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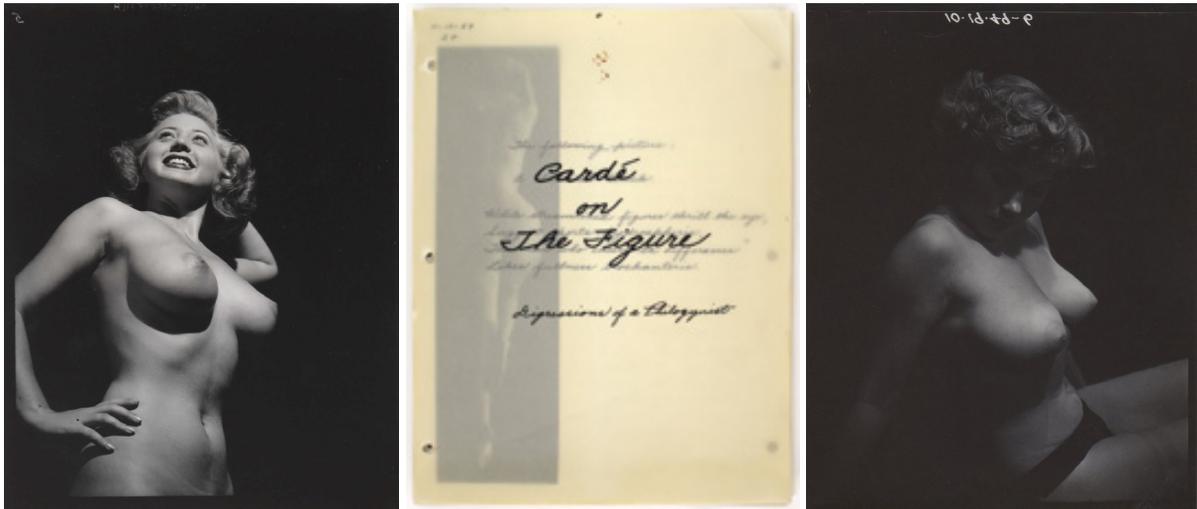
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CARDWELL, William T., Jr.

**Unpublished Manuscript of "Cardé on the Figure: Digressions of a Philogynist" with Photographic Archive**



[N.p.: n.p., 1937–1971]. Complete unpublished manuscript of William T. Cardwell's text *Cardé on the Figure: Digressions of a Philogynist*, illustrated with the author's photographs of the female nude and accompanied by a selection of his other photographic and artistic work. Includes 63 pages of handwritten text, an extensive archive of photographic prints and negatives, an original handmade book, and a selection of ephemera, magazines, and pamphlets, presumably used by Cardwell as research material. A chemical engineer, musician, and avid photographer, Cardwell began employing models for his nude studies of the female form in the 1940s. These preliminary inquiries evolved into this short volume, which, reflective of shifting attitudes toward sexuality in mid-twentieth century America, explores the nature of beauty and artistic perspective in relation to the feminine figure. The collection features 185 photographs, including 61 duplicates, mostly 8 x 10 inches and printed on glossy and matte finish photographic papers of varying thicknesses: predominantly black-and-white studies of female nudes, although a selection of Cardwell's portraits and photographs of musicians are also included. Additionally comprises 60 envelopes containing 40 4x5 negatives, 98 35 millimeter negative strips with 1 to 4 negatives on each, and 83 small photographic prints, mostly 4 x 5 inch format, with approximately 18 duplicates, along with 16 loose prints and 32 loose 4 x 5 inch negatives, fastidiously labeled and organized in a Kodak field case box. Photographs date from the late 1940s through the early 1970s. Archive includes 15 items of ephemera and 11 photocopies of hand-drawn portraits, presumably by Cardwell. Also featured is a unique handmade book of harmonograms, created by Cardwell in collaboration with O.K. Clinton in 1937–38 and comprised of 21 pasted-in drawings. Manuscript, photographs, negatives, and other items in near fine condition.

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