
William A. Rhoads Nude Male Photographs

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Descriptive Summary

Title: William A. Rhoads Nude Male photographs

Dates: circa 1975-1981

Collection number: Coll2008-026

Creator: Rhoads, William A.

Collection Size: 5 archive cartons1.25 linear feet

Repository: ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Los Angeles, California 90007

Abstract: Nude photographs of male hitchhikers on Pacific Coast Highway between Santa Monica and Santa Barbara taken by amateur photographer William A. Rhoads, circa 1975-1981.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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

Publication Rights

Publication of images in this collection is restricted until 2061.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Joseph Carrier, June 2006.

Custodial History

Upon Rhoads' death, following instructions left to the executor of his estate, all his photographs were given to Joseph Carrier, who donated the collection to ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives in June 2006.

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Biography

William A. Rhoads earned a PhD in botany, and worked for defense contractor EG&G (Egerton, Germeshausen, and Grier), Inc., studying the effects of radiation on plants for the Atomic Energy Commission. He spent his weekends in a small house he owned near Venice Beach, but lived weekdays in Goleta, where EG&G's Santa Barbara Operations were based. He died of congenital heart disease in the early 1980s.

Source: Letter from Joseph Carrier to Gregory L. Williams. August 3, 2006.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of nude photographs of males, and in one instance of a male-female couple, most apparently picked up hitchhiking along the Pacific Coast Highway on the northward journey from Santa Monica to Santa Barbara. Approximately a third of the models are identified, and their photographs dated; a list of these models is available with the collection, but for privacy reasons they are identified in this finding aid only by initials. The remaining photographs are not identified, and are not dated. An account by Joseph Carrier of the circumstances under which the photographs were taken is included with the collection. Between Rhoads' death and the acquisition of the collection by ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives many of the prints and virtually all the negatives in the original collection were damaged beyond repair by high humidity; many of the surviving photographs are heavily warped.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Gay erotic photography

Photographs

Photography of men

Photography of the nude

Rhoads, William A.

Box 1 : 1 **Account by Joseph Carrier August 3, 2006**

Box 1 : 2 **C No date**

Physical Description: 1 photograph.

Box 1 : 3 **X. from Aguas Calientes March 1975**

Physical Description: 1 photograph.

Box 1 : 4 **M. B No date**

Physical Description: 3 proof sheets.

Box 1 : 5 **R. C No date**

Physical Description: 1 photograph.

- Box 1 : 6 **D. C No date**
Physical Description: 1 photograph, 1 proof sheet.
- Box 1 : 7 **G. E August 11, 1979**
Physical Description: 4 photographs, 1 proof sheet.
- Box 1 : 8 **D. L No date**
Physical Description: 11 photographs.
- Box 1 : 9 **Male-female couple (L. M. & B. D.) November 1975**
Physical Description: 6 photographs, 8 proof sheets.
- Box 1 : 10 **T. M October 1979**
Physical Description: 7 photographs.
- Box 1 : 11 **J. M January-February 1981**
Physical Description: 9 photographs.
- Box 1 : 12 **R. R November 1980**
Physical Description: 11 photographs, 3 proof sheets.
- Box 1 : 13 **M. S No date**
Physical Description: 15 photographs, 4 proof sheets.
- Box 2 : 1 **M. A. T January 20, 1980**
Physical Description: 1 proof sheet.
- Box 2 : 2 **D. W. V. S. August 7, 1981**
Physical Description: 25 photographs, 4 proof sheets.
- Box 2 : 3 **Unidentified June 21, 1978**
Physical Description: 19 photographs, 7 proof sheets.
- Box 2 : 4 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 9 photographs.

- Box 2 : 5 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 2 photographs.
- Box 2 : 6 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 2 photographs.
- Box 2 : 7 **Male couple No date**
Physical Description: 3 photographs.
- Box 2 : 8 **Older male (?self portraits) No date**
Physical Description: 5 photographs, 1 proof sheet.
- Box 2 : 9 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 4 photographs.
- Box 2 : 10 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 8 photographs.
- Box 3 : 1 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 28 photographs.
- Box 3 : 2 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 15 photographs, 1 proof sheet.
- Box 3 : 3 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 29 photographs, 2 proof sheets.
- Box 3 : 4 **"I'm a Pepper" t-shirt No date**
Physical Description: 11 photographs, 2 proof sheets.
- Box 3 : 5 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 2 photographs.
- Box 3 : 6 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 9 photographs, 1 proof sheet.

- Box 4 : 1 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 13 photographs, 4 proof sheets.
- Box 4 : 2 **Unidentified (very similar to 4 : 3) No date**
Physical Description: 16 photographs.
- Box 4 : 3 **Unidentified (very similar to 4 : 2) No date**
Physical Description: 7 photographs.
- Box 4 : 4 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 2 photographs.
- Box 4 : 5 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 4 photographs.
- Box 4 : 6 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 4 photographs.
- Box 4 : 7 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 2 photographs.
- Box 4 : 8 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 21 photographs, 1 proof sheet.
- Box 5 : 1 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 15 photographs.
- Box 5 : 2 **Yoga poses No date**
Physical Description: 6 photographs.
- Box 5 : 3 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 1 photograph, 1 proof sheet.
- Box 5 : 4 **Unidentified No date**
Physical Description: 3 photographs, 4 proof sheets.

Box 5 : 5 **Miscellaneous No date**
Physical Description: 7 photographs, 2 proof sheets.

Box 5 : 6 **Negative: male-female couple (L. M. & B. D., see 1 : 8) November 1975**

Box 5 : 7 **Negative: subject unidentified No date**