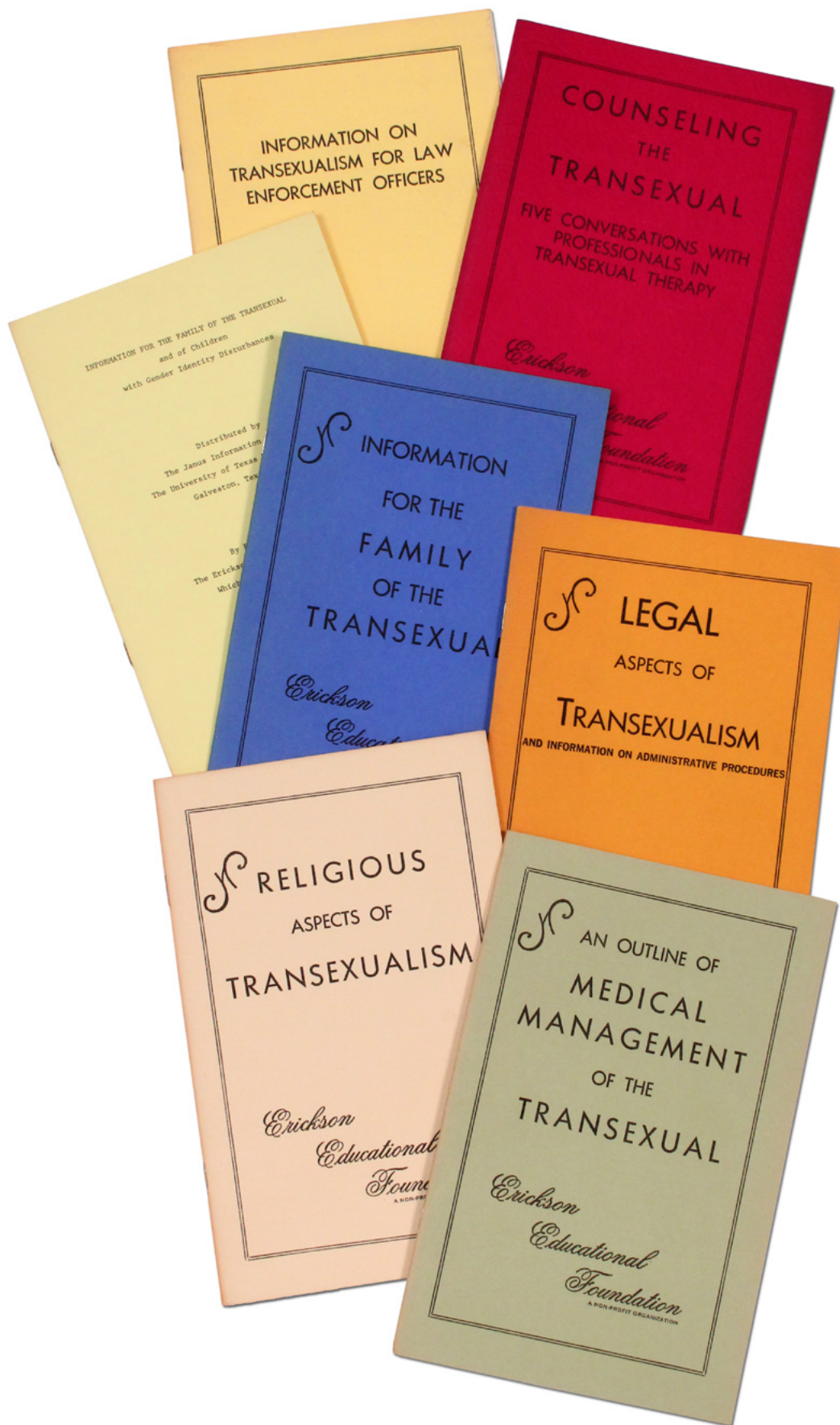


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Seven Erickson Education Foundation Pamphlets

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Erickson Educational Foundation 1970-1977

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A collection of six pamphlets issued by the Erickson Educational Foundation, a pioneering non-profit organization created to expand public recognition and acceptance of transgender people in the 1960s and 1970s, along with an additional pamphlet from its successor The Janus Information Facility. All in stapled wrappers. Overall fine.

The foundation was created in 1964 by Reed Erickson, a pioneering figure in the research and public recognition of gay, lesbian, and, particularly, transgender issues. Born Rita Alma Erickson in El Paso, Texas in 1917, he grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and graduated from Louisiana State University as the first biological female student to graduate from its mechanical engineering school. In 1965 he underwent sexual reassignment under the supervision of Dr. Harry Benjamin, setting legal precedent in Louisiana. Erickson founded his own company producing bleachers for stadiums before inheriting the family lead smelting business upon the death his father. The businesses provided Erickson a sizable income which he used to support the pioneering gay right organization One Inc., as well as early research studies into transexualism, including efforts at the Johns Hopkins Clinic; and much of the groundwork and financial support for the formation of The Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, now known as the World Professional Association for Transgender Health.

These pamphlets were published in the early 1970s to answer questions about transsexuals and to provide more easily available information to them. The pamphlets addressed many of the larger concerns such as legal, medical, and psychological issues, as well as practical matters such as obtaining a driver's license, filing for income tax, obtaining health insurance, and religious acceptance. Included with this collection is a later edition of one pamphlet (*Information for the Family*) issued by The Janus Information Facility, which took over publishing and distribution for the Erickson Foundation in the late 1970s.

The pamphlets were an important first step at mainstream acceptance of transgender people who, despite monumental strides in gay rights, continue to be a marginalize segment of American society.

List:

1. *An Outline of Medical Management of the Transexual*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: 1973. First edition. 20pp. Stapled wrappers. Fine.
2. *Counseling the Transexual: Five Conversations with Professionals in Transexual Therapy*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: [circa 1970]. First edition. 37pp. Stapled wrappers. Fine.
3. *Information for the Family of the Transexual*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: 1974. First edition. 16pp. Stapled wrappers. Fine.
4. *Information for the Family of the Transexual and of Children with Gender Identity Disturbances*. Galveston, Texas: The Janus Information Facility 1977. Reprint. 18pp. Stapled wrappers. Some indentation on the front wrap, else fine.
5. *Information on Transexualism for Law Enforcement Officers*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: [1974]. First edition. 30pp. Fine. With errata slip laid in and stamp on rear wrap: "Distributed by the Janus Information Facility University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas 77550."
6. *Legal Aspects of Transexualism: And Information on Administrative Procedures*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: April 1972. Revised edition. 23pp. Stapled wrappers. Fine.
7. *Religious Aspects of Transexualism*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: [circa 1970]. First edition. 13pp. Stapled wrappers. Fine. [BTC#386709]