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**PAMELA LEE AND CANDACE BATTEN-LEE
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT,
OCTOBER 2014**

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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. This collection centers around the oral history interview of Candace Batten-Lee and Pamela Lee was conducted by the Mark Lee on October 28, 2014.

Candace Batten-Lee (b. 1962) grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. Batten-Lee worked in the airline industry for several years and currently works in real estate. Pamela Lee (b. 1958) grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. She served in the United States Army from 1982-1985. Lee began as a police officer in Kansas City. She later joined the IMPD and has served as a police officer for over 20 years. Candace and Pamela have been together for over 25 years and were married in 2013. In 2014, they joined with other first responder plaintiff couples in filing a federal lawsuit, *Lee v. Pence*, fighting for recognition of their same-sex marriages so their spouses could receive the same benefits and pensions as the opposite-sex spouses of other first responders. Candace and Pamela currently reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from one video recorded interview conducted on October 28, 2014 at the home of Pamela Lee and Candace Batten-Lee of Indianapolis, Indiana by Mark Lee, lead project manager for the Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBT Oral History Project. 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, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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