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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mark St. John (November 18, 1952-October 19, 2015) was born to William Manford St. John and Dorothy Eileen (Deatline) St. John in Martinsville, Indiana and was one of six children. St. John graduated from Martinsville High School in 1971 and went on to attend Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs for undergraduate and graduate degrees in public affairs. St. John began his career working for the State of Indiana, most notably with the Family and Social Services Administration. After that, St. John went on to work for a variety of community organizations that tackled such issues as homelessness, affordable housing, HIV/AIDS, the environment and LGBT rights. In 2009, St. John opened his own government affairs consulting firm, St. John & Associates, which lobbied on behalf of organizations such as Sierra Club, Indiana Equality Action, Indiana Family Health Council, and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, among others. In addition, he was an adjunct faculty member at the Indiana University School of Social Work.

Sources:

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection is a single series and is arranged in chronological order. The papers are mostly made up of minutes, agendas, and correspondence from the various organizations that St. John was involved with as a board member, employee, or lobbyist. Of special interest in the collection is a copy of a 2003 mailer from then Indiana State Senator John Waterman entitled "House Democrats and the Homosexual Agenda" as well as LGBT issue-specific activist/lobbyist/grassroots organizer training manuals. There are also a variety of political and issue-oriented buttons from various events St. John took part in over the years.

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