Guide to the Prostitute Advertising Cards, circa 1991-2006.

Collection Number: 7743

Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections
Cornell University Library

Contact Information:
Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections
2B Carl A. Kroch Library
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 255-3530
Fax: (607) 255-9524
rareref@cornell.edu
http://rmc.library.cornell.edu

Compiled by:
Ezra Corral

Date completed:
July 2008

EAD encoding:
Ezra Corral, July 2008

© 2008 Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title:
Prostitute advertising cards, circa 1991-2006.
Collection Number:
7743
Creator:
Matthew Ayres, collector
Quantity:
.3 cubic feet.
Forms of Material:
Printed Materials
Repository:
Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library
Language:
Collection material in English

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

900 different prostitutes' trade cards, plus some duplicates, produced primarily as advertisements to be posted inside traditional red London phone booths (on the glass itself or inserted between the glass and frame), from which these were regularly retrieved by Timothy d'Arch Smith and his godson Matthew Ayres from

1991-2006, almost entirely in the Baker Street/Paddington area and in Earls Court. Ranging from visiting card to postcard size, they were printed on paper or card stocks (mostly colored card stocks) in a variety of typefaces, although many others were handwritten. Almost all of the cards are illustrated, some with photographs, most with drawings. The majority promote the services of women, with a handful representing male transvestites or transsexuals. In many cases, special services are mentioned (and illustrated), e. g., dungeons, bondage, spanking, caning, as well as other special features (ethnicity, bust size, age, etc.).

SUBJECTS

Names:

Ayres, Matthew, collector.

Subjects:

Prostitutes--United Kingdom--London.

Form and Genre Terms:

Trade cards, advertising.

INFORMATION FOR USERS

Cite As:

Prostitute advertising cards, #7743. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library.

RELATED MATERIALS

Collection program: Human Sexuality Collection.

CONTAINER LIST

Description	Container
Folders Organized by Category	
vestite, Transgender	Box 1
:/Special Services	Box 1
lgirls/Teens	Box 1
es	Box 1
	Box 1
rms	Box 1
:al I	Box 1
:al II	Box 1
:made	Box 1
ge	Box 1
ıge/Domination/Submission II	Box 1
:/Race/Nationality	Box 1

ing/Caning Box 1