

# Guide to the Archibald John Wilson Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 2147

**CREATOR:** Wilson, Archibald John , author

**TITLE:** Archibald John Wilson papers

**DATES:** 1987-1993

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English (Latin script)

**SUMMARY:** This collection contains correspondence, printed material, photographs, and other papers by or relating to Archibald John Wilson documenting his work as a gay Army veteran and activist.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.ajwilson>

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Langdon Manor Books, LLC on the Walter Jennings Memorial Fund, 2024.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Processing Information

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## Archibald John Wilson

Archibald John Wilson was born on December 26, 1923 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Wilson enlisted in the Army in 1943 and served in Europe and the south Pacific. After being discharged, he attended Columbia University and spent most of his working life with Bank of America.

Wilson was an active contributor to the gay liberation movement in San Francisco and the Bay Area and was also active in advocating for the rights of gay Veterans. He was an early member and commander of the Alexander Hamilton Post 448 of the American Legion, a predominately LGBT American Legion Post.

Archibald John Wilson died on July 6, 2011.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic.

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|-----|---|-----------------------------------|
| b.1 | About Face Conference<br><i>3 Folders</i><br>Contains briefing book, photographs, and post-conference materials.  | 1990<br>November-1990<br>December |
| b.1 | Congressional cemetery: photographs<br>Contains photographs taken at an event held prior to the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights and Liberation.   | 1993 April 24                     |
| b.1 | Gay Games I and II<br>Contains correspondence and printed material relating to the Gay Games I and II.  | 1985-1986                         |
| b.1 | Gay rights-military<br>Contains correspondence and printed material related to combating anti-gay policies by the federal government.   | 1990-1991                         |
| b.1 | Hands around the Capitol: photographs<br>Contains photographs of a march to raise awareness of AIDS and related impactful legislation.  | 1993 April 24                     |
| b.1 | March on Burroughs-AIDS Action Pledge<br>Contains flyers, newsletters, and other papers relating to the AIDS Action Pledge and a march on Burroughs-Wellcombe Group.  | 1988                              |
| b.1 | National March on Washington for lesbian and gay rights<br>Contains correspondence, flyers, agendas, and other papers relating to the National March on Washington for lesbians and gay rights in 1987.   | 1987                              |
| b.1 | National March on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi rights and liberation<br>Contains, flyers, memoranda, correspondence, and other papers relating to the National March on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi rights and liberation in 1993. | 1993                              |
| b.1 | National March on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi rights and liberation:<br>photographs<br><i>5 Folders</i><br>Contains photographs of the National March on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi rights and liberation in 1993.               | 1993 April 25                     |
| b.1 | Obituary<br>Contains the obituary of Archibald John Wilson, as published in the Bay Area Reporter.  | 2011 August 3                     |
| b.1 | Quicktricks<br>Contains the roster, flyers, and newsletter for the Quicktricks bridge club.   | 1991-1993                         |
| b.1 | ROTC<br>Contains correspondence and flyers relating to discrimination and the ROTC.   | 1991                              |

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Gay activists -- United States  
Gay liberation movement -- California  
Gay men -- 20th Century -- Archives  
Gay rights -- United States  
Lesbian and gay experience  
Veterans -- United States