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**RICK SUTTON AND BOBBY OWENS
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, 29 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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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 2014–2017, interviews were conducted of individuals, couples and families from all walks of life in the Central Indiana area.

Rick Sutton (b. 1954) grew up in Blackford County, Indiana. A commissioned minister, Sutton met his wife while attending Indiana University and remained married for eighteen years before coming out as a gay man. Sutton has since become involved with many Indiana LGBT organizations, including serving as Executive Director of Indiana Equality Action and President of the Board of Directors of Freedom Indiana.

Bobby Owens (b. 1977) grew up in Fresno, California. Owens came to Indiana to attend Purdue University under a football scholarship. He came out at age 21 and met Rick Sutton in 1998 when he moved to Indianapolis. They started dating shortly after they met and have been together ever since.

Rick and Bobby were the second couple to be married when Indiana's same-sex marriage ban was briefly overturned on 25 June 2014. They currently reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from one video recorded interview. This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview with Rick Sutton and Bobby Owens was conducted on 29 September 2014, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The interview was conducted by Mark Lee who was contracted by IHS for the project from 2014 to 2017. The interview, which includes the audio recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. The interview is approximately one hour and thirty minutes long and is recorded on 1 DVD.

The collection contains two manuscript folders including a copy of the interview transcription and Mark Lee's background research. 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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