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**CAROL FISCHER AND HELEN HARRELL  
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2014**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

In 2014 the Indiana Historical Society began the Indiana LGBT Collecting Initiative to collect, preserve, and make accessible materials that document the rich history, tradition, and culture of Indiana's LGBT communities. Part of the collecting initiative includes the Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBT Oral History Project. During the time period of 2014-2015, interviews were conducted of individuals, couples and families from all walks of life in Central Indiana area. This collection centers around the oral history interview of Carol Fisher and Helen Harrell conducted by Mark Lee on September 9, 2014.

Carol Dorrell Fischer (b. 1947) grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. She joined the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War but was discharged for being a lesbian. Several years later, she married a man and had a son in 1978. Over the years, Fischer has been an advocate for people with disabilities as well as for the LGBT community. Fischer also worked in the GLBT Student Support Services at Indiana University before she retired. Helen Harrell (b. 1944) was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and grew up in Watertown, New York. Harrell has been a long time advocate for the LGBT community in the Bloomington area and helped co-found the Indiana chapter of Pride At Work. Harrell also worked as an advisor and administrator at Indiana University before she retired. Fischer Harrell have been together since 1991, and together they co-hosted the bloomingOUT Radio Show beginning in 2003. They currently reside in Spencer, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found in collection.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from two video recorded interviews with Carol Fischer and Helen Harrell conducted on September 9, 2014 by Mark Lee, lead project manager for the Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBT Oral History Project. The interview, which includes the video recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The video recorded interviews are approximately an five hours long and are recorded on three DVDs. The collection includes one folder with preliminary questionnaires articles about Fischer and Harrell and the interview transcriptions.

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