

# Guide to the LeRoy Scott Papers

GEN MSS 993



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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 993

**CREATOR:** Scott, LeRoy, 1917-2009 , author

**TITLE:** LeRoy Scott papers

**DATES:** 1921-1997

**BULK DATES:** 1970-1990

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 15.71 linear feet (18 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, journal, photographs, printed material and other papers by or relating to LeRoy Scott. Includes papers relating to the Corduroy Club and the Mattachine Society.

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b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Bolerium Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2011.

May 2011 Acquisition: gift of Bolerium Books.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

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## **LeRoy Scott**

LeRoy Scott (1917-2009) was a gay rights activist and cross dressing performer who used the drag name "Madame X."

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## **Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, journal, photographs, printed material and other papers by or relating to LeRoy Scott. Includes papers relating to the Corduroy Club and the Mattachine Society.

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into three groupings: March 2011 Acquisition; April 2011 Acquisition; and May 2011 Acquisition.

## Collection Contents

### March 2011 Acquisition

Purchased from Bolerium Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2011.

b.1	Corduroy Club papers 3 Folders	1970-1972
	Photographs	
b.1	Sacramento, Cruise around Alcatraz - [illegible]	1990
b.1	Gene's Welcome Summer Cocktail, Harbortown	1971 April 7
b.1	BWMT - Wine + Cheese? Regional Conference, year?	[?] October 25
b.1	[illegible] supper/Simon, Jerry, me, Hotel, Lee Brewster, NYC	1991 February
b.1	[illegible] - airport, plane, 1st Day?	[?] July 19
b.1	Christmas Party, Lloyd/Bab, Walter ?	1988 January 7
b.1	St. Patrick's Potluck, Bruce, BWMT, Pat's, Fish Bone ...	1990 April 24
b.1	Gene's Fun + Games, BWMT at [Pogius?]	1988 Febraary 10
b.1	Eagle Diner from WS - Montrase	1988 April 21
b.1	MS Potluck, Thanksgiving - Chicago, Gene	[?] November 30
b.1	Unlabeled negatives	undated
b.1	Amtrack club car wine + cheese, Gene ...	[?] April 26
b.1	Photographs	1976 March 31
b.1	Unlabeled development envelope	
b.1	Talent Show - SF 10 Convention	[?] July 19
b.1	Photographs	1973 February 23
b.1	Unlabeled	
b.1	Thanksgiving, [US Xmas?]/Boston Bar Party	1990 December 14
b.1	Unlabeled negatives	undated
b.1	Unlabeled	undated
b.1	Unlabeled	undated
b.1	"Photo Stat Orders"	undated

Papers related to Church

b.1	Papers related to Church <i>3 Folders</i>	1960s-1970s
Playbills		
b.1	Playbills Folder 1 of 9	1970s-1980s
b.2	Playbills <i>8 Folders</i> Folders 2-9 of 9	1970s-1980s
Correspondence		
b.2	Correspondence <i>8 Folders</i> Folders 1-8 of 19	1960s-1990s
b.3	Correspondence <i>11 Folders</i> Folders 9-19 of 19	1960s-1990s
Personal papers		
b.3	3 notebooks	undated
b.3	Guest book	1963
b.3	Miscellaneous papers <i>2 Folders</i> Folders 1-2 of 7	1960s-1980s
b.4	Miscellaneous papers <i>5 Folders</i> Folders 3-7 of 7	1960s-1980s
b.4	"Misc. junk" <i>2 Folders</i>	1970s
b.4	Album of postcards	undated
Gay Theatre papers		
b.4	Programs	1960s-1980s
b.4	Manhattan Lambda	undated
b.4	Programs, fliers <i>5 Folders</i>	undated
b.4	Gay organization papers <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
Printed materials		
b.5	<i>Kauri</i>	1965 August

## Printed materials (continued)

b. 5	Newsletters <i>2 Folders</i>	1960s-1970s
b. 5	Magazines	1974, 1990, 1992
b. 5	Newspapers <i>5 Folders</i>	1970s-1980s
b. 5	Various printed materials	1973-1977
b. 5	<i>Drag Queens</i> magazine	1970s
b. 5	BWMT -Cleveland	1985
b. 5	Mattachine Papers	1960s

**April 2011 Acquisition**

Purchased from Bolerium Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2011.

Correspondence		
b. 6	Correspondence <i>14 Folders</i> Folders 1-14 of 17	1920s-1980s
b. 7	Correspondence <i>3 Folders</i> Folders 15-17 of 17	1920s-1980s
b. 7	Correspondence	1930s-1960s
b. 7	Correspondence <i>3 Folders</i>	1990s
b. 7	Correspondence - Pieper, Simon	1950s-1970s
b. 7	Correspondence - "Personal Letter/Bill File"	circa 1942
b. 7	Correspondence - postcards	1930s-1960s
b. 7	Correspondence - YMCA	1939
Printed materials		
b. 7	<i>A Boyscout's Courage</i> - Griggs	1921
b. 7	Cincinnati Conservatory of Music - Annual Announcement	1934-1936
b. 7	Conservatory Annuals - various	1934-1944
b. 7	Detroit Conservatory of Music - Prospectus	1933-1936
b. 7	<i>Drag</i> magazine - 5 issues	1972-1978
b. 7	<i>Gay Chicago Magazine</i> - 5 issues <i>2 Folders</i>	1986-1992
b. 7	<i>In Step</i> magazine - 3 issues	1986-1989
b. 7	<i>The Mirror</i> - 3 issues	1986 August
b. 8	<i>The Naked Civil Servant</i> - Crisp	1968
b. 8	Newsletters and periodicals - misc. <i>4 Folders</i>	1920s-1980s
b. 8	Newspapers - various <i>5 Folders</i>	1930s-1980s
b. 8	<i>Second Baptist Advocate</i> - 2 issues	1978-1979
b. 8	Songbooks <i>2 Folders</i>	circa 1917-1940



## Printed materials (continued)

b. 8	<i>The Technician</i> - 6 issues	1934-1936
b. 8	St. Cyprians Episcopal Church - 2 Bulletins	1938
b. 8	<i>The Young People's Journal</i> - 8 issues 2 Folders	1933-1936
Photographs, Art, and Realia		
b. 9	Photographs - "BWMT Convention 91, John K's Reception"	1991 June 23
b. 9	Photographs - "Gene Deck's Retirement"	1995 November 5
b. 9	Photographs - "Cleveland Convention '96, Back Stage, Hotel Bar"	1996 July 30
b. 9	Photographs - "New York Visit, Waldorf?"	circa 1995
b. 9	Photographs, misc. and envelope	circa 1999
b. 9	Photographs - "NYC - Waldorf"	
b. 9	Photographs - "David's Daughter's Wedding"	
b. 9	Photographs - "Convention?"	
b. 9	Photographs - "Helen's Wedding"	1995
b. 9	Photographs - unlabeled	
b. 9	Photographs - "BWMT Convention '91, Talent Show II"	1991 July 7
b. 9	Photographs - "Last of Convention"	1991 July 20
b. 9	Photographs - "Cleveland"	1984
b. 9	Photographs - "BWMT Convention Key [?] Allfounder [?] House - Walk the Walk"	1995 July 27
b. 9	Photographs - "Hoaterville [?], Bill's Funeral Mass"	1995 July 3
b. 9	Easter booklet and datebook	1967
b. 9	Photographs - "Living Room"	
b. 9	Photographs - "BWMT Convention 91 - Last Night Banquet"	1991 June 31
b. 9	Photographs - "BWMT Convention, Key West Airport, Last Brunch, [?] Scenes, Banquet, [?] Festival"	1995 July 27
b. 9	Photographs - "Mich Gene, Taste Festival"	undated
b. 9	Photographs - "Halloween, out & about, Gene's"	1994 November 9
b. 9	Photographs - "Bob's Birthday, Kevin's Birthday"	1994 May 9
b. 9	Photographs - "Bob's Mother's Birthday"	undated
b. 9	Photographs - "Michal State Fair, Gene Plaza, [?] sign cleaning"	undated

## Photographs, Art, and Realia (continued)

b. 9	Photographs - unlabeled	undated
b. 9	Photographs - "Cafagna [?] Birthday Dinner"	1994 October 24
b. 9	Negatives, musical instrument rental card, empty envelope	undated, 1969, 1936, 1994 July 31
b. 9	Photographs - "Gene's Brunch"	1996 May 31
b. 9	Photographs - "Anniversary BWMT, W Al's"	1995
b. 10	Photographs - unlabeled	1964 January
b. 10	Photographs - "Christmas at Walt's"	1995
b. 10	Photographs - "Don's House, Hotel" - incl. note from George	undated
b. 10	Photographs - from Ray Ottley	1994
b. 10	Photographs - "Gene's Retirement, Announcement, Jim [?]"	
b. 10	Photographs - Genes 1996 Brunch"	1996 May 28
b. 10	Negatives, empty folder, various photographs, Y.M.C.A. Forum bulletin	
b. 10	Photographs - various	undated
b. 10	Photographs - "Leather Show Washington, Richard's [?]"	[?] January 31
b. 10	Photographs - "Bar Guild [?], Gene, St. Patrick's Games Night Glenn, Bill"	1996 April 15
b. 10	Photographs - "1995 Anniversary"	1995
b. 10	Photographs - "St. Patrick's Day"	1995 April 3
b. 10	Photographs - "Wall House, Broadway"	
b. 10	Photographs - untitled	1964 January 22
b. 10	Photographs - "Jim's Brother, Christmas, Gene's Christmas Brunch"	
b. 10	Photographs - "Foleds [?] Fund Raiser"	
b. 10	Photographs - "Convention, Washington?, Key West?"	
b. 10	Photographs - "Drama Festival, My Birthday"	1992 June 2
b. 10	Photographs - "Betty Doars [?] Eyes and What Nats [?]"	1991 May 7
b. 10	Photographs - "voided"	
b. 10	Photographs - "BWMT [?], My Award"	1994
b. 10	Photographs - "Intermezo"	
b. 10	Photographs - "Dinner June, Opera House Benefit, Train?"	
b. 10	Photographs - "Father's Day Deals, Hospital House"	1997 July 1

## Photographs, Art, and Realia (continued)

b. 10	Photographs - "Chicago Convention Balcony"	1995 July
b. 10	Photographs - "Boat Ride, Jim C"	1996 August 25
b. 10	Photographs - "Mother's Woman of Year"	1975 June 10
b. 10	Negatives - "Washington Convention, Ns [?] Talent Show and Etc."	
b. 10	Negatives - "1 set to Mother"	1975 August 15
b. 10	Photographs - "Jim's Baptism"	1994 February 20
b. 10	Photographs - unlabeled	1970s
b. 10	Photographs - unlabeled	1968 April
b. 10	Photographs - unlabeled	1965-1967
b. 10	Photographs - unlabeled	1956 October
b. 10	Photographs - unlabeled misc.	
b. 10	Negatives - unlabeled misc.	
b. 11	Photographs - unlabeled <i>4 Folders</i>	
b. 11	Empty photo envelopes	1994-1996
b. 11	Negatives - "Old + New Mixed"	1997 September
b. 11	Photo wheel - unlabeled	
b. 11	Photographs - "Bob's Birthday, Kevin's Birthday"	1994 May 9
b. 11	Photographs - "Potluck Scott's Birthday"	1990 October 29
b. 11	Photographs - "BWMT Convention 91 Banquet Detroit?"	1991 June 31
b. 11	Photographs - "BWMT Convention 91 Talent Show I"	1991 July 6
b. 11	Photographs - "BWMT Convention 91, Canada & Banquet?"	1991 June 31
b. 11	Photographs - "John Adams Lot next door"	
b. 11	Photographs - "BWMT 91 Convention, Als' Party"	1991 June 25
b. 11	Photographs - "BWMT Reception at Regis"	1991 June 25
b. 11	Photographs - "NY Cocktail Party, Jim's Retirement, My Reunion, Last Day Plane"	1995 November 3
b. 11	Photographs - "John R's Reception, BWMT"	1991 June
b. 11	Photographs - "BWMT Convention Sf Regis, Opening Reception"	1991 June
b. 11	Photographs - unlabeled <i>4 Folders</i>	

## Photographs, Art, and Realia (continued)

b. 11	Photocopied pages of photo albums	1994
b. 11	Collages & Photocopies of Photo	
b. 11	Negatives - unlabeled	1940s
b. 11	Photographs - unlabeled - misc	1950s
b. 11	Photographs - unlabeled misc.	1960s
b. 11	Photographs - unlabeled misc.	1970s-1990s
b. 11	Photographs - unlabeled framed	circa1940s
b. 11	Negatives - unlabeled misc.	
b. 11	Misc. correspondence	
b. 11	Detroit School of Music envelope, shooting gallery target (paper)	1959 January
b. 11	Certificate in Recognition of Service by Ray Scott	1963 August 6
Ephemera, Programs and Organizational Papers		
b. 12	Stanislavski: the image of a man - flyer	1965
b. 12	Petition to FDR for grand jury on Detroit attacks (blank)	
b. 12	West Side Gay Theater - Program	1972
b. 12	Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Michican	1970s
b. 12	Daughters of Isis	1950s
b. 12	Concert programs	1943
b. 12	Misc. Printed Material	
b. 12	"The Union Jack Built" - Socialist Labor Party ad	1940s-1950s
b. 12	Playbills and Scripts	
b. 12	Playbills	1970s-1990s
b. 12	"Art literature, books, dramatics"	1940s
b. 12	School papers	1930s-1940s
b. 12	Corduroy Club and Other Gay Organizations <i>2 Folders</i>	1960s-1980s
b. 12	Music, performances, conservatories and entertainments	1915-1970s
b. 12	Papers relating to politics and public programs	1940s
b. 12	Miluakee, Wisconsin	1980s
b. 12	Miscellaneous Printed and Personal Material	
b. 12	BWMT Papers and Clippings	1980s-1990s

## Ephemera, Programs and Organizational Papers (continued)

b. 12	Detroit Ordinance District - circulars	1945
b. 12	BWMT and other organizations	1980-1990s
b. 12	Church-related papers	1930s-1970s
b. 12	Miscellaneous personal papers and printed material	1930s-1990s
b. 12	Music, performances, entertainment	1940-1990s
Schoolwork, Writings and Personal Papers		
b. 13	<i>The History of the United States</i> - textbook	1935
b. 13	<i>Problems in American Life</i> - textbook	1935
b. 13	<i>Shorthand Manual Simplified</i> - textbook	1955
b. 13	<i>The Power of Concentration</i> - textbook	1930s
b. 13	Schoolwork	1935
b. 13	English notebooks	1935
b. 13	Schoolwork	1930s
b. 13	Composition notebooks - City College	1949
b. 13	Composition notebook	1956
b. 13	School workbooks	1930s-1940s
b. 13	<i>The Rational Method in Reading</i> - textbook	1920s?
b. 13	Schoolwork	1930s-1940s
b. 13	<i>Students' Counterpoint</i> - textbook	1940s?
b. 14	Composition books 2 Folders	1940
b. 14	Stenography notebooks	1937
b. 14	Address books, signature book, receipt books	
b. 14	Schoolwork	
b. 14	Music work	1930
b. 14	Artwork	1930s
b. 14	Writings - "Dolly" and "A Senior in a Gay Environment"	
b. 14	Schoolwork	1940s
b. 14	Daily planner	1997
b. 14	Stenography book, typewriting workbook	
b. 14	Clippings (photocopied)	1980s

## Schoolwork, Writings and Personal Papers (continued)

b. 14	Notebook	
b. 14	Miscellaneous	1930s-1940s
b. 15	Graduation cap	
b. 15	Infant Christening gown	
b. 15	Wood plaque - signed Leroy Scott Wingert School	
b. 15	Portrait on canvas	1931 July 21
b. 16	Earthenware biscuit fired self portrait bust	
b. 16	Jewelry/Sequins	
b. 16	Decorative miniature parasol	
Mattachine Society Papers		
b. 14	Mattachine Society - study questionnaire	

**May 2011 Acquisition**

Gift of Bolerium Books.

b. 17	Correspondence	1944-1977
b. 17	Correspondence from Beta O. Scott	1950-1977
b. 17	<i>In Step</i> vol. 3, iss. 3 (1986) and <i>Stagebill Detroit</i> (1983)	1983, 1986
b. 17	Photographs	
b. 17	Ephemera and programs	1960s-1970s
b. 17	MOHR Michigan Organization for Human Rights - Michigan Gay/Lesbian Freedom Parade/Festival	1987
b. 17	Corduroy Club papers	1968-1980
b. 17	Daily Journal - "Wayne State University Journalism"	1993 September
b. 17	Personal papers	circa 1960s-1970s
b. 17	Framed portrait [Beta O. Scott]	
b. 18	Sheet music	1920s

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Names**

Scott, LeRoy, 1917-2009