

Brian McNaught and Ray Struble Historic Artifacts -- Partial Listing

The following items from the thirty-six year collection of Brian McNaught and Ray Struble are being donated to the Stonewall Museum in Ft. Lauderdale. These items are from their home in Ft. Lauderdale. (Other items kept in their home in Provincetown, MA, are also being donated to the Museum.) Items marked with *** indicate “VERY IMPORTANT.”

BOOKS

Highlights:

*** *Two Rivulets*, (one of 100 copies) by Walt Whitman, 1876. This very rare copy is also distinctly one-of-a-kind because it is not only personalized to his best friend, signed and dated, but Whitman, in his own hand, has made three last-minute changes to typed sentences.

Lucy Gayheart, (No. 472 of 749 signed copies) by Willa Cather, 1935, First edition.

Sixteen Letters from Oscar Wilde, (one of 550 copies) 1930, London

How to Write a Book, (one of 1000 copies) by Gertrude Stein, Paris, 1931, personalized and signed.

Poems, (one of 750 copies), by Charles Warren Stoddard, 1867. First Edition

The Rise of Historical Criticism, (one of 225 copies printed) by Oscar Wilde, 1905, First Edition, 1949

Also:

Flowers of Gold, Hand cut and printed booklet of Oscar Wilde poems (very unusual)

The Portrait of Mr. W.H., Oscar Wilde, 1921, First Edition

Portraits and Prayers, Lost manuscript by Gertrude Stein, 1934

The House of Pomegranates by Oscar Wilde, illustrated, 1891

Summer Cruising in the South Seas Charles Warren Stoddard

Other Voices in Other Rooms signed by Truman Capote

The Edge of Darkness 1958, signed by Dr. Tom Dooley, (Brian received the Tom Dooley Award from Notre Dame's gay alumni)

My Fight for Birth Control, personalized in long message by Margaret Sanger, 1931 (Brian received the Margaret Sanger Award from Syracuse University Institute for Family Research and Education)

The Poems of Oscar Wilde, 1916

De Profundis by Oscar Wilde, the Complete Text, with Introduction by Vyvyan Holland

What is Remembered, by Alice B. Toklas, 1963

Whitman's American Fame by Charles B. Willard, 1950

Three Lives by Gertrude Stein, 1933

De Profundis by Oscar Wilde, 1909

The Poems of Oscar Wilde Modern Library edition

Letters and Signatures

Highlights:

*** **Susan B. Anthony**, January 21, 1888, one-of-a-kind four page letter to “My Dear friends – Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury & their Helen –” begging them to attend the Suffrage Council of the Pioneers – “Mrs. Stanton will of course preside – and Lucy Stone is to make the first 30 minute

speech..." (**Parker Pillsbury** September 22, 1809 – July 7, 1898) was a minister and advocate for abolition and women's rights.)

Lucy Stone - Handwritten letter. She was a Boston-based suffragette and abolitionist, 1891

Radcliff Hall 1926 signed photo - "From your cousin" Hall wrote *The Well of Loneliness*

Also:

Ralph Waldo Emerson Letter from and photo – alleged to be gay in *Gay American History*

Alexander Hamilton Signature and photo – alleged to be gay in *Gay American History*

Alexander von Humboldt 1794 Letter - Humboldt's quantitative work on botanical geography was foundational to the field of biogeography. He was gay.

Eleanor Roosevelt 1947 Typed and signed letter

Thomas Wentworth Higginson, signature and photo, Minister, abolitionist, said to be gay

Charles Sumner signature and photo, Massachusetts politician and abolitionist said to be gay

ART

Highlight:

*** **Sappho** – Very rare painting of the Lesbian Greek poetess on porcelain, German, mid 1800s.

Also:

Abolitionist Singers photo showing great male intimacy

POLITICAL ARTIFACTS

Highlights:

*** Letter signed by **Detroit Bishops Thomas Gumbleton** and **Joseph Imesch** 1974 to **Brian McNaught** on the 17th day of his hunger strike. Their statement "We have a serious obligation to root out the structures and attitudes that discriminate against the homosexual as a person," which was written with the purpose of ending Brian's water fast, has been quoted widely in the Church since that time.

Letter from **Bishop Thomas Gumbleton** to **Brian McNaught** 1992 to acknowledge "you were ahead of your time..." (Gumbleton's brother came out after McNaught was fired.)

*** Contraband poster from **1982 Gay Olympics** in San Francisco - The former head of the U.S. Olympic Committee, who bought Brian and Ray's home in Atlanta, commented when spotting the poster, "Where did you get that? Those were all supposed to be destroyed."

Also:

*** Letter from **Gerry Studds** and the former Congressional Page he was censured by the House for sexually abusing 10 years before, who to no one's knowledge were still seeing each other, thank Brian and Ray for letting them stay at their apartment in Brookline, MA. No one in the nation could understand why Gerry refused to apologize. It was because the affair was consensual and on-going.

Official statement by **Gerry Studds** to the House regarding his censure, signed by Studds.

Handwritten note from **Studds** to Brian and Ray acknowledging that while staying at their home, he broke a glass and borrowed two gay books for his mother Studds took refuge with Brian and Ray in their Brookline apartment and in their cabin in New Hampshire while being hounded by the international press. (Brian and Ray helped Studds and Barney Frank come out.)

Executive Order barring discrimination in employment in the office of the Massachusetts Attorney General signed in 1987 by **Attorney General James Shannon**.

Actual **Executive Order** barring discrimination in Boston city employment by **Mayor Kevin White** for whom Brian McNaught served as his gay liaison, the first such full-time position.

Letter pledging support from **The Rev. Troy Perry** to Brian McNaught in 1974 following Brian's hunger fast.

State of Wisconsin gay rights law, the first in the nation, signed by its sponsor **David Clarenbach** 1982

The Final Report of the **National Commission on AIDS** 1993 signed and personalized by Larry Kessler. (Brian started first city-sponsored AIDS Task Force and invited Kessler to join.)

U.S. House Bill HR 230 1985 to bar discrimination based on sexual orientation signed by sponsor **Gerry Studds**

Massachusetts Gay Rights Bill with personalized message to Brian McNaught from **Michael Dukakis**

Letter from SIECUS founder **Mary Calderone** to Brian in 1981

MISCELLANEOUS ARTIFACTS

Highlights:

Large wooden bowl of **buttons, badges, pins, stickers, and other souvenirs** collected since 1974 including campaign buttons for **Elaine Noble, Gerry. Studds, Barney Frank**, earliest AIDS buttons, "Anita Bryant Sucks Oranges," matches from the film ***Making Love***, Brian's delegate pass to the 1976 Catholic national gathering called "**A Call to Action**", buttons from the **Gay Olympics in 1982**, a ticket to a talk by **David Goodstein**, and nearly 100 more.

Controversial early **Safe Sex poster** showing a sheathed erect penis

Also:

Early Quilt poster

Old record albums, one signed by all members of the **San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, 1981**, one signed by **Meg Christian**, all four of **Lily Tomlin** albums, 1979 **Village People Go West**, **Ann Murray**, *La Cage aux folles*

1971 *Look* magazine on the **American Family** featuring **Jack Backer and Mike McConnell**

1963 *Life* magazine on the Civil Rights March with **Bayard Rustin** on the cover

Four copies of "Strength and Health" 1946, 47, 48, and 50

"**Dear Anita - Late Night Thoughts of an Irish Catholic Homosexual**" 1978 as first published in *Impact* magazine, journal of Syracuse University Institute for Family Research and Education. The article has been reprinted in several college texts. In response to the piece, Brian was called by the head of Anita Bryant Ministries who said Anita Bryant wanted to respond, and he was then invited to Miami to debate the head of conversion for Anita Bryant Ministries on the television talk show *To the Point*.

Preliminary Report and Executive Summary of **The Boston Project** 1983, one-of-a-kind city-sponsored hearings, created by Brian, on how to better meet the needs of gay residents.

Collector's Edition 1991 **The Best of Life** (magazine) with photo of **Victor Amburgy** hugging niece after release from **hostage**. He and partner were gay couple protected by other hostages

A Disturbed Peace book signing placard - every US Catholic Bishop received a copy of the book (Every US Congressperson was given Brian's *Gay Issues in the Workplace* by HRC)

Old photo of men being affectionate

1983 *Newsweek* cover **Gay America**

1964 *International Nudist Sun*

Collector's Edition **Advocate 20 Year Anniversary**

Colt Men 1975 Vol. 1 and 2

New York Times, November 28, 1978 "**San Francisco Mayor is Slain; City Supervisor Also Killed; Job Seeker Gives Up to Police**"

September 1974 **Dignity** newsletter with front page editorial on Brian's civil rights case with the Church in Detroit. Brian started the Detroit Dignity Chapter in 1974.

1976 and 1977 editions of *The Witness*, magazine of the Episcopal Church, with covers on **Gays in the Church**. Brian was editor of the 1977 issue and interviewed in the 1976 issue

1997 **Thomas Dooley Award** to Brian from Notre Dame gay alums

1981 letter from **David McWhirter** (*The Male Couple*) to Brian after his keynote address to AAASECT, a first for the group of sexuality educators, counselors, and therapists. Brian told them "If you can't deal with gay issues get into another profession." Mary Calderone stood and publicly affirmed the statement.

1980 *US Catholic* Magazine cover story "**Is Our Church Big Enough for Gay Catholics**" which was an interview with Brian. This story followed Brian winning the Catholic Press Association Award for Best Magazine Article of the Year for his 1975 piece "**The Sad Dilemma of the Gay Catholic.**"

STONEWALL MUSEUM

Located in **Ft. Lauderdale**, FL, the Stonewall Museum (www.stonewall-library.org) is a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art facility housed in a building owned the city's public library system. Its curator, Jack Rutland has carefully assembled a significant collection of historic gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender artifacts. From its founding in 1973, the Stonewall Library & Archives has grown into the largest lending library of its kind in the United States. The circulating library holdings now number over 18,000 books and audio-visual materials. The archives document a century of LGBT cultural and social history, and contain more than 5,000 items including periodicals, oral history collections, business and association records, manuscripts, and relevant ephemera. The library and archival collections have been professionally catalogued and are maintained according to accepted conservation and preservation standards.

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Named "the godfather of gay diversity training" by *The New York Times*, **Brian McNaught**, a thirty-six year veteran of the gay civil rights movement, works with Fortune 50 and U.S. government (NSA) senior managers in offices around the world, helping them build competence and confidence in their proactive response to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender employees. A Fort Lauderdale resident, he has worked with heterosexual audiences in churches, classrooms, and boardrooms since 1974, after he was fired by the Catholic Church in Michigan for being gay. His six books and six DVDs are extensively used as educational resources. In 1979, his published open letter to Anita Bryant resulted in him debating on television Anita Bryant Ministries in Miami. From 1982 - 1984, Brian served as the Mayor of Boston's Liaison to the Gay and Lesbian Community. More recently, he was an advisor to former Surgeon General David Satcher on matters of national sexual health. For more information, go to www.brian-mcnaught.com.

One of the first openly gay people on Wall Street, **Ray Struble** was Lehman Brothers' Senior Managing Director of Global Equity Sales, and prior to that served as head of the firm's Atlanta office. He retired from Lehman Brothers in 1997. He and Brian McNaught have been life partners since 1976, and were married in Canada in 2003.