein produced for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation	undated

Series 4. Conferences and Events (1977-1993, undated)

9	127	Pornography, Take Back the Night Workshop	1983-1984
	128	Madison Tolerance Day (Folder 2 of 5)	1985
	128	Madison Tolerance Day (Folder 1 of 5)	1985
	129	Madison Tolerance Day (Folder 3 of 5)	1985
	130	Madison Tolerance Day (Folder 4 of 5)	1985
	131	Madison Tolerance Day (Folder 5 of 5)	1985
	132	Maine, Gay/Lesbian Symposium	1985
	133	Women & Power Conference	1986
	134	Connections between Civil Rights, Reproductive Choice, and Right to Privacy Workshop	1986
	135	Family Life Education Leaders Training	1986
	136	Speeches, McCormick	1987-1988
	137	Aroostook Retreat	1988
	138	Gay & Lesbian Health Conference	1988
	139	Gay and Lesbian Youth Conference and Reed Leadership Workshop	1988
10	140	War Conference	1988-1989
	141	Audio Cassette, The Making of a Homosexual Minority	1989
	142	National Lobby Days	1990
	143	March on Washington	1993
	144	Lavender Caucus	undated
	145	October 16, Meeting: Sample Sign-Up Sheet for Mailgrams to be sent by the Fairness Fund	undated
	146	Gay Rights Bill 1983	1977-1983

Series 5. Legislative and Political Activity (1977-1993)

10	147	Hate Crimes Bill	1984-1989
	148	Election: 1984, Gay Vote	1984
	149	Coalition for the '86 Elections	1986
	150	Election, Statistics	1986-1987

Series 4. Conferences and Events (1977-1993, undated) (cont.)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
10	151	Election: 1988	1987-1988
	152	WLAC (Women's Legislative Agenda Coalition)	1987-1989
	153	Insurance Bill: 1989	1987-1989
	154	National Legislation	1987
	155	Legislation: 1988	1988
	156	Other Issues	1991, 1993

Series 6. Organizations (1975-1988, undated)

10	157	Gay/Lesbian Youth (folder 1 of 2)	1975-1986, undated
	158	Gay/Lesbian Youth (folder 2 of 2)	1975-1986, undated
	159	National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (1 of 2)	1983-1987
11	160	National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (2 of 2)	1983-1987
	161	NOW, Women in Politics	1983, undated
	162	Maine Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club	1984
	163	National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs	1984-1986
	164	Maine NOW PAC	1984-1985
	165	Vermont, VLGR (Vermonters for Lesbian and Gay Rights)	1985-1986
	166	BPW (Business and Professional Women's) Clubs	1985-1986
	167	New England Gay Groups	1985-1987
	168	Bowdoin Gay Group	1986
	169	Christian Civic League of Maine	1987-1988
	170	Out & Outraged	1987
	171	Parents & Friends of Gays	undated
	172	PAC 88, Pinetree	undated

Series 7. Statistics and Studies (1981-1988, undated)

11	173	Bias Crime Study	1981, 1987
	174	Voter Registration Statistics	1983-1985
	175	Gay Statistics	1985-1986
12	176	Children's Statistics	1987
	177	Violence, Maine	1987-1988
	178	Anti-Semitic Incidents	1988
	179	Michigan	undated
	180	Minnesota	undated

Series 8. Printed Material and Clippings (1982-2001, undated)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
12	181	Newspaper Clippings	1982-2000
	182	Gay Clippings (folder 1 of 2)	1984-1989
	183	Gay Clippings (folder 2 of 2)	1984-1990
	184	Testing, Center for Disease Control	1985, 1987
	185	Publications (folder 1 of 3)	1986, 1989
	186	Publications (folder 2 of 3)	1983, 1989, 1990
	187	Publications (folder 3 of 3)	1992, 1993
	188	Child Abduction/Abuse	1986
	189	Family	1987
	190	Custody	1987-1988
	191	Domestic Partnership	1989
13	192	Maine Legislative Record (folder 1 of 6)	2000
	193	Maine Legislative Record (folder 2 of 6)	2000
	194	Maine Legislative Record (folder 3 of 6)	2000
	195	Maine Legislative Record (folder 4 of 6)	2000
	196	Maine Legislative Record (folder 5 of 6)	2000
	197	Maine Legislative Record (folder 6 of 6)	2000
	198	Newspapers, unclipped (folder 1 of 3) See also Oversize	2001
	199	Newspapers, unclipped (folder 2 of 3)	2000
	200	Newspapers, unclipped (folder 3 of 3)	2000
	201	SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders)	undated

Series 9. Subject Files (1970-1990, undated)

13	202	Doctor's Attitudes	1970, 1984
14	203	Cameron, Paul (Rebuttal)	1977-1984
	204	Right Wing, The (Paul Cameron) (folder 1 of 2)	1982-1985, undated
	205	Right Wing, The (Paul Cameron) (folder 2 of 2)	1985-1987
	206	Political, Leaflets/Broadsides	1984-1988
	207	Phil's Readings (Philip G. Palmer?)	1984-1990
	208	Statements by Others	1985
	209	Pornography Referendum	1985-1986
	210	Human Rights Campaign Fund	1985-1988
	211	Maine Media Sheets	1985, undated
	212	Sodomy, Laws/Decisions	1986

Series 9. Subject Files (1970-1990, undated)

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
14	213	High Risk Pool	1986-1987
	214	Discrimination	1986-1988
	215	Fundraising Letters	1986-1989
15	216	Victim Assistance	1987
	217	Planning	1988
	218	Award Nomination	1988
	219	Wood for Council (Barb Wood)	1988
	220	Boycott Colorado	[early 1990s]
	221	City Ordinances	1992, [1993]
	222	Maine Won't Discriminate	1995
	223	English Only	undated

Series 10. Oversize

16		Framed award: MLGPA to Cameron Duncan (Ser. 1.6)	1988
16		Homophobia game (Ser. 3)	undated
16		Tabloids, from Newspapers, unclipped (Ser. 8) Globe (1991 Jan 8), National Enquirer (1991 Jan 22), Star (1990 Feb 27), and 3 sections from the San Francisco Examiner (1989 Jun 4, 6, 13)	1989-1991