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David Barbarash fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

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Dates

1971-2003

Extent

1.8 m of textual and other records

Biographical sketch

David Barbarash (1964-) was the North American press officer for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) from mid-1999 until late-2002. He also founded the North American Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group in Toronto in the early 1980s. Barbarash has been linked to Anti-Racist Action, Anti-Fascist Militia, Militant Direct Action Task Force, the Justice Department, Earth First!, the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front. He began Ekomedia (later retitled Ecomedia) in Toronto in 1984, an alternative/anarchist wire service inspired by BC Blackout. Ecomedia published the Anti-Authoritarian News, later the Ecomedia Bulletin, which ran until 1992. (For more information on Ecomedia, see Kerry Mogg, "Introduction to Zines and Small Press," in *Only a Beginning: An Anarchist Anthology*, pg. 366)

In Toronto in 1988, Barbarash was convicted of breaking the windows of fast food restaurants, fur stores and butcher shops. He was also convicted of property damage worth \$50,000 and the theft of 29 cats from the University of Alberta in Edmonton in 1992. Fellow activist Darren Thurston served two years in prison for participating in the University of Alberta action, but Barbarash fled to the US to avoid arrest, and lived in hiding there for two years until the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) found him living in California. In 1994, Barbarash was deported back to Canada and served four months in jail before being released for time served and a guilty plea.

A Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) investigation of David Barbarash, which began in 1997, was prompted by a series of pipe bombs sent through the mail to various individuals and organizations across Canada in 1995.

In 1998, Barbarash and Thurston were charged with sending letters with razor blades inside to hunters and guide outfitters across British Columbia. The charges were later dropped after the RCMP refused to provide documents to the defendants' lawyers. It is posited that the documents would have confirmed that the RCMP were using undercover police agents, a fact Barbarash

maintained the RCMP lied about at the defendants' preliminary hearing. Barbarash always stated his innocence and alleged the undercover agents were attempting to entrap him to commit crimes in the course of their investigation.

Barbarash's home in Courtenay, British Columbia was raided on July 30, 2002 in response to a request from the FBI, which regards the ALF as a domestic terrorist organization. Materials seized during this raid were returned to Barbarash without ever reaching US custody, owing to a judge who overturned the search warrant in response to what she termed "triple-hearsay" used in obtaining the warrant.

Of his beliefs regarding animal rights, Barbarash states: "Just because they can't speak up for themselves doesn't mean that we have the right to do whatever we please to them." (Source, ALF David Barbarash interview <http://www.animalliberationfront.com/ALFront/Interviews/Interview%20with%20David%20Barbarash.htm>)

Scope and content

Fonds reflects Barbarash's activities relating to anarchism generally and the animal rights movement specifically, and consists of: articles, brochures and pamphlets, clippings, court documents, correspondence, personal notes, and subject files. Subjects include: animal rights, ALF, Earth First!, legal proceedings, logging, marijuana legalization, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), pro-gun lobby, trophy hunting, and the Vancouver 5.

Notes

Gift of Allan Antliff (collector), 2008.

2. Structure

(no series or files)

3. Inventory

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Box 1

- 1.1 Brochures -- pamphlets -- general, undated -- surveillance and weapons
- 1.2 TRAC -- rainforest summer walk stuff -- brochures -- newspaper clippings -- press release -- general, 1992 -- anti-logging protests
- 1.3 Earth First -- newspaper clippings -- press release -- articles, 1987-94, undated -- anti-logging --spiked trees
- 1.4 Sea turtles -- newspaper clipping -- press release, 1992, undated
- 1.5 Earth First -- news release -- press advisory -- articles -- newspaper clippings, 1995
- 1.6 Walbran Valley -- Hasty Creek Watershed -- articles -- brochures -- newspaper clippings, 1991
- 1.7 North American Hunting Club -- articles -- brochures -- correspondence -- press release -- -newsletter, 1995, undated
- 1.8 Wildlife investigations -- poaching -- incident response forms -- articles -- correspondence --1 mini audio tape, 1995, undated
- 1.9 Classified ads -- brochure -- bills -- correspondence -- directory of newspapers -- receipts --newspaper clipping, 1995
- 1.10 Guide Outfitters in BC (original & copies) 1984-1996
- 1.11 Guide Outfitters lists -- correspondence -- licenses (copies), 1995
- 1.12 Guide Outfitters list, 1995
- 1.13 Guide Outfitter list -- general, 1995, undated
- 1.14 Guide Outfitters of British Columbia -- strategic plan -- opportunity analysis, 1989 - 1991
- 1.15 Outfitters -- international -- brochures -- correspondence -- government pamphlet, 1995, undated
- 1.16 Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks -- publications -- map -- general, 1994-95
- 1.17 Miscellaneous -- articles -- brochures -- correspondence -- newspaper clippings, 1995-97 -- hunting
- 1.18 Miscellaneous -- articles -- brochures -- correspondence, 1995, undated -- hunting
- 1.19 Thomas Morton Alliance -- Merry Mount Messenger -- publications -- articles, 1987, undated
- 1.20 Solar Age Pathfinders -- publications -- newspaper clippings, 1985-87, undated
- 1.21 Pro-gun lobby -- brochures -- newspaper, 1995, undated
- 1.22 Redwood summer handbook, undated
- 1.23 Miscellaneous -- articles -- press releases -- newspaper clippings, 1989-90, undated -- Exxon Valdez
- 1.24 Correspondence -- brochures -- maps -- general, 1994-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 1.25 Correspondence -- brochures -- maps -- publication -- general, 1995-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 1.26 Correspondence -- brochures -- photo -- general, 1995-96, undated -- individual outfitters

- 1.27 Correspondence -- brochures -- publications, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 1.28 Correspondence -- brochures -- publications -- general, 1990 - 1996, undated -- individual outfitters

Box 2

- 2.1 Correspondence -- brochures -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.2 Correspondence -- brochures -- map -- publications -- general, 1987-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.3 Correspondence -- brochures -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.4 Correspondence -- brochures -- clippings -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.5 Correspondence -- brochures -- general, 1994-95, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.6 Correspondence -- brochures -- clippings -- general, 1992-95, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.7 Correspondence -- brochures -- clippings -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.8 Correspondence -- brochures -- photo -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.9 Correspondence -- brochures -- general, 1994-95, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.10 Correspondence -- brochures -- clippings -- publications -- general, 1995-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.11 Correspondence -- brochures -- general, 1992-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.12 Correspondence -- brochures -- map -- publication -- general, 1993-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.13 Correspondence -- brochures -- clippings -- publications -- general, 1994-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.14 Correspondence -- brochures -- clippings -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.15 Correspondence -- brochures -- publication -- general, 1991-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.16 Correspondence -- brochures -- map -- general, 1995-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.17 Correspondence -- brochures -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.18 Correspondence -- brochures -- maps -- 9 photos -- general, 1994-95, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.19 Correspondence -- brochures -- clippings -- 1 photo -- general, 1992-96, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.20 Correspondence -- brochures -- 4 photos -- general, 1995, undated -- individual outfitters
- 2.21 Miscellaneous -- articles -- newspaper clippings -- general, 1990-99 -- wilderness
- 2.22 Miscellaneous -- articles -- brochures -- newspaper clippings, 1994-96, undated -- wilderness
- 2.23 Brochures -- articles -- business directory -- general, 1995, undated -- funding
- 2.24 Anti-genetic action -- newspaper clippings, 1999, undated
- 2.25 Barry Clausen -- FBI reports -- excerpts, 1990, undated
- 2.26 Articles -- excerpts, 1951-93, undated -- river otters
- 2.27 Articles -- excerpts -- publication, 1958-88, undated -- river otters

- 2.28 Earth First -- articles -- brochure -- newspaper clippings -- poster -- press release, 1983-92, undated
- 2.29 Earth First -- articles -- correspondence -- newspaper clippings -- press release, 1992, undated -- rainforest
- 2.30 Earth First -- articles -- correspondence -- lists -- press release -- newspaper clippings, 1991-92, undated -- rainforest

Box 3

- 3.1 Articles -- brochures -- correspondence -- newspaper clippings -- press release, 1985-87, undated -- animal rights -- Toronto humane society
- 3.2 Articles -- newspaper clippings -- newsletter (ARK II ACTIVIST, summer 1995), 1985-89, undated -- animal rights -- humane society
- 3.3 Earth First -- articles -- newspaper clippings, 1988-90, undated
- 3.4 Brochures -- excerpts -- map -- newspaper clippings -- press release, 1989-91, undated -- hunt saboteurs
- 3.5 Brochures -- correspondence -- excerpts -- newsletter -- newspaper clippings -- government publication, 1988-92, undated -- hunt saboteurs
- 3.6 Brochures -- excerpts -- newspaper clippings, 1994-2000, undated -- Earth First
- 3.7 Brochures -- excerpts -- newspapers -- newspaper clippings, 1986-94, undated -- logging - - Wise Use Movement
- 3.8 Brochures -- excerpts -- newsletter -- newspaper clippings, 1987-99, undated -- bear hunting
- 3.9 Miscellaneous -- excerpts -- hemp news, 1968-90, undated -- hallucinogenic drugs
- 3.10 Correspondence -- brochure -- 1996-2000, undated -- hunting
- 3.11 Brochure -- newspapers clippings, 1994-95, undated -- taxidermy
- 3.12 Trophy hunting -- excerpts -- paper -- newspaper clippings, 1992-95, undated -- bear hunting
- 3.13 Miscellaneous -- map, 1995, undated -- bear hunting
- 3.14 Excerpts -- Putting People First -- National Activist Network, 1991-94, undated -- guides/outfitters
- 3.15 Friends of the Wolf -- brochure -- correspondence -- newspaper clippings -- press release, 1995-96, undated
- 3.16 PETA [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals] fact sheets -- Animal Liberation Front, undated -- ALF USA, France and England
- 3.17 Animal Liberation Front, 1985-88, undated -- ALF Canada, Australia, ALF Front line news
- 3.18 ALF Support Group, undated
- 3.19 Defense -- newspaper clippings -- probation -- bail -- correspondence, 1987-92, undated
- 3.20 Anthony Miller -- animal rights -- newspapers clippings, 1987-91, undated
- 3.21 READ -- brochures -- correspondence - news release -- newspaper clipping, 1986-95, undated -- AANN material -- hunt sabotage
- 3.22 Miscellaneous -- brochures - newspaper clippings, 1986-1988, undated -- Ecomedia news

3.23 AIDS -- brochures --newspaper clippings -- photos, 1988-91, undated

Box 4

- 4.1 Miscellaneous clippings -- 4 photos, 1989-91, undated -- Iraq war
- 4.2 Miscellaneous clippings -- photo, 1983-2000, undated -- Political Violence
- 4.3 John Clem -- correspondence -- photo, 1988-89, undated
- 4.4 Miscellaneous -- newspaper clippings -- article, 1983-1999, undated
- 4.5 Miscellaneous -- newspaper clippings -- correspondence-- press release, 1982-99, undated
- 4.6 Miscellaneous -- correspondence -- Bill C-36 -- newspaper clippings -- articles, 1985-2001, undated
- 4.7 Miscellaneous -- press release -- newspaper clippings, 1986-94, undated -- Sea Shepherd
- 4.8 Personal notes -- correspondence -- legal papers, 1987-94, undated-- ALF
- 4.9 Miscellaneous -- newspaper clippings -- correspondence - excerpts -- press release -- check lists, 1986-93, undated -- ALF
- 4.10 File 1 -- court documents, 1987 -- David Barbarash/Kenneth Quayle (1)
- 4.11 File 1 -- court documents, 1987 -- David Barbarash/Kenneth Quayle/Gail Emo/Linda Cotnam/Jacqueline Rabazo (2)
- 4.12 Miscellaneous lists, 1981-93 (1)
- 4.13 Miscellaneous lists, 1981-93 (2)
- 4.14 Miscellaneous -- operation plans, 1988-2000, undated
- 4.15 ALF Support Group (Canada) -- brochures -- correspondence -- court documents, 1986-88, undated (1)
- 4.16 ALF Support Group (Canada) -- brochures -- correspondence -- court documents, 1986-88, undated (2)
- 4.17 Miscellaneous -- newspaper clippings -- court documents -- press release, 1994-2003, undated

Box 5

- 5.1 Resources/catalogs -- brochures -- lists, 1983-91, undated
- 5.2 Fascism -- correspondence -- brochures -- newspaper clippings -- personal notes, 1986-87, undated
- 5.3 Personal Identity -- brochures -- excerpts -- 9 photos, 1971-91, undated
- 5.4 Graphics -- newspaper clippings, miscellaneous, 1987, undated (1)
- 5.5 Graphics -- correspondence -- newspaper clippings -- 4 photos - - brochures, 1987, undated (2)
- 5.6 Vancouver 5 -- correspondence -- newsletters -- newspaper clippings, 1983-87, undated (1)
- 5.7 Vancouver 5 -- correspondence -- newspaper clippings, 1983-87, undated (2)
- 5.8 Miscellaneous -- correspondence -- notes -- newsletters -- newspaper clippings, 1988, undated -- Anarchist Black Cross -- Summit

- 5.9 Strategy -- handbooks -- brochures -- press release -- newspaper clippings, 1985-92, undated
- 5.10 Miscellaneous -- newsletters -- newspaper clippings, 1992-94, undated
- 5.11 Miscellaneous -- brochure -- newspaper clippings -- newsletters, 1987-91, undated -- anarchists -- pagan stuff -- pollution circus -- prisoner news
- 5.12 Miscellaneous -- court documents -- newspaper clippings, 1987-93, undated (1)
- 5.13 Miscellaneous -- court documents -- newspaper clippings, 1990-95, undated (2)
- 5.14 Miscellaneous articles, 1987-96, undated
- 5.15 Miscellaneous articles -- court documents, 1987-89, undated
- 5.16 Miscellaneous articles -- court documents, 1987-88
- 5.17 Miscellaneous articles -- statements, 1987, undated -- Ken Quayle/Michael Davis
- 5.18 Miscellaneous articles, 1986-96, undated

Box 6

- 6.1 Miscellaneous articles, 1995-1993, undated -- animal rights
- 6.2 Miscellaneous articles, 1986-96, undated-- animal rights
- 6.3 Miscellaneous articles, 1985-98, undated-- animal rights
- 6.4 Miscellaneous articles, 1986-2000, undated -- animal rights
 - In Defense of Animals, vol.14 (1)
 - A critical look at animal experimentation, (1996),
 - Act'ionLine Sept/Oct 1989-- animal rights
- 6.5 Miscellaneous articles -- correspondence -- court documents, 1983-94, undated-- animal rights
- 6.6 Miscellaneous articles, 1983-89, undated -- animal rights
- 6.7 Miscellaneous articles, 1981-93, undated -- animal rights
- 6.8 Miscellaneous articles, 1985, undated -- animal rights
- 6.9 Miscellaneous articles, 1981-85, undated -- animal rights
- 6.10 Miscellaneous articles, 1981-1988, undated -- animal rights
- 6.11 Miscellaneous articles, 1986-88, undated -- animal rights
- 6.12 Miscellaneous articles, 1986-87, undated -- animal rights
- 6.13 Miscellaneous articles, 1989, undated -- animal rights
- 6.14 Miscellaneous articles, 1989-90, undated -- animal rights
- 6.15 Miscellaneous articles, 1990, undated -- animal rights
- 6.16 Miscellaneous articles, 1991, undated -- animal rights
- 6.17 Miscellaneous articles, 1991-92, undated -- animal rights
- 6.18 Miscellaneous articles -- photo copies, 1992, undated -- animal rights

Box 7

- 7.1 Miscellaneous articles, 1992, undated -- animal rights
- 7.2 Miscellaneous articles, 1992-93, undated -- animal rights
- 7.3 Miscellaneous articles, 1993, undated -- animal rights

- 7.4 Miscellaneous articles, 1993, undated -- animal rights
- 7.5 Miscellaneous articles -- court document, 1993, undated -- animal rights
- 7.6 Miscellaneous articles, 1988-90, undated
 - Ecomedia
 - Effigy: the burning times
- 7.7 Miscellaneous articles, 1985-94, undated
- 7.8 Miscellaneous articles -- brochures -- correspondence, 1986, undated
- 7.9 Miscellaneous articles -- AANN letters --correspondence, 1986-87, undated
- 7.10 Correspondence, 1987, undated -- AANN
- 7.11 Correspondence, 1985-87, undated -- AANN
 - anti-authoritarian news network, issue no.19
- 7.12 Newsletters, 1984-91, undated
 - Ecomedia Toronto
- 7.13 Miscellaneous articles and newsletters, 1986-88, undated -- Native Indians
- 7.14 Miscellaneous articles, 1988, undated
- 7.15 Miscellaneous articles, 1986-93, undated -- some international
- 7.16 AANN Bulletin, 1985-86, undated
 - anti-authoritarian news network, issue no.19
- 7.17 AANN Bulletin, 1986
 - anti-authoritarian news network, issue no.20
- 7.18 Miscellaneous articles, 1993, undated -- some international

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- 1 Earth First, Various pages, 1983-93, undated
- 2 6th Annual Victoria Anarchist Book fair: 1 poster; 1 program; 2 book marks in OS folder