

GLBT Historical Society
Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Special Collections
Holdings related to Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin

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This research guide is intended to help users locate holdings related to Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin in the GLBT Historical Society Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Special Collections.

Sections include:

- Manuscript Collections
- Audio and Film Recordings
- Oral Histories
- Periodicals

Other collections may also contain relevant materials. Researchers are encouraged to conduct their own searches of the catalog and finding aids. Please reach out to reference@glbthistory.org with any questions or comments.

Manuscript Collections

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin papers (1993-13). Lyon and Martin's papers document their lives together and their activism in the homophile, gay liberation, lesbian, and women's movements. Coverage of their work with the early lesbian organization the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) is particularly extensive. Portions of this collection have been digitized for the Gale Archives of Sexuality and Gender database; please contact the GLBT Historical Society archivists for details about access.

<https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c8fx7hq4/>

Florence Jaffy papers (1997-23). Florence Jaffy was the Research Director for the Daughters of Bilitis from the early 1960s until 1970. Her collection includes bibliographies and correspondence related to the DOB.

Linda Garber Oral History collection (2008-04). Linda Garber's collection primarily documents lesbian history in California's Central Valley, but also includes a recording of a panel on queer print culture featuring Lyon and Martin.

Mary Richards audiotapes (2002-34). This collection of interviews includes taped conversations with Lyon and Martin.

Wide Open Town History Project records (2003-05). This collection contains research materials for Nan Alamilla Boyd's book of the same title, including research on the Daughters of Bilitis and their lesbian contemporaries.

Audio and Film Recordings

Several episodes of the radio show **The Gay Life** feature Lyon and Martin. Search their names in our audio database:

<https://www.glbthistory.org/audio-search>

Lyon and Martin were Grand Marshals of the **1989 Pride parade**. Video of the parade is available here:

<https://diva.sfsu.edu/collections/glb/bundles/238693?searchOffset=4>

Oral Histories

A transcript of an oral history with Lyon and Martin is available here:

http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/MartinDel_LyonPhyllis_1992-12-2_web.pdf

Search “Homophile” in the oral history and periodicals catalog to find other oral histories from the DOB era:

<https://www.glbthistory.org/catalog-search>

Periodicals

The complete run of the Bay Area Reporter (BAR) has been digitized and is keyword searchable and available here:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=cl&cl=CL2.1995.09&sp=BAR&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1>

BAR articles about Del Martin:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=q&hs=1&r=1&results=1&txq=%22Del+Martin%22&dafdq=&dafmq=&dafyq=&datdq=&datmq=&datyq=&puq=BAR&txf=txIN&ssnip=txt&oa=&oa=1&e=-----en--20-BAR-1--txt-txIN-%22phyllis+lyon%22-----1>

BAR articles about Phyllis Lyon:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=q&hs=1&r=1&results=1&txq=%22phyllis+lyon%22&puq=BAR&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1>

The GLBT Historical Society’s Periodicals Collection holds the Daughters of Bilitis’ magazine, *The Ladder*. There are also issues of several newsletters by regional DOB organizations. Search “Bilitis” in the oral history and periodicals catalog to see them:

<https://www.glbthistory.org/catalog-search>