



DAVID HURLES INTERVIEWS

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Descriptive Summary

Title

David Hurles Interviews

Creator

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives

Extent

Number of containers: 2 archive cartons

Linear feet: 0.8 linear foot

Date

1998-1999

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

VHS videotapes and compact audiocassette tape interviews of David Hurles, founder and proprietor of Old Reliable Tape and Picture Company, conducted by Pat Allen with the assistance of Bill Wyman, September 1998-January 1999. The collection also contains two compilation CD-ROMs of Old Reliable photographs, copyright 1998.



Administrative Information

Access

The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.

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Preferred Citation

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Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

- 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

Acquisitions Information

Interviews prepared for ONE Institute/International Gay & Lesbian Archive, predecessor to ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives.

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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:

Rex, text editor. *Speeding: The Old Reliable photos of David Hurles*. San Francisco: Green Candy Press, 2005.

Sears, James T. *Behind the Mask of the Mattachine: The Hal Call Chronicles and the Early Movement for Homosexual Emancipation*. New York: Harrington Park Press, 2006.

Scope and Content and Container List

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!*

Box Tape/Folder

VHS videotapes (1 master and 1 copy, each)		
1	1	Part 1. August 08, 1998
1	2	Part 2. August 18, 1998
1	3	Part 3. September 01, 1998
1	4	Part 4. September 15, 1998
1	5	Part 5. September 22, 1998
2	1	Part 6. September 29, 1998
2	2	Part 7. October 06, 1998
2	3	Part 8. October 10, 1998
2	4	Part 9. December 29, 1998
Compact Audiocassette tapes		
2	5-8	Parts 1-4. January 12, 1999
2	9	#023228
2	10	#027183
Compilation CD-ROMs of Old Reliable photographs.		
1	6	<i>As Seen from the Rear ... the Butt CD!</i> 1998.
1	6	<i>Sometimes a Cigar is Just a Cigar!</i> 1998.