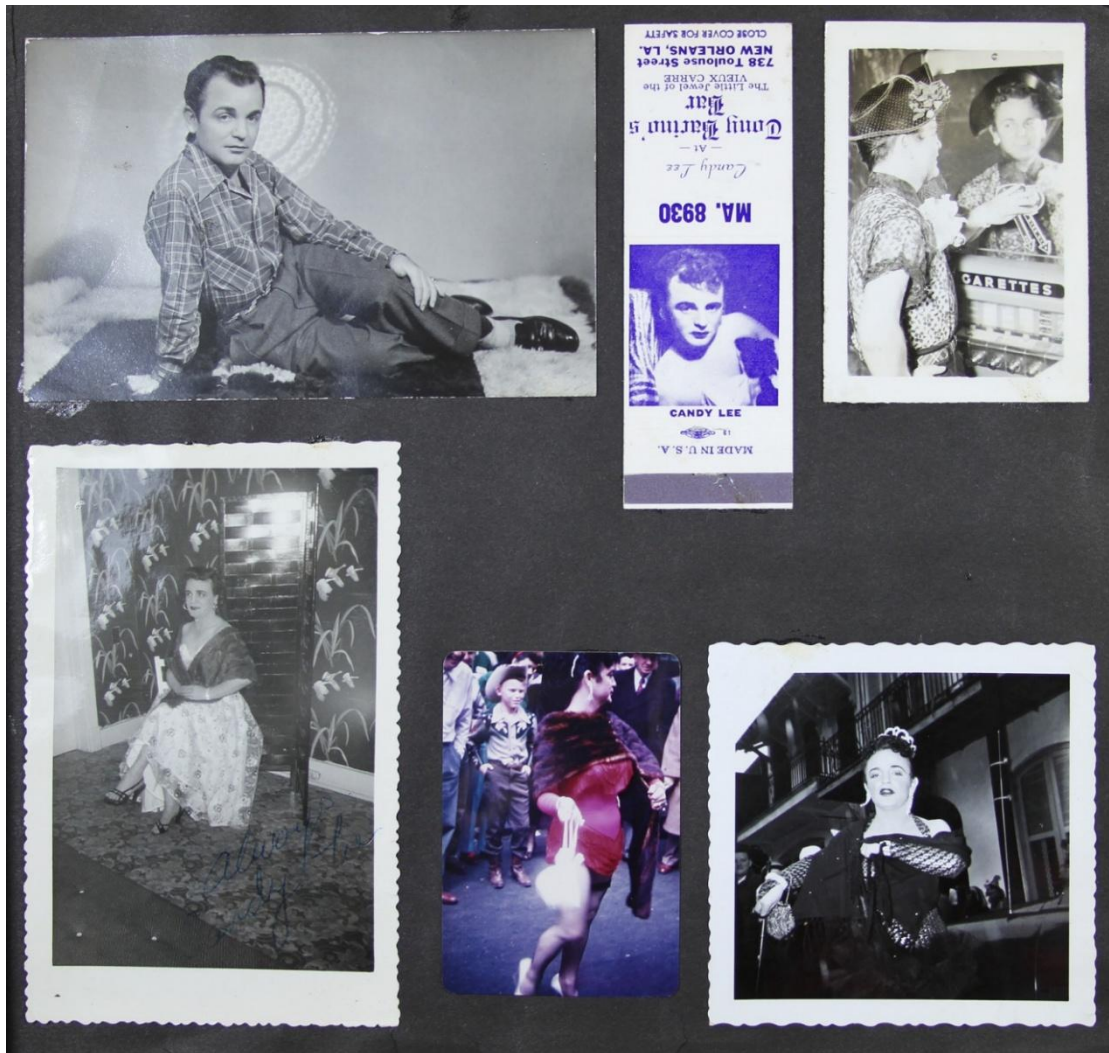




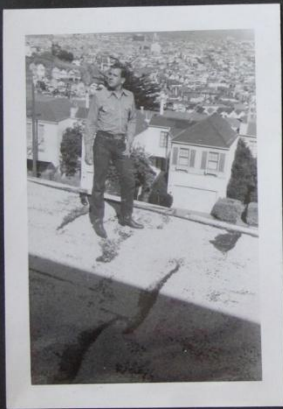
(Gay Studies) **Photograph Album Documenting the Life of an Unidentified Man named or nicknamed "Buddy" or "Budi", who served in the US Navy and Appears to have been Gay, a Transvestite and Perhaps a Drag Performer, late 1940's – mid 1950's.**

oblong folio, photograph Album containing 414 photographs mounted on 46 black paper leaves, original red paper covered boards, "U.S. Naval Station Midway Island" is embossed in gilt on front board, some minor wear to boards, photographs are mainly unidentified and are in generally very good condition.

The album contains family photographs, including family members and home life. Buddy may have been a Texas native. There are photographs from his time in the Navy, including shipmates, and possible lovers, as well as photographs of drag performers, including Candy Lee¹ a drag performer from New Orleans, one time muse of Tennessee Williams, and Cleo Gordon Stafford², the album also includes informal images depicting a gathering of gay men and women, interspersed with snapshots of "Buddy" himself in drag, press photographs of professional ice skaters and roller skaters from the era, many of which are inscribed to "Buddy", as well as images of circus performers, including snapshots and press photographs, including several which appear to be "Buddy" performing as a cross-dressing clown.

An unusual photograph album offering a glimpse at gay life in a closeted era.

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