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RON SPENCER ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2014

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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 Central Indiana area. This collection centers around the oral history interview of Ron Spencer conducted by Mark Lee on August 4, 2014.

Ron Spencer (b. 1947) grew up in McCordsville, Hancock County, Indiana. His older sister, Shirley, was a lesbian who lived openly with her partner, Fran, for forty-five years. Spencer knew from an early age both that he was gay and that he had a passion for theater. As a junior high school student, he began his professional acting career when he joined the cast of *Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates* at the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre. In 1988, Spencer became the artistic director for Theater on the Square, where he directed and performed in various plays and musicals, many exploring LGBT themes, until he retired in 2014. Spencer currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from one video recorded interview with Ron Spencer and conducted on 28 October 2014 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.

The video recorded interview is approximately an hour and half long and is recorded on one DVD. The collection includes one folder with 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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