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MICHELLA WIDGER
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 11 APRIL 2018

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In 2014 the Indiana Historical Society began the Indiana LGBTQ Collecting Initiative to collect, preserve, and make accessible materials that document the rich history, tradition, and culture of Indiana's LGBTQ communities. Part of the collecting initiative includes the Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBTQ Oral History Project. During the time period of 2014–2018, interviews were conducted of individuals, couples, and families from all walks of life in the Central Indiana area.

Michella Widger (b. ca. 1972) grew up in Rockville, Parke County, Indiana. At 18 she moved to Terre Haute to attend Indiana State University on a softball scholarship. After a couple of years of college, she left to join the Army in the era of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. She was honorably discharged in May 2001. She was working as a welder in a factory when the terrorist attacks occurred on September 11, 2001. The following year she became a volunteer firefighter. In 2007 she left the factory when she accepted a job as a full-time firefighter. At the time of the interview, she was not in a relationship, but had been co-parenting a son, who was nine years old at the time, since his birth. She had also enjoyed being a drag performer.

Sources:

Information found in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of an audiovisual recording on DVD and a transcription of an interview with Michella Widger that was conducted on 11 April 2018, in a drag bar in Terre Haute, Indiana. The interview was conducted by Mark Lee who was contracted by IHS for the project from 2014 to 2018. DLC was contracted by the IHS to transcribe the interview in June 2018; the transcription was edited in 2020 by Barbara Quigley. The audiovisual recorded interview is approximately thirty-eight minutes long on one DVD.

The following is an index to the oral history transcription listing the topics discussed and the pages on which they can be found.

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