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Elise van der Merwe Collection

1982-1983

RESTRICTED ACCESS

Summary:

Title: Elise van der Merwe Collection

Dates: 1982-1983.

Size: 1 standard-size archive box; 6 photographs

Restrictions: Users must sign a confidentiality agreement before accessing any part of the collection.

Source: Donated by Liesl Theron, November 2005

Description: Elise van der Merwe is a MTF transgendered person, who told her story in the Afrikaans media in 1982 (series A). Elise received many letters from individuals who read her story, and these letters and her written responses comprise series B. Some of these letters were from other transgender people and in one instance was accompanied by photographs (part of the reason for the confidentiality form users must sign). Elise lodged the material in this collection with a publisher with the intention of publishing a never completed memoir. The bulk of the records are in Afrikaans.

Special formats: Photographs.

Language: The records are primarily in Afrikaans.

Processed: November 2005, by Anthony Manion. Collection checked by Linda Chernis, June 2017.

Container list.

A. Press clippings

Press clippings from *Rapport*; *Sarie*; *Die Transvaaler*; *Suidwester Rand Daily Mail*; *Republikein*; and others: 1982-1983. (All but one clipping in Afrikaans). 1 file.

(Note: *Rapport* did a series of 7 articles on Elise over November/December 1982).

B. Correspondence

B.1. Correspondence with public (including other transgender people): 1982-1983. 2 files.

B.2. Correspondence with the media: 1982. 1 file.

C. Photographs

5 colour photographs, 1 black and white ID photo: ca. 1982.

D. Miscellaneous records

1 file.

Keywords:

Military

Namibia

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South West Africa

Transgender

Van der Merwe, Elise