David Hurles Interviews

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Biography
David Randolph Hurles was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the end of World War II. By his teen years he recognized his attraction to the neighborhood bullies and toughs. By the mid-1960s he was working for H. Lynn Womack at Guild Press, in Washington, D.C. In 1968, Hal Call, who ran San Francisco's notorious Adonis Book Store, persuaded Hurles to appear before the camera. His skill before the camera and easygoing personality led Call to rent Hurles a room and employ him. Hurles worked as a model, book store employee, and later as an office manager in Los Angeles. While in Los Angeles, Hurles gained experience behind the camera with Ken Albert, and was introduced to a few models. In 1975, with funds obtained from Womack, Hurles formed the Old Reliable Tape and Picture Company, specializing at first in audio tapes and still photography, and later in video tapes of street boys, tough guys, and "rough trade," men, typically working class laborers and hustlers, who did not want their masculinity or sexuality questioned, but would appear before the camera.

Sources:

Scope and Content of Collection
The bulk of the collection consists of interviews of David Hurles, founder and proprietor of Old Reliable Tape and Picture Company, conducted by Pat Allen with the assistance of Bill Wyman. The materials consist of VHS videotapes (masters and copies) of a nine-part interview conducted from August 18 to December 29, 1998, and 6 compact audiocassette tapes of what appears to be a four-part interview conducted on January 12, 1999. The collection also contains two compilation CD-ROMs, copyright 1998, of Old Reliable photographs, *As Seen from the Rear ... the Butt CD!* and *Sometimes a Cigar is Just a Cigar!*

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Allen, Pat
Gay erotic photography
Hurles, David
Men photographers--United States
Old Reliable Tape and Picture Company
Photography of men
Photography of the nude
Wyman, Bill

| Box : Tape 1 : 1-5 | VHS videotapes August 8, 1998 - December 29, 1998 |
| Box : Tape 1 : 1-4 |
| Physical Description: 9 masters and 9 copies. |
| Box : Tape 1 : 1 | Part 1 August 8, 1998 |
| Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy. |
| Box : Tape 1 : 2 | Part 2 August 18, 1998 |
| Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy. |
| Box : Tape 1 : 3 | Part 3 September 1, 1998 |
| Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy. |
| Box : Tape 1 : 4 | Part 4 September 15, 1998 |
| Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy. |
| Box : Tape 1 : 5 | Part 5 September 22, 1998 |
| Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy. |
Box : Tape 2 : 1  Part 6 September 29, 1998
                 Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy.

Box : Tape 2 : 2  Part 7 October 6, 1998
                 Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy.

Box : Tape 2 : 3  Part 8 October 10, 1998
                 Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy.

Box : Tape 2 : 4  Part 9 December 29, 1998
                 Physical Description: 1 master and 1 copy.

Box : Tape 2 : 5-10  Compact audiocassette tapes January 12, 1999
                   Physical Description: 6 compact audiocassette tapes.

Box : Tape 2 : 5-8  Parts 1-4 January 12, 1999
                   Physical Description: 4 compact audiocassette tapes.

Box : Tape 2 : 9   #023228 apparently January 12, 1999
                   Physical Description: 1 compact audiocassette tape.

Box : Tape 2 : 9   #027183 apparently January 12, 1999
                   Physical Description: 1 compact audiocassette tape.

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                   Physical Description: 2 CD-ROMs.

Box : Folder 1 : 6  As Seen from the Rear ... the Butt CD! copyright 1998
                   Physical Description: 1 CD-ROM.

Box : Folder 1 : 6  Sometimes a Cigar is Just a Cigar! copyright 1998
                   Physical Description: 1 CD-ROM.