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Stephanie Castle fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

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Dates

1982-2002

Extent

30 cm of textual records

Biographical sketch

Sydney Castle Heal was born 28 December 1925 in Hoylake, Cheshire and grew up in West Kirby. In 1942 he quit school and joined the Thames and Mersey Marine Insurance Company. The following year he enlisted in the Royal Navy, qualifying initially as a midshipman, RNVR. Later he was transferred to the RN Commandos as a Sub-lieutenant and served in the Pacific Theatre. Following Japan's surrender in September 1945 he spent the subsequent 18 months stationed in various locations in the South China Sea. In 1947 he returned to England for demobilization, having attained the rank of Lieutenant, RNR. After working several handyman jobs, he joined the Maritime Insurance Company and by 1951 was an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

In 1952 Heal immigrated to Canada and settled in Vancouver and got a job with Parsons, Brown Ltd. In 1957 he took a new job with Vancouver Holdings, which he eventually acquired, and in 1963 he formed Georgia Shipping, a tug and barge company, with Ed Wray. After returning to the insurance business for a time, in 1973 Heal transitioned into real estate where he specialized in waterfront properties. Heal retired in 1990 and the following year established Cordillera press. During his retirement Heal authored over 20 books on maritime history. He was married twice and had two children, Rod and Andrea.

In 1991 Heal underwent sex-reassignment surgery and began using the name Stephanie Castle. A year later, along with Christine Burnham and Patricia Diewold, Castle co-founded the Zenith Foundation, an advocacy group for transsexuals. Castle edited the foundation's newsletter, *Zenith Bulletin*, and published ten books on transsexualism, including the 1992 memoir *Feelings: A Transsexual's Explanation of a Baffling Condition*. Castle died 8 May 2017 at age 91.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of copies of *Zenith Digest* and material relating to the administration of the Zenith Foundation; the Foundation's participation as an intervener in the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal regarding Synthia Kavanagh and the Correctional Service of Canada; and copies of the following publications:

The Partnership, by Stephanie Castle

Shadows in the City, by Stephanie Castle

Tales from Cascadia - Volume One, by Stephanie Castle

A Tale of Two Wives, by Stephanie Castle

Prisoner of Gender, by Katherine Johnson & Stephanie Castle

As Much as Me? by Margot Roberts

Notes

Gift of Stephanie Castle, November 2008.

2. Structure

(no series or files)

3. Inventory

Accession 2008-042

Box 1

- 1.1 Zenith Foundation -- Correspondence -- Tax exemption, 1993-1994
- 1.2 Newspaper clippings, 1994-1995
- 1.3 Transgender HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Manual, Walter O. Bockting, Drs. B.R. Simon Rosser, Ph.D. and Eli Coleman, Ph.D. -- Program I Human Sexuality Department of Family Practice and Community Health Medical School University of Minnesota. 1993
- 1.4 Transsexualism in a Modern State Options for Reform -- A Law Reform Discussion Paper by H.A. Finlay, 1995
- 1.5 British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal -- Reasons for Decision, 1998 -- Tawni Sheridan and Sanctuary Investments Ltd. Doing business as B.J.'s Lounge and Deputy Chief Commissioner BC Human Rights Commission -- Letter and Investigation report, 1996
- 1.6 Canadian Human Rights Tribunal -- Book of Exhibits of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, 1993 -- Synthia Kavanagh and Canadian Human Rights Commission and Attorney General of Canada and Zenith Foundation and Trans/Action
- 1.7 Canadian Human Rights Tribunal -- Reasons for Decision, 2001 -- Synthia Kavanagh and Canadian Human Rights Commission and Attorney General of Canada and The Zenith Foundation and Trans/Action
- 1.8 Canadian Human Rights Act -- Canadian Human Rights Tribunal -- Book of Authorities of The Canadian Human Rights Commission -- Synthia Kavanagh and Canadian Human Rights Commission and Attorney General of Canada and Zenith Foundation and Trans/Action
- 1.9 The Canadian Human Rights Act - Canadian Human Rights Tribunal -- Respondent's position on interested party status of Trans/Action and Admissibility of Zenith Foundation material -- Synthia Kavanagh and Canadian Human Rights Commission and Correctional Service of Canada and The Zenith Foundation
- 1.10 The Canadian Human Rights Act - Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, 1996-2001 -- Respondent's Book of Documents -- Synthia Kavanagh and Canadian Human Rights Commission and Correctional Service of Canada (1)
- 1.11 The Canadian Human Rights Act - Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, 1996-2001 -- Respondent's Book of Documents -- Synthia Kavanagh and Canadian Human Rights Commission and Correctional Service of Canada (2)
- 1.12 Federal Court-Trial Division -- Canadian Human rights Commission and Attorney General of Canada -- Notice of Application. 2001
- 1.13 Federal Court-Trial Division -- Canadian Human rights Commission and Attorney General of Canada -- Motion Record of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, 2001

- 1.14 Federal Court-Trial Division -- Canadian Human rights Commission and Attorney General of Canada -- Motion Record of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, 2002
- 1.15 In the matter of The Canadian Human Rights Act -- Brandeis Brief of Zenith Foundation -- Synthia Kavanagh and Canadian Human Rights Commission and Correctional Services of Canada and Zenith Foundation, undated
- 1.16 Commissioner's Directive -- Treatment of Transsexualism, 1982
- 1.17 Document: The Story of the Zenith Foundation / History of Zenith Foundation by Stephanie Castle, 2014
- 1.18 Why Go Thru That? – Transgender Archive copy – CD (received July 4, 2014)

Book catalogued for Special Collections

As Much as Me? By Margot Roberts, 2006
The Partnership by Stephanie Castle, 2004
Prisoner of Gender by Katherine Johnson & Stephanie Castle, 1997
Shadows in the City by Stephanie Castle, 2004
A Tale of Two Wives by Stephanie Castle, 2004
Tales from Cascadia by Stephanie Castle, 2004 Volume One

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The Enchantment of Margot Tryson: A Modern Love Story by Stephanie Castle - The Cascade series No. 6

The Miracle Workers by Stephanie Castle – The Cascade series No. 7

Removed from collection and catalogued for SC (interfiled with Swin collection)

Zenith Digest -- No. 5 1993 - Vol. 5 No. 6 Nov/Dec, 1998
Zenith Digest -- Vol. 6 No. 1, Jan/Feb, 1999 - Vol. 7 No. 6 Nov/Dec, 2000
Zenith Digest -- Vol. 8 No. 1, Jan/Feb, 2001 - Vol. 9 No. 4 Fall 2002
Zenith Newsletter -- No. 1-2, 1993