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Death Row Support Project; Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Death Row Support Project Records
ID:	apap404
Date [inclusive]:	1988-2023
Physical Description:	1.75 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection documents the Death Row Support Project, a project of the Church of the Brethren, which connects individuals incarcerated on Death Row with pen pals.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Death Row Support Records, 1988-2023. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Death Penalty Support Records).

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Historical Note

Founded in the late 1970s, the Death Row Support Project is a volunteer project of the Church of the Brethren which connects individuals incarcerated on Death Row with pen pals. Organized by Rachel and Bob Gross with the support of the Church of the Brethren, Rachel Gross subsequently served as the project's director for 45 years before retiring in summer 2023.

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Content Description

This collection contains correspondence written to the Death Row Support Project from incarcerated individuals seeking pen pals. The correspondence includes Death Row Support Project administrative updates may also contain supplemental materials such as petitions, news clippings, and religious materials.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is currently unprocessed and is not yet arranged. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Access

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed and some of the correspondence contains very personal information on incarcerated individual, family members, and/or the people they victimized or allegedly victimized. Please contact an archivist for more information.

Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The items in this collections were donated by Alex Mar in 2023 and Rachel Gross, director of the Death Row Support Project, in 2024.

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- Church of the Brethren
- Death row
- Pen pals
- Death Penalty