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Guide to the

**Assotto Saint papers**

1981-1994

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## Summary

**Creator:** Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994

**Title:** Assotto Saint papers

**Date:** 1981-1994

**Size:** 8 linear feet (2 record cartons, 15 archival boxes)

**Source:** Gift, Estate of Assotto Saint, 1994

**Abstract:** Born Yves Francois Lubin in Haiti in 1957, Assotto Saint was a New York-based gay activist, poet and performance artist who edited two anthologies of black gay poets in the early 1990s. He founded a publishing house, Galiens Press, which published his book of poems "Stations" and the anthologies "Here to Dare" and "The Road Before Us." In addition, Saint also wrote and produced several theater pieces, including "Risin' to the Love We Need" and "New Love Song." Saint was the founder and artistic director of Metamorphosis Theater and the lead singer of the rock band Xotica. He died of HIV-related diseases in 1994. Assotto Saint Papers consists of correspondence and writings by Saint, manuscripts and letters from authors featured in his anthologies as well as other gay writers, printed matter and some personal papers.

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**Arrangement:** I. Letters and Writings; II. Correspondents; III. Here to Dare; IV. The Road Before Us; V. Other Authors; VI. Printed Matter and Miscellaneous

## Key Terms

### Subjects

African American authors  
African American gay men  
African American gays  
African American poets  
African Americans -- Intellectual life -- 20th century  
AIDS (Disease) -- United States  
American poetry -- African American authors  
Gay activists -- New York (State) -- New York  
Gay men  
Gays  
Homosexuality -- Poetry  
Lesbians  
Racism -- Poetry

### Geographic Names

United States -- Intellectual life -- 20th century

### Names

Aaab-Richards, Dirg  
Beam, Joseph  
Bean, Thom  
Bishop, Jacqueline, 1971-  
Corbin, Steven, 1953-  
Cranfield, Steve, 1954-  
De Shields, André, 1946-  
Frechette, David  
Freeman, Brian, 1955-  
Garrett, Daniel  
Glave, Thomas  
Gonzalves, Roy.  
Hall, Marcelle

Harris, Craig G.  
Hemphill, Essex  
Hirst, Alex, 1951-  
Morse, Carl  
Reynolds, Craig, 1907-1949  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1993  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. Black Fag.. Black Fag.  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. Here to dare. Here to dare.  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. New love song. New love song.  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. Risin' to the love we need. Risin' to the love we need.  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. Road before us. Road before us.  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. Spells of a voodoo doll. Spells of a voodoo doll.  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. Tongues untied. Tongues untied.  
Saint, Assotto, 1957-1994. Wishing for wings. Wishing for wings.  
Sapphire, 1950-  
Galiens Press  
Xotika (Musical group)