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Accession # 83 M 59; 83 M 60

Location Annex 3-f-4/5

Title HOWARD J. BROWN. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1924-1974

Date of receipt July 15, 1983 and
August 19, 1983

Received from John Clegg and Julie Sibley

Volume on arrival 3 boxes, 2 bags, and 2 packages

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 10 AB, 2 RC, 1FB

Condition Good

Restrictions Selected items (Box 13) are closed to all researchers until August 1, 2033.

Description

Howard J. Brown (1924-1975) was a physician who became noted as an innovative health planner and as an avowed homosexual. Brown was raised in Ravenna, Ohio. He came to New York City in 1954 and worked with several projects providing comprehensive health care or neighborhood medical services. Subsequently, Brown became a professor of public health at New York University. In 1973 Brown announced that he was a homosexual, became active in the gay rights movement, and helped organize the National Gay Task Force. Brown's book, Familiar Faces, Hidden Lives (published posthumously in 1976), described his own life and discussed homosexuality in general.

The collection contains Brown's correspondence, speeches, personal ephemera, drafts of his book, and material relating to medicine and homosexuality. The bulk of the correspondence consists of letters congratulating Brown upon his appointment as Health Services Administrator and additional letters (1973-1974) concerning his activity on behalf of gay rights. Brown's speeches are all concerned with either medicine or homosexuality. The personal ephemera includes various certificates, awards, news clippings, photographs, student notes and papers, college writings, and Brown's 1966 appointment book. Box 5, concerning medicine, contains articles written by Brown as well as clippings about him. The three boxes of teaching materials have unsorted lecture notes and outlines for courses on public health. The balance of the collection all pertains to homosexuality. Box 9 has clippings, programs, and articles relating to Brown's involvement with the issue. There are also two boxes of drafts and notes about his book and one box of unsorted research materials on homosexuality. Box 13 contains items which are closed to all researchers until August 1, 2033.

Special Formats ☒ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☐ Graphics
☐ Artifacts ☐ Machine-readable records
☐ Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries College teachers; Diaries; Homosexuality; New York City; Health Services Administrators; Photographs; Physicians; Public Health; 1901-1925; 1926-1950; 1951-1975.

Accessioned by Robert Sink

Date September 22, 1983

HOWARD J. BROWN PAPERS

Container Listing

Box

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| 1 | Correspondence, 1942-1974 |
| 2 | Speeches, 1966-1974 |
| 3-4 | Personal ephemera |
| 5 | Medicine |
| 6-8 | Teaching— Public health |
| 9 | Homosexuality |
| 10-11 | Book— Drafts and notes |
| 12 | Homosexuality research files |
| 13 | Restricted material (closed until August 1, 2033) |