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**RUTH LANDAU AND LEILA PETERS
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2014**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder of preliminary questions and transcription; 3 DVDs: 1 user copy of interview; 1 master copy of interview; 1 digital copy of transcription and photographs

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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 Ruth Landau and Leila Peters conducted by Mark Lee on September 2014.

Leila Peters (b. 1939) grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. Peters was a teacher at both the elementary and middle school level. For many years, Peters could not reveal her sexuality at work for fear of being fired. Prior to meeting Ruth, Leila had a long-term partner who died in 1993. Leila also wrote a book titled *In Spite of Everything: For the Women She Loved*. Leila's book chronicles the stories of lesbian couples coming from all walks of life who maintained a lasting relationships who endured societal backlash. Ruth Landau (b. 1964) grew up in Ohio. She moved to Indiana to attend veterinary school at Purdue University in 1996. Leila and Ruth have been together since 2007 and married in 2014. They currently reside in Lebanon, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from one video recorded interview with Ruth Landau and Leila Peters conducted on September 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 two hour long and is recorded on one DVD.

The collection includes one folder with the preliminary questionnaire with Ruth Landau and Leila Peters and the interview transcription. The preliminary questionnaire includes prospective topics and questions prior to the interview of Landau and Peters conducted by Mark Lee.

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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