



## Archives and Records Finding Aid

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** Coll. #18  
**David Peterson Collection**

### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator(s):** David Peterson  
**Title:** The David Peterson Collection  
**Extent:** 9 Linear Feet  
**Date Span:**  
**Repository:** The History Project, Archives, and Records Department

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### Biographical Note:

David Peterson (B: September 1, 1943; D: November 3, 2011) came from a conservative family in Indiana. In 1965 Peterson came to the Boston area to attend MIT. One of the first organizations he became involved with was the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB). It was in those years he became friends with Laura McMurry (Daughters of Bilitis). In 1972 Peterson, along with McMurry and Harry Phillips started Boston's Gay Speakers Bureau (now known as Speakout Boston). In 1973 Peterson along with Charlie Shively and John Mitzel founded the Gay Community News. In 1974, Peterson founded Gayline Greetings with friends, Mary Leno and Maggie Krebs. It was one of the first companies to produce and market non-sexist gay/lesbian oriented greeting cards. In 1979 Peterson started Iris Cards and Stamps which continued to carry the Gayline greetings as well as developing the world's largest selection of lesbian and gay oriented art rubber stamps.

David Peterson due to his conservative background collected a lot of right-wing material on homosexuality, including a rather extensive collection of materials on the Ted Haggard / Michael Jones scandal, in which he befriended Michael Jones and spent years corresponding with him.

### Related Collections:

- #74 – Charles Shively Collection**
- #77 – John Mitzel Journals**
- #16 – Gay Community News (Publication)**
- # 9 - Homophile Union of Boston**
- #17 – Laura McMurry Collection**
- #29 – SpeakOut**

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**Scope and Content Notes:**

The collection consists of 10 boxes that have been arranged topically based on David Peterson's organization and is divided into nine distinct series. The Peterson collection contains a variety of printed media including newspaper articles, (original and photocopied,) business receipts, correspondence, and photographs.

**Artist/Photographer Index**

Card Company	Artist
Iris Greeting Cards	M.P. Smith
Iris Greeting Cards	Roxan McKinnon
Iris Greeting Cards	Ken LaMond
Iris Greeting Cards	Demian
Iris Greeting Cards	H. P. Barnes
Iris Greeting Cards	Stephanie Munroe
Iris Greeting Cards	R.G. Vosburg
Gayline Greetings	Gerry Takano
Gayline Greetings	Joanna Zarkadas
Gayline Greetings	Steve Blevins
Gayline Greetings	Maggy Krebs
Gayline Greetings	M.R.
Robert Samuel Galleries	Gopura
Robert Samuel Galleries	Arthur Tress
Robert Samuel Galleries	Robert Quigley
Robert Samuel Galleries	Robert Crowl
Robert Samuel Galleries	Kas Sable
Robert Samuel Galleries	Robert Maplethorpe
Robert Samuel Galleries	Tom of Finland
Robert Samuel Galleries	Starr Ockenga
Maggy's Attic	Maggy Krebs
Ken Brown Cards	Ken Brown
Handmade by Lorie	Lorie
Elizabeth Graphics	Catherine Kayser
Elizabeth Graphics	Elizabeth Gornstein
Elizabeth Graphics	Fran Levy

Elizabeth Graphics	Janet Elliot
Elizabeth Graphics	Peter Wallack
Kitty Kimono	Kitty Kimono

**Box 1:**

**Series I: Iris Greeting Card Company**

**Notes:** This series contains various greeting cards that were offered by mail-order through Iris Greeting Card Company. Copies of some of the company's mail-order catalogs are found in Series 2 – Business Files.

- Folder 1: Iris Greeting Cards, 1979-1980
- Folder 2a: Gayline Greetings, 1976
- Folder 2b: Gayline Greetings, 1976
- Folder 2c: Gayline Greetings, 1976
- Folder 3: Robert Samuel Cards, 1980
- Folder 4: Maggy's Attic, 1983
- Folder 5: Ken Brown Cards, 1984
- Folder 6: Handmade by Lorie, n.d.
- Folder 7: Elizabeth Graphics, n.d.
- Folder 8: Kitty Kimono, 1982
- Folder 9: Trick Cards, n.d.
- Folder 10: Iron-On Patches, n.d.
- Folder 11: Buttons and Pins
- Folder 12: Man's Best Friends Playing Cards

**Box 2:**

**Series II: Business Files**

**Notes:** This series contains advertising rates, correspondence for publications which Iris Card Company used to promote and advertise the greeting card company. It is especially valuable as a tool for looking back in time at the numerous and varied LGBTQ publications from across the country during the late 1970's and early 1980's.

- Folder 1: Scribbles and Notes, 1960-1987
- Folder 2: GPU News, 1979
- Folder 3: The New Republic, 1981
- Folder 4: Philadelphia Gay news, 1979
- Folder 5: New Roots Magazine, 1980
- Folder 6: North Shore Gay Alliance, 1980
- Folder 7: National Association of Business Councils, 1981
- Folder 8: The Nation, 1982
- Folder 9: Ms. Magazine, 1981
- Folder 10: Mother Jones, 1980
- Folder 11: Lesbian Tide, 1979
- Folder 12: Ambitious Amazons/Lesbian Connections, 1979
- Folder 13: Gay Yellow Pages, 1988-1981
- Folder 14: The Northland Companion, 1979
- Folder 15: River City Business Association, 1982
- Folder 16: Phoenix Classifieds, 1979
- Folder 17: Seattle Gay News, 1979
- Folder 18: Sojourner, 1980
- Folder 19: Sisters United, 1981
- Folder 20: Stamp Happy, 1982
- Folder 21: Straw into Gold, 1983

- Folder 22: Stonewall Distributors, 1978
- Folder 23: Top Drawer Rubber Stamp, 1981-1983
- Folder 24: Alan Tuck Associates, 1982
- Folder 25: The Wishing Well, 1981
- Folder 26: Gayline Greetings, 1979-1984
- Folder 27: Rubberstampede, 1980-1985
- Folder 28: Décor-8-Craft Products, 1978
- Folder 29: Diced Lemon Rubber Stamps, 1984
- Folder 30: Dirty Shirt Company, 1978
- Folder 31: Elbow Grease, n.d.
- Folder 32: Emerald City Stamps
- Folder 33: The Stamping Grounds, 1983
- Folder 34: Stampworks, 1983
- Folder 35: Sisco and the Kid, n.d.
- Folder 36: Single Shot Gallery, n.d.
- Folder 37: Fly By Night, 1984
- Folder 38: Funny Business Rubber Stamp Company, 1980
- Folder 39: Good Impressions, 1981
- Folder 40: Gumbo Rubber Stamp Works, 1980
- Folder 41: Hand of the Craftsman, 1983
- Folder 42: Hero Arts, 1980
- Folder 43: Ruth Hoppe's Rubber Stamps, 1982
- Folder 44: Inkadinkado, 1981
- Folder 45: Inkling Stamp Company, 1983
- Folder 46: Loving Little Rubber Stamps, 1984
- Folder 47: Ministries of Silly Stamps, n.d.
- Folder 48: Patrick and Company, 1979
- Folder 49: Red Rubber Valley, n.d.
- Folder 50: The Rubber Ingot, 1983
- Folder 51: Rubber Stamps of America, 1983
- Folder 52: Asya Graphics, 1983
- Folder 53: All Night Media, n.d.
- Folder 54: Rubber Stamp Companies - Other
- Folder 55: Go! California's Gay Outdoors Club, 1980
- Folder 56: The Body Politic, 1980-1981
- Folder 57: Christopher Street Magazine, 1979-1980
- Folder 58: After Dark Magazine, 1980
- Folder 59: Classified Advertising Other, 1979-1982
- Folder 60: Advertising General, 1979-1986
- Folder 61: In Touch For Men, 1983

**Box 3:**

**Series II: Business Files**

- Folder 1: Gay and Lesbian Catalogs
- Folder 2: Iris Card Company Catalogs
- Folder 3: Lesbian Resources
- Folder 4: Inventory
- Folder 5: Wholesale Orders, 1979-1980
- Folder 6: Retail Orders, 1979-1980
- Folder 7: Bills and Financials, 1976-1980
- Folder 8: Gay and Lesbian U.S. Outlets Listing, 1979
- Folder 9: General Business Correspondence, 1978-1980

### Series III: Subject Files

- Folder 10: Gays in the Church: Larry King Live, 2006
- Folder 11: Homosexuality and the Bible, 2002-2004
- Folder 12: HIV/AIDS, 1982-1985
- Folder 13: Gays in the Media, 1989-2005
- Folder 14: Gay Marriage, 1996-2005
- Folder 15: TV Guide Articles, 1979-1986
- Folder 16: Gay Bashings, 1987-1988
- Folder 17: California, n.d.
- Folder 18: Colorado, 1996
- Folder 19: Indiana, 1978
- Folder 20: Maine, 1979-1982
- Folder 21: Massachusetts, 1979-1982
- Folder 22: Montana, 1979
- Folder 23: New York, 1981-1983
- Folder 24: Virginia, 1985
- Folder 25: Washington D.C., 1980
- Folder 26: Jay and Young Sexuality Survey, 1977

### Box 4:

#### Series IV: People Files

**Notes: David Peterson kept files on various people. Whether or not he knew each of them personally is unknown. This series is based on his filing system.**

- Folder 1: Address Lists
- Folder 2: Adams, Mark
- Folder 3: Alspach, Rick
- Folder 4: Ash, Charles
- Folder 5: Bachrach, George
- Folder 6: Beresford, John
- Folder 7: Bronski, Michael
- Folder 8: Brown, Carol
- Folder 9: Brudnoy, David
- Folder 10: Buscher, Mary
- Folder 11: Burns, Richard
- Folder 12: Busiek, Betty
- Folder 13: Canfield, William
- Folder 14: Finell, Karin
- Folder 15: Fleury, Jacques
- Folder 16: Frank, Barney
- Folder 17: Fry, Michael
- Folder 18: Jackson, Derrick
- Folder 19: Kadet, Gary
- Folder 20: King, Mel
- Folder 21: Davis, Henrietta
- Folder 22: Delvalle, Orlando
- Folder 23: Dickinson, Barbara
- Folder 24: Dunn, Belynda
- Folder 25: Furdon, Betty
- Folder 26: Haggard, Ted / Michael Jones
- Folder 27a: Haggard, Ted
- Folder 27b: Haggard, Ted

- Folder 27c: Haggard, Ted
- Folder 27d: Haggard, Ted
- Folder 27e: Haggard, Ted
- Folder 27f: Haggard, Ted
- Folder 28: Hopkins, Ray
- Folder 29: Huff, Don
- Folder 30: Kirkpatrick, Brian
- Folder 31: Klossner, John
- Folder 32a: Krebs, Maggie
- Folder 32b: Krebs, Maggie
- Folder 33: Lawrence, Alok
- Folder 34: Milk, Harvey
- Folder 35: Monette, Elizabeth and Bill
- Folder 36: Pelosi, Alexandra
- Folder 37: Podgers, Kathy
- Folder 38: Satya
- Folder 39: Schweitzer, Mary
- Folder 40: Sheppard, Matthew
- Folder 41: Shively, Charles
- Folder 42: Sidney, Sylvia
- Folder 43: Simone, Richard
- Folder 44: Small, Bob
- Folder 45: Socarides, Charles
- Folder 46: Steinwert, Tiffany
- Folder 47: Studt, Randy
- Folder 48: Thompson, Carolyn
- Folder 49: Tingle, Jimmy
- Folder 50: Tom of Finland
- Folder 51: Tsongas, Paul
- Folder 52: Perdue, Linda
- Folder 53: Walker, Nancy
- Folder 54: Wander, Marty
- Folder 55: Zakim, Lenny
- Folder 56: Names of People
- Folder 57: Obituaries
- Folder 58: Political Candidates
- Folder 59: Correspondence
- Folder 60: Local News – Events - People

**Box 5:**

**Series V: Organization Files**

- Folder 1: Addresses – National LGBT Organizations
- Folder 2: AIDS Action Committee – Brochures
- Folder 3: AIDS Action Committee – Clippings
- Folder 4: AIDS Action Committee – Events
- Folder 5: AIDS Action Committee – Lifelines, June 1984-May 1986
- Folder 6: AIDS Action Committee – Meetings and Notes
- Folder 7: AIDS Action Committee – Update, April 1986-July 1989
- Folder 8: American Family Association, 2003
- Folder 9: Anti-Gay Christian Literature, 1985-1987
- Folder 10: Anti-Gay Christian Literature, 1985-1987
- Folder 11: Bisexual Gay Lesbian Alums of MIT (BGALA)
- Folder 12: Boston Center for Lesbian and Gay Men, 1990
- Folder 13: Boston Institute for Gay Studies, 1982

Folder 19b: Prime Timers – Boston, 2004-2011  
Folder 20: Purdue GLBTA  
Folder 21: Queer Book Worms (QBW), 2007-2008  
Folder 22: Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE)  
Folder 23a: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011  
Folder 23b: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011  
Folder 23c: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011  
Folder 23d: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011  
Folder 23e: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011  
Folder 23f: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau, 1983-2011  
Folder 24: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau – Newsletters, 1987-2001  
Folder 25: Speak Out / Gay Speakers Bureau – Publication Committee  
Folder 26: Theater Offensive  
Folder 27: Trinity Gay and Lesbian Fellowship  
Folder 28: Uncircumcised Males of America  
Folder 29: Wabash and Erie Canal Association, 2001-2002

**Box 7:**

**Series VI: Publications**

Folder 1: The Advocate, 1984-1986  
Folder 2: Boston Gay and Lesbian Pride Programs, 1978-1984  
Folder 3: Boston/Cambridge Publications, 1982-1987  
Folder 4: Christopher Street, 1980  
Folder 5: Citizen: Focus on the Family, 2002  
Folder 6: David, 1980-1981  
Folder 7: Equality: Human Rights Campaign, 2001-2006  
Folder 8: Gay Jubilee, 1980  
Folder 9: Gay Persons Guide to New England, 1975-1977  
Folder 10: Green Mountain Dyke News, 1980  
Folder 11: High Gear: Ohio's Gay Journal, 1981  
Folder 12: Ladyslipper: Records and Tapes by Women, 1982  
Folder 13: The Longest Revolution, 1980  
Folder 14: New England Lesbian and Gay Guide, 1981  
Folder 15: New England Knight Life, 1980  
Folder 16: New Roots, 1980-1981  
Folder 17: Non-Local Newspapers, 1978-1981  
Folder 18: The Pinball Player by Pat Kuras, 1982  
Folder 19: SisterSource, Inc., 1981  
Folder 20: Telewoman: A Women's Newsletter, 1982  
Folder 21: Valley Women's Voice, 1979-1980  
Folder 22: Women's Network Directory, 1982

**Series VII: Audio Video**

Folder 23: The Trial of Ted Haggard, DVD  
Folder 24: David, Cassette  
Folder 25: Maggy Krebs: Memorial Service, Cassette  
Folder 26: SpeakOut: The Stories We Tell, Cassette  
Folder 27: FID and JCP, 3 Cassettes

**Box 8:**

## **Series VIII: Slides**

### **Notes:**

- Container 1: Boston Buildings, Doll Cabinet, Parades
- Container 2: New York City Buildings
- Container 3: Boston Pride, 1981
- Container 4: San Francisco Trolleys
- Container 5: Amsterdam 1986
- Container 6: Pope's Visit, 1979
- Container 7: Hopkin's Family, 1982
- Container 8: Mountains, Lakes, Forests Western US & Canada
- Container 9: Odds and Ends
- Container 10: Boston Pride, GCN, Back Bay
- Container 11: Unknown
- Container 12: Unknown
- Container 13: Unknown
- Container 14: Unknown
- Container 15: January 1986
- Container 16: Unknown
- Container 17: Unknown
- Container 18: Unknown
- Container 19: Miscellaneous
- Container 20: Boston Blizzard, 1978
- Container 21: Fire at 16 Cottage Street
- Container 22: NYC
- Container 23: Boston Cambridge Street Scenes Late 70's
- Container 24: Rehab of 2F, Yard and Garden, ERH's Christmas Trees

### **Box 9:**

## **Series IX: Photographs**

**Notes: The photographs in this box are unmarked, unidentified, and unfolded. They have been left as they were in the collection without any assumption as to who or what the photographs are of or who took them.**

### **Box 10:**

**Notes: The photographs in this box are believed to have been taken by David Peterson's late partner Raymond Hopkins, and were organized topically in the collection.**

- Folder 1: Enlargements: Boston Street Scenes
- Folder 2: Negatives: Boston Street Scenes
- Folder 3: Contact Sheets
- Folder 4: Negatives: New York City Pride
- Folder 5: Negatives: Somewhere Else
- Folder 6: Negatives: Beach Scenes
- Folder 7: Negatives: Sex Toys, Demos, Displays
- Folder 8: Negatives: Red Carpet Club
- Folder 9: Negatives: 48 Magazine Street
- Folder 10: Negatives: Raymond Hopkins Family
- Folder 11: Uncategorized Photos and Negatives