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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Bobby Bremer opened the TAPS bar in Kansas City between 1983 and 1985. Like many other gay bars in the area, Taps hosted events and parties for the gay community including drag shows and gay male pageants. The bar burned down in 1993 after it was sold to a different owner.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Bobby Bremer Collection was donated to LaBudde Special Collections by Dr. Jay Wilkinson, a close friend of Bremer, in September 2012; a second donation was made in February 2014. It contains photographs from TAPS bar during the 1990s, parties and trips by Bremer, his partner and friends, Bremer's commitment ceremony to his first partner at Metropolitan Community Church. These have been reconstructed from four scrapbooks and were re-arranged in a consistent order with reference of the album on the folder. The collection also houses memorabilia from Kansas City bars and the Hotel Muehlebach. There is also several T-shirts in this collection from different gay organizations, AIDS Memorial Quilt events, and a softball jacket.

SERIES NOTES

SERIES I: Photographs

Located in Box 1, Folders 1-7; Box 2, Folders 1-6; contains the photographs from four reconstructed scrapbooks along with cards and articles.

SERIES II: Memorabilia

Located in Box 3, Folder 1; contains matchbooks, buttons and a bottle opener from Kansas City gay bars.

SERIES III: Organization and Event Shirts

Located in Box 4-7; contains T-shirts from different gay organizations and a Taps softball jacket.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES 1: PHOTOGRAPHS

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Blue Photo Album (1-104)
	2	Blue Album (105- 235) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Photo 184: "Suzie 1"- Photo 186: "Big Bette's, Larry, Bob, Boyd, SJ(?), Jim May 1990"- Photo 187: "Big Bette's Bob, Larry and Jerry Rois, May 1990"- Photo 199: "Michael, 16 months"
	3	Blue Album (236-294)
	4	Brown Photo Album (295-418)
	5	Brown Album (419-511)
	6	Brown Album (512-646)
	7	Brown Album (647-676) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Photo 674: "Apr 88"- Photo 675: "Apr 88"- Photo 676: "Apr 88"
2	1	Grey Photo Album (677-799) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cards from Larry Goodman, Bremer's partner: Valentine's Day and a Thank you card- Thank you card- Liquor Permit for Imogene Luther- Love letter/card from Larry Goodman
	2	Grey Photo Album (800-920) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Get well soon card from Larry Goodman
	3	Grey Album (921-958) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "New Year's 1991" card- Card
	4	Maroon Photo Album (959-1081) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Photos 959-1007: dated June 1981- "Votes raise \$62,000 to fight multiple sclerosis, Ugliest Bartender contest pays off" article
	5	Maroon Album (1082-1201)
	6	Miscellaneous Photos (1202-1330)

SERIES II: MEMORABILIA

Box	Folder	Description
3	1	Open Range matchbooks (4 copies) AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Event button, October 11-13, 1996 Missouri Breaks matchbook Sundance matchbook "How Many Names Will It Take?" AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Button, October 11-13, 1996

Box	Folder	Description
3	1	Hotel Muehlebach and Towers bottle opener

SERIES III: ORGANIZATION AND EVENT SHIRTS

Box	Folder	Description
4		"NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt" Sweatshirt
5		"HSL Atlanta" T-shirt
		"The Max, Omaha" T-shirt
6		"NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt" T-shirt
7		Taps Blue Softball jacket owned by Larry Goodman