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**DONALD SHERFICK
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, 16 JANUARY 2015**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In 2014 the Indiana Historical Society began the Indiana LGBT Collecting Initiative to collect, preserve, and make accessible materials that document the rich history, tradition, and culture of Indiana's LGBT communities. Part of the collecting initiative includes the Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBT Oral History Project. During the time period of 2014–2015, interviews were conducted of individuals, couples and families from all walks of life in the Central Indiana area.

Donald Sherfick (b. 1938) grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sherfick is a retired federal attorney with a background in electrical engineering. Although aware of his attraction to men at a young age, he married in 1963 and fathered four children before coming out to his wife and divorcing in the 1970s. Since retiring in 1994, Sherfick has been active in several LGBT not-for-profit organizations, including serving as president and treasurer of Indy Choruses Organization. He and his partner, Jerry Hicks, have been together for over twenty years, and they married in June 2014. Sherfick currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from one video recorded interview. This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on 16 January 2015, at the home of Donald Sherfick of Indianapolis, Indiana. The interview was conducted by Mark Lee who was contracted by IHS for the project from 2014 to 2015. DLC was contracted by the IHS to transcribe the interview in February 2016. The interview, which includes the video recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. The video recorded interview is approximately two hours long and is recorded on 1 DVD.

The collection includes one manuscript folder with the newspaper articles related to Donald Sherfick, LGBT marriage rights in Indiana, and LGBT life in Indianapolis, Indiana. The folder also includes a copy of the interview transcription. The following is an index to the oral history transcript listing the topics discussed and the pages on which they can be found.

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