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**ROSEMARY IGNEY  
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 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. This collection centers around the oral history interview of Rosemary Igney conducted by Mark Lee on February 3, 2015.

Rosemary Bretzman (b. 1945) grew up in Indianapolis Indiana. She married Michael Hendren (1943-1994) in 1967; together, they had three children. They divorced in 1981 after Michael came out as gay, and Rosemary later married Robert Igney (b. 1947) in 1983. Rosemary worked primarily for the State of Indiana in the Department of Public Welfare, the Family and Social Services Administration, and the Department of Health, where she became the Director of the Drug Assistance Program for AIDS. Her first husband, Michael Hendren, died from complications due to AIDS in 1994. She is now retired and currently resides in Indiana.

Sources:

Information found in 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 February 3, 2015, at the home of Rosemary Igney, Indianapolis, Indiana. The interview was conducted by Mark Lee who was contracted by IHS for the project from 2014 to 2015. DIC 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, Indianapolis, Indiana. The video recorded interview is approximately two and a half hour long and is recorded onto two DVDs.

The collection includes one manuscript folder with the newspaper articles related to Rosemary Igney, Michael Hendren, and AIDS relief programs in Indiana. The folder also includes copy of the interview transcription.

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