
Guide to the Virginia Prince Papers

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Abstract: Virginia Prince established, edited, and wrote for the magazine *Transvestia*. As editor and writer for *Transvestia*, Prince collected newspaper clippings, magazine articles, cartoons, and photographs on cross dressing that appeared in other print media outlets. The clippings date from the 1930s to 1970s. She subscribed to a news service which scanned a number of publications across the country, and sent clippings to her. The clippings file served as a resource for the magazine.

Language of Material: English

Biographical Information:

Virginia Prince was born on November 23, 1912, in Los Angeles. She began cross-dressing at about the age of twelve, at first using her mother's clothes. In 1939, she received a PhD in pharmacology from the University of California, San Francisco. As a research assistant and lecturer in pharmacology, Prince used the opportunity of access to the medical library to become acquainted with medical literature on transvestism.

By 1956, Prince began to develop her philosophy of transvestism and began her mission to educate the medical profession, transvestites themselves, and the rest of the world. This involved the development of the idea of 'femmiphilia', or, love of the feminine. Prince preferred to call herself a femmiphile (FP) rather than a transvestite. At the time little information was available in print, even in the medical literature, and most people's knowledge of transvestism was gleaned from newspapers such as the British *People* and *News of the World*.

In 1960, Prince established *Transvestia*, a magazine she also edited and wrote for. The magazine was published by Prince's Chevalier Publications, and was sold by subscription and through adult bookshops. Over the years Chevalier Publications also published transvestite fiction, some of it written by Prince herself. Prince continued her efforts on behalf of the transvestite and transgender communities until shortly before her death in 2009.

Scope and Contents

As editor and writer for *Transvestia*, Virginia Prince collected newspaper clippings, magazine articles, cartoons, and photographs on cross dressing that appeared in various print media outlets. The clippings date from the 1930s to 1970s, and served as a resource for the magazine.

The *Virginia Prince Papers* are arranged into five series. Series I, **People**, contains clippings about specific individuals, and is arranged alphabetically. Series II, **Advertisements, Cartoons, and Newspaper Photographs**, is arranged alphabetically by format or title. Series III, **Dated News Clippings (1930-1972)**, is arranged chronologically. Series IV, **Topical News Clippings**, is arranged alphabetically by subject. Series V, **News Clippings A-Z (1937-1972)**, is arranged alphabetically by publication title.

Arrangement of Materials:

Series I: People

Series II: Advertisements, Cartoons, and Newspaper Photographs

Series III: Dated News Clippings, 1930-1972

Series IV: Topical News Clippings

Series V: News Clippings A-Z, 1937-1972

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