

Alice Thoms Vitale papers

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Scope and content

Four series are included in the Alice Thoms Vitale papers: **Personal**, **Professional**, **Notes**, and **Manuscripts**.

The **Personal** series contains correspondence and a program for a Japanese tea ceremony that took place in Beaufort, North Carolina, where Vitale and her husband lived after leaving New York City.

The **Professional** series includes research materials, newspaper clippings and publicity, and correspondence relating to the publication of Vitale's book.

The **Notes** series includes notebooks, index cards, and loose pages of notes that Vitale took while working on her manuscripts. While *Leaves* was Vitale's only published title, Vitale worked on several iterations of that book under various titles. Vitale also researched and wrote material for books that were never published. The notes for those other works are in this series.

Leaves underwent many changes while Vitale worked on the project. The title changed several times, as did the scope and focus of the book. Several of Vitale's earlier drafts of the book are in the **Manuscript** series.

Collection Contents

Alice Thoms Vitale papers

Personal

Beaufort Woman's Club: Japanese tea ceremony program

Correspondence, Any [Amy?]

Correspondence, general

Professional

Correspondence

General (folder 1)

General (folder 2)

General (folder 3)

General (folder 4)

General (folder 5)

General

Agreement between Rizzoli International and Alice Vitale

Exhibit material-- Art Awareness-- Lexington, N.Y.

La Stella Di Natale, miscellaneous materials

Material from Hunt Library re: Alexandra Potanin (letter from Anita Karg) out of China

Nature Printint Society materials

News clippings and materials related to "Leaves"

Photostated poems--restoration booklet--Melody of Beaufort

Research

"Seven Simple Songs"

Notes

"Every Leaf is a Life"

Book I 1-80

Book I 2-97

Book II 9-81

Book III 152

Book IV

"Great Green Migration"

Out of China and Beyond[:] The Great Migration

[Photocopied pages]

"The Plant Hunters"

General (folder 1)

General (folder 2)

General (folder 3)

General (folder 4)

General (folder 5)

General (folder 6)

Text in envelopes (folder 1)

Text in envelopes (folder 2)

General

"Dates of plant introductions in this book."

"016 Broken Chinese Antique Bowl"

"Corrected February 1991 All Sources Checked Quotes"

"Leaves all sources of Quotes Checked Corrected Jan. 1991"

"Background-- mostly for--Leaves Myth Magic-- Sup. Some oriental plants"

"1978"

"2"

"Johnny Appleseed book dedication"

"Scented Leaves"

[Untitled. Contents include description of trip to Gibraltar]

[Untitled. Cover contains notes and book titles]

[Spiral bound notebook with basketball scene on cover]

[Craftint sketch diary containing sketches]

[Handwritten notes and drawings, very few pages]

[Spiral notebook with blue cover]

[Spiral notebook with green cover]

"Blank pages--use"

"Out of China"

[Small notebooks (folder 1), 1-4]

[small notebooks (folder 2), 5-8]

[small notebooks (folder 3), 9-12]

[small notebooks (folder 4), 13-15]

Loose notes (folder 1)

Loose notes (folder 2)

Loose notes (folder 3)

Loose notes (folder 4)

Notecards (folder 1)

Notecards (folder 2)

Notecards (folder 3)

Notecards (folder 4)

Notecards (folder 5)

Notecards (folder 6)

Notecards (folder 7)

Notecards (folder 8)

Notecards (folder 9)

Notecards (folder 10)

Notecards (folder 11)

Notecards (folder 12)

Manuscripts

Leaves: Bibliographic information

Leaves: Photostats of leaves

Manuscript of "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine" [earliest draft] (folder 1)

Manuscript of "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine" [earliest draft] (folder 2)

Manuscript of "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine" [includes note discussing the title of the book] (folder 1)

Manuscript of "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine" (folder 2)

Manuscript of "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine" (folder 3)

"The Many Faces of Leaves" [later became "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine"]

"The Many Faces of Leaves", incomplete [later became "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine"]

"Leaves for All Reasons" [also called "The Many Faces of Leaves" and finally became "Leaves in Myth, Magic, and Medicine"]

"World-wide Transplanting"