

**The Filson Historical Society**

**Faith Pillow, 1954-2003  
Papers, 1976-2001**

For information regarding literary and copyright interest for these papers, see the Curator of Special Collections, James J. Holmberg

Size of Collection: 2 cubic feet  
Location Number:  
Mss./A/P642

**Faith Pillow, 1954-2003  
Papers, 1976-2001**

**Scope and Content Note**

Sheet music, lyric sheets, recordings, photographs, promotional materials, periodical clippings, and a journal related to jazz musician Pillow's career in Chicago, Los Angeles, the Netherlands, and Louisville. Contains recording charts for several of Pillow's songs original compositions and two covers, "Natural Woman" (King/Goffm/Wexler) and "Blackbird" (Lennon/McCartney). Includes Pillow's compact discs and LPs as well as a large number of photographs of Pillow taken by Chicagoan Lisa Ebright and contact sheets of photos taken by Dutch photographer Coerlien Hey.

**Faith Pillow, 1954-2003  
Papers, 1976-2001**

**Biographical Note**

Faith Pillow was a jazz musician born and raised in Louisville. In the 1970s, after a series of singing gigs in Louisville, she moved to Chicago and began her career as a songwriter. In 1981, she released her self-titled, debut album. Eventually, she left Chicago, settling in Los Angeles and then Amsterdam. While in the Netherlands in the 1990s, she released four albums. In the mid-1990s, Pillow returned to Louisville and became a frequent performer in local clubs, and 2001 saw the re-release of her debut album (re-titled Live 1981 } by a Japanese label. She died in 2003 following surgery at University of Louisville Hospital.

**Faith Pillow, 1954-2003  
Papers, 1976-2001**

**Folder List**

- Folder 1: Biography and Miscellaneous
- Folder 2: "Blackbird" Charts
- Folder 3: "Shady Lady" Charts
- Folder 4: "Makes Me Know" Charts
- Folder 5: "Come on Down" Charts
- Folder 6: "Being Loved" Charts
- Folder 7: "Melinda" Charts
- Folder 8: "Sanity" Charts
- Folder 9: "Natural Woman" Charts
- Folder 10: Chord Sheets
- Folder 11: Songbook
- Folder 12: Lyrics I
- Folder 13: Lyrics II
- Folder 14: Lyric Notebook I
- Folder 15: Lyric Notebook II
- Folder 16: Lyric Notebook III
- Folder 17: Lyric Notebook IV
- Folder 18: Short Stories Notebook
- Folder 19: Musings
- Folder 20: Diary/Lyric Book
- Folder 21: Lyric Book
- Folder 22: Faith Pillow Song Book
- Folder 23: Compact Discs - 1995-1996
- Folder 24: Compact Discs - Amsterdam & Live 1981
- Folder 25: Compact Discs - Archival
- Folder 26: DAT Tapes
- Folder 27: Photograph Album I
- Folder 28: Photograph Album II
- Folder 29: Binder I
- Folder 30: Binder II
- Folder 31: Journal
- Folder 32: VHS - At the Rud, 4 December 1997
- Folder 33: DVD - O'Brian, parts 1 and 2
- Folder 34: Faith Pillow LP & Artwork (oversize)

**Faith Pillow, 1954-2003  
Papers, 1976-2001**

**Recordings List**

- 1) Faith Pillow-IX (1981, folder 34)
- 2) Sanity - CD (1995, folder 23)
- 3) Hard to Sleep- CD (1995, folder 23)
- 4) Run in the Sunshine - CD (1996, folder 23)
- 5) "Run in the Sunshine" - CD single (1996, folder 23)
- 6) "Stuck in the Middle" - CD single (1996, folder 23)
- 7) Amsterdam (199?, folder 24)
- 8) Live 1981 (2001, folder 24 - reissue of Faith Pi/low)
- 9) Sanity - Archival CD, no artwork
- 10) Run in the Sunshine - Archival CD, no artwork
- 11) Amsterdam - Archival CD, no artwork
- 12) Live 1981 - Archival CD, no artwork
- 13) The String-Amsterdam - Archival CD, no artwork
- 14) The String (2)-Amsterdam - Archival CD, no artwork
- 15) Studio-VariouS - Archival CD, no artwork