MARY BYRNE AND TAMMARA TRACY
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2015

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder: preliminary questionnaire; related newspaper articles; interview transcription. 7 DVDs: 3 user copies of the interview; 3 master copies of the interview; 1 digital transcription

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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 Mary Byrne and Tammara Tracy conducted by Mark Lee on January 17, 2015.

Mary Byrne (b. 1951) grew up in Rushville, Indiana, and has been involved with many aspects of the LGBT community in Indianapolis. She owned and managed Labyris, a lesbian bar; organized the National Women’s Musical Festival in Bloomington, Indiana; and became the Executive Director for Indiana Youth Group in 2008. Tammara Tracy (b. 1962) grew up in Great Bend, Kansas. She is a land use planner for the city of Indianapolis, and she also owned the gay and lesbian bookstore Out Word Bound with Byrne until 2009. Mary and Tammara have been together since 2001. They married under the care of their Quaker meeting in 2004 and legally married in June of 2014. They currently reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:
Information found in collection.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from a video recorded interview with Mary Byrne and Tammara Tracy conducted on January 17, 2015 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 three hours long, and is recorded on three DVDs. The collection includes one folder with preliminary questionnaires, articles from the Indiana LGBT local newspaper *The Works*, other articles about Mary Byrne and Tammara Tracy and 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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