



The New York Public Library
Manuscripts and Archives Division

Guide to the

Joanna Harcourt-Smith papers related to Timothy Leary

1969-1996 [bulk 1974-1978]

MssCol 19086

Compiled by Kit Fluker, 2015.

Summary

Creator: Harcourt-Smith, Joanna

Title: Joanna Harcourt-Smith papers related to Timothy Leary

Date: 1969-1996 [bulk 1974-1978]

Size: .9 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Purchased from Bonhams, 2012.

Abstract: Joanna Harcourt-Smith (or Joanna Leary) met Timothy Leary when he was a fugitive in Europe after escaping from prison in 1970. She traveled with him to Afghanistan where he was apprehended by American authorities in 1973. Harcourt-Smith subsequently administered the Starseed Information Center, which published Leary's writings and advocated for his release while he served in prison from 1973 to 1976. The Joanna Harcourt-Smith papers related to Timothy Leary contain publications, correspondence, court documents, and ephemera related to Leary's life and work in the 1970s. A scrapbook created by Dennis Martino contains clippings, ephemera, and photographs, most of Harcourt-Smith. The collection also contains Harcourt-Smith's address book.

Preferred citation: Joanna Harcourt-Smith papers related to Timothy Leary, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

Processing note: Compiled by Kit Fluker, 2015.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
Scrapbooks

Names

Leary, Timothy, 1920-1996
Martino, Dennis

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Correspondence 1974-1975, 1980
Four letters: Timothy Leary to Allen Ginsberg, 1974; Leary to Ruth and Walter, 1974; Thaddeus Golas to Ken Kesey, 1975; Robert Anton Wilson to Leary, circa 1980.
- b. 1 f. 2 Correspondence 1970s, 1996
Six letters: Harcourt-Smith requesting an inquiry into the extension of Leary's sentence; short note from Harcourt-Smith to an attorney; mailgram from Leary to his mother on his release from prison, and a reply mailgram, 1976; short note from Leary to Harcourt-Smith (and copy), 1976; short letter from Harcourt-Smith to Leary, 1996.
- b. 1 f. 3 Plane Tickets to Kabul 1973
- b. 1 f. 4 The People of the State of California v. Timothy Francis Leary, Appellant's Petition for a Hearing by the Supreme Court 1974
- b. 1 f. 5 *Terra I: The People vs. Timothy Francis Leary* 1974
- b. 1 f. 6 Terra II Program Plan 1974
- b. 1 f. 7 Starseed Newsletters 1974
In Chinese.
- b. 1 f. 8 *Neurolog, volume 1, number 1* 1976
- b. 1 f. 9 *Exo-Psychology* 1977
- b. 1 f. 9 *Neuropolitics* 1977
- b. 1 f. 10 "Some Personal Observations on the Emergence of Third Brain Imprints"
1970s
- b. 1 f. 11 Peace Press Contract 1978
- b. 1 f. 12 Clippings 1970s, 1996
- b. 1 f. 13 Address Book circa 1981
 - b. 2 Dennis Martino Scrapbook 1969-1970s
Some materials in the scrapbook are loose.