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**ZACH ADAMSON AND CHRISTIAN MOSBURG
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 Zach Adamson and Christian Mosburg conducted by Mark Lee on October 28, 2014.

Zach Adamson (b. 1971) grew up in Marion, Indiana. Adamson owns a hair salon in downtown Indianapolis and also serves as an Indianapolis city councillor. Adamson became politically active as a teenager thanks to Indiana Youth Group (then known as Indianapolis Youth Group). Adamson was elected as an at-large Council member in 2011. At that time Adamson was the first openly LGBT elected official in Indiana. Christian Mosburg grew up in Kansas City, Missouri and is active in many community and civic organizations. Zach and Christian met via Internet dating in 2005 and officially married in Washington, D.C. in 2013. They became one of the public faces of the gay community during the marriage equality debate in Indiana. They currently reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from one video recorded interview with Zach Adamson and Christian Mosburg conducted on October 28, 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 interview is approximately three and half hours and is recorded on two DVDs. The collection includes two manuscript folders: 1 folder with articles from the *Indianapolis Star* and other Indianapolis publications related to the interviewees and 1 folder of the interview transcription.

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