

Guide to the Tamara Pickett Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Pickett, Tamara
Title:	Tamara Pickett Papers
ID:	MS-00467
Date [inclusive]:	1977-1998
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Tamara Pickett Papers (1977-1998) are comprised of materials related to the experiences of transgendered individuals in America. The collection includes transgender publications, scientific articles about sex reassignment surgery, and informational material provided to Pickett from various doctors as she planned her own sexual reassignment surgery.

Preferred Citation

Tamara Pickett Papers, 1977-1998. MS-00467. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical note

Tamara Pickett was born Terry Lee Pickett. As a male, he served as a soldier in the United States Army. Terry finished her transition to Tamara with sexual reassignment surgery in 1996. As Tamara, she is known for her activism in Las Vegas, Nevada, especially her successful campaign for better health care provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for transgender veterans. She was also involved with the Nevada Gender League and The Turnabouts, a transgender support group in Las Vegas.

Source:

McBride, Dennis. "Las Vegas Transgender" *Gay History in Nevada and Las Vegas: The Las Vegas OutHistory Project*. Accessed July 9, 2015. <http://outhistory.org/exhibits/show/las-vegas/articles/trans>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Tamara Pickett Papers focus on Tamara Pickett's personal transition from male to female and the transgender community in which she participated. The collection features personal documents including information about sexual reassignment surgeries from various doctors from 1996, personal correspondence, and her advancement to a second-degree Reiki healer in 1998. Other materials include medical articles about sex reassignment surgery, transgender publications including *Transition* and *Metamorphosis*, an outline of a presentation to University of Nevada, Las Vegas students about transgender people, and a copy of Harry Benjamin's *The Transsexual Phenomenon* from 1977.

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Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2003 by Tamara L. Pickett; accession number 2003-07.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised and enhanced by Franklin Howard to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. July 2015

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Pickett, Tamara. Interview, 2002 November 8. OH-01482. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Transgender people
- Sex change
- Political activism -- Nevada -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Publication: "The Transsexual Phenomenon" by Harry Benjamin, 1977	box 01
Publication: "Transition", 1978-1980	box 01
Article: "Penis Construction" by David A. Gilbert and Boyd H. Winslow, 1987	box 01
Article: "Constructing a Scrotum in Female-to-Male Transsexuals", 1992	box 01
Article: "On the Pragmatics of an Androgynous Style of Speaking (from a Transsexual's Perspective)" by C. Todd White, 1998	box 01
Article: "A Safer Sex Guide for Transsexual Men", 1996	box 01
Correspondence: Jim Pickett, 1996	box 01
Correspondence: references and testimonials of Tamara's character and mental health, 1996	box 01

Drawing: copy of "All Alone-Not Loved", undated	box 01
Flier: Lighthouse Compassionate Care benefit announcement, 1996 April 6	box 01
Nevada Gender League Papers, 1997-1998	box 01
Transgender health resources published by the American Educational Gender Information Center (AEGIS), 1996	box 01
Newsletter: "Turnabouts", 1996	box 01
Publication: "AEGISNEWS", 1995-1996	box 01
Publication: "Anything that Moves: Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality", 1991	box 01
Publication: "En*Gender", 1993-1994	box 01
Publication: "In Your Face", 1995	box 01
Publication: "Metamorphosis", 1985-1987	box 01
Publication: "Phoenix Monthly-International", 1983	box 01
Publication: "Rites of Passage: Magazine for Female-to-Male Transsexuals and Cross Dressers", 1989	box 01
Reiki Certificate, 1998	box 01
Information regarding sexual reassignment surgery performed by Dr. Toby R. Meltzer of Portland, Oregon, 1996	box 01
Prerequisites for Gender Committee Review form from the University of Minnesota, 1995	box 01
Transgender Reading List, 1994	box 01
Information regarding the sexual reassignment surgery performed by Dr. Eugene R. Schrang of Neenah, Wisconsin, 1996	box 01