

# The Arquivos, Canada's LGBTQ2+ Archives.



## Allan, Maud

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile116>

Collection: Vertical Files

Material Type: Person files

City: Toronto

Province / State: ON

Country: Canada

Coverage: Canada / US

### Notes:

#### Performing Artist (Dancer)

Born Beulah Maud Durrant in 1873 in Toronto, Allan was the daughter of William Allan Durrant, a shoemaker, and Isa (also known as Isabella) Matilda Hutchinson Durrant. At an early age she moved to San Francisco. After studying music and dance in Europe for five years she made her dance debut in Vienna in 1903. In 1918 a production of Oscar Wilde's *Salome* was planned for London, England, with Allan in the lead role. Noel Pemberton-Billing, publisher of the newspaper *The Vigilante*, used the occasion to attack German influence in London and perversion in particular. It was suggested that the subscribers to this special benefit might be part of a group found in the *German Black Book* - supposedly a list of 47,000 names of persons of doubtful morality who could easily be blackmailed. Allan was accused of belonging to the "Cult of the Clitoris," a group said to involve "the wives of men in supreme position ... In lesbian ecstasy the most sacred secrets of State were betrayed. The sexual peculiarities of the members of the Peerage were used as a leverage to open fruitful fields of espionage." Allan sued Billing for libel and a sensational trial followed. Among those testifying were Robbie Ross and Lord Alfred Douglas. On June 6, 1918, the *Toronto Daily Star* reported: "Allegation against dancer is withdrawn: Pemberton-Billing merely alleged Maud Allen pandered to certain vices." Allan lost her lawsuit.

The *Times* (London) used the word "lesbian" for perhaps the first time, in its coverage of the Allan trial

Related Material: Walkowitz, Judith R. "The 'vision of Salome': cosmopolitanism and erotic dancing in Central London, 1908-1918." *American Historical Review*. 108(2): 337-376, Apr 2003.

Description Level: Item



## Austin, Mary

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile7927>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
Country: United States of America  
Coverage: Canada / US  
Notes:  
writer  
Description Level: Item



## Avery, Oswald Theodore (1877-1955)

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile26653>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
City: Halifax  
Province / State: NS  
Country: Canada  
Coverage: Canada / US

### Notes:

Canadian-born physician and medical researcher; included in article by Bert Hansen on gays and lesbians researchers: Avery's "roommate" for 35 years was Alphonse Dochez – they lived in New York City

Description Level: Item



## Barnardo, Thomas John

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile348>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
Country: Canada  
Coverage: Canada / US

### Notes:

Doctor; English children sent to Canada; sexual and physical abuse

Description Level: Item



## Bathurst Street United Church

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile9300>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Organization files  
City: Toronto  
Province / State: ON  
Country: Canada  
Coverage: Canada / US

Notes:

Groups such as Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario and Metropolitan Community Church (Toronto) rented space here.

Description Level: Item



## Beam, Lura Ella, 1887-1978

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile22059>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
City: Marshfield  
Province / State: ME  
Country: United States of America  
Coverage: Canada / US

Notes:

Writer

Related Material: Stevens Bryant, Louise

Description Level: Item



## Bean, Babe = Mugarrieta, Elvira Virginia

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile8054>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
Province / State: CA  
Country: United States of America  
Coverage: Canada / US

Notes:

transvestite

Description Level: Item



## Benjamin, Harry, 1885-1986

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile22455>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
Province / State: NY  
Country: United States of America  
Coverage: Canada / US  
Notes:  
Specialist in transsexualism  
Description Level: Item



## Bessette, Andre, 1845-1937

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile24026>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
Alternative Name: Bessette, Alfred  
St. Andre  
City: Mont-Saint-Gregoire  
Province / State: QC  
Country: Canada  
Coverage: Canada / US  
Notes:  
Victims of pedophile priests want share of proceeds from mass for Brother Andre  
Description Level: Item



## Butt, Archibald, 1865-1912

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/verticalfile25226>

Collection: Vertical Files  
Material Type: Person files  
City: Augusta  
Province / State: GA  
Country: United States of America  
Coverage: Canada / US  
Notes:  
Died in the sinking of the RMS Titanic with his partner Frank Millet  
Description Level: Item

