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Guide to the

Michael Standard files related to Timothy Leary

1968-1997

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Summary

Creator: Standard, Michael, 1935-2014

Title: Michael Standard files related to Timothy Leary

Date: 1968-1997

Size: 1.1 linear feet (3 boxes)

Source: Donated by Elinore Standard, 2015.

Abstract: Michael Standard (1935-2014) was an attorney who represented Timothy Leary in court proceedings and also acted as his agent for publishing projects. The collection contains multiple draft manuscripts of Leary's book *It's About Time*, with handwritten changes. The book was published in 1973 as *Confessions of a Hope Fiend*. Correspondence and contracts related to Leary's publications date from 1968 to 1973 and include letters from Timothy and Rosemary Leary. The collection also contains correspondence and court documents related to legal cases in New York, Texas, and California; transcripts and notes on interviews with Dennis Martino; documents related to archivist Michael Horowitz's grand jury testimony in August 1975 regarding Leary's archives and their seizure by the FBI; a 1970 manuscript titled *Millbrook Thanksgiving* by Walt Schneider; and a 1997 letter from Leary biographer Robert Greenfield.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Manuscripts for publication

Names

Leary, Timothy, 1920-1996
Martino, Dennis

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-8 *It's About Time* circa 1973
- b. 2 f. 1-2 Publishing Correspondence and Contracts 1969-1973
- b. 3 f. 1-5 Leary Legal -- Texas, Poughkeepsie, Etc 1968-1974
 - b. 3 f. 6 Michael Horowitz, Leary Archivist 1975
 - b. 3 f. 7 Dennis Martino 1970s
 - b. 3 f. 8 Robert Greenfield Letter 1997
 - b. 3 f. 9 *Millbrook Thanksgiving* 1970