

WHORE LISTS

From 1660, a document entitled "A brief summary of whores at Anno 1600 from 13th to 14th of June" has been preserved. Similar in content is a list drawn up in 1666, on May 21st-22nd. In these two years, Tallinn Town Council organised a visitation in the four quarters of the suburbs, with the aim of writing down all women who qualify as "whores" for the city government. It is not clear from the source, who specifically participated in the survey and conducted it. They went from household to household, asked questions, listened to complaints and "village stories", and wrote down the information. Not all the people who the visitors were interested in could be gotten hold of; some of them deliberately hid from the Town Council's delegation. As a result, several entries indicate that further enquiries were to be made. The visitors also recorded what they saw themselves. Once, even a few intriguing events were witnessed, namely, a young woman was found carrying out an indecent thing with a man on a beer barrel.

OUTTAKES FROM WHORE LISTS

The tavern master of Constans Korbmacher's tavern is a soldier with three free women living a life calling for indignation, with dancing, jumping, and shameless whoring.

Trinto Magdlen is said to be whoring horrendously at Allman Metze, as all the neighbours complain a lot about it. Magdlen clarifies that she has a boyfriend who is travelling as a cook on one of Lübeck's ships and who wants to marry him. This Magdlen has otherwise been arrogant with Mr Lanting's tavern mistress, which could be asked about in the future.

There's a whore at Jürgen Lar, and her mother begs in the street, she has come from Narva.

There's a woman in Rodde's Tavern who lives with a Town Council's soldier, and they whore every night.

There are three free whores living at Michel the Rope Maker, and the house is like a convent.

At Andreas Hop on the land of Herman zur Mühlen, there is an old Estonian woman called Marret who whored with a soldier.

There's a lot of flirtatious whores in the old copper plant, where soldiers go in and out all the time, and what they've robbed and stolen from the good people, they devour and gush down their throats right there and then.

There's a woman lying in a birthing bed in Röhmer's tavern, in front of the Great Coastal Gate (Suur-Rannavärv), and she's been whoring 3 times.

There's a woman in Dietrich Vormehren's tavern who's in a childbirth bed from whoring, and for the fourth time so.

The Trinto Magdlen whorehouse is being complained about a lot, for a horrible life being lived there. The executioner, Master Antoni, has been there for a few nights, which gives rise to bad suspicions.