

Leslie Cobb Warren Collection (1897-1990)

MSS #30

**Collection Date(s):** 1961-1990

**Language:** English, Latin

**Extent:** 2.791 linear feet; 6 boxes

**Title:** Leslie Cobb Warren Collection

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**Description Rules:** Describing Archives: A Content Standard (2013)

**Language of Description:** English

**Related Accessions:** Elizabeth Brockschlager Papers, (1899-1991)

**Abstract:** The Leslie Cobb Warren Collection features botanical notes, leaf prints, a leaf specimen, personal illustrations, a notebook, a cigar box and personal items collected over the course of her travels throughout the United States and the world.

**Arrangement:** The collection consists of six boxes and includes books from her personal library.

**Provenance:** Donated to the Lloyd Library and Museum by Cathy Warren Chapman, daughter of Leslie Cobb Warren.

**Access Restrictions:** None.

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## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

**Biographical History:** Leslie Frances Cobb Warren was born on April 20, 1897, in Boston, Massachusetts. When she was a teenager, she was a Girl Scout camp counselor at Camp Beaver in Maine during the summers. Her experiences at this camp would later inspire her to write and publish the book *Scatter: Her Days at a Summer Camp* (1930). After high school, Warren was educated as a teacher. She would later use her training in education to become a Girl Scout troop leader for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts region. Additionally, Warren wrote articles and short stories for the magazine of the national organization, *The American Girl*, during the 1930s.

During World War II, Warren and her family lived in Ashland, Massachusetts. When her husband left to serve in the Navy, she volunteered with the American Red Cross, uniting families with service men and women who were killed or hurt in action. She also volunteered with the town's air raid warning system, where she recruited volunteers to work around the clock to protect citizens. She became the local chairman for both organizations.

Warren was always interested in plants and was an avid gardener; growing vegetables in a large garden to feed her family. When her children grew up, her hobby of documenting plants turned into a passion she pursued for the rest of her life. She immersed herself in nature and wrote names of plants in her notebooks. Over time, recipe boxes turned into an organization system for Warren as she alphabetized and dated her plants from across North America onto index cards. Warren and her husband retired to Tallahassee, Florida, where she later died on September 19, 1990.

**Scope and Content:** The Leslie Cobb Warren Collection is comprised of Warren's botanical notes. She wrote them on notecards with extensive information on various plant life, including their location and Latin names. Additional binders held extensive botanical listings from Warren's world travels. Her research also includes leaf prints, a plant specimen, personal illustrations of plants, a botany notebook with plant listings and locations, and a cigar box containing extensive botanical notes collected during her travels. Also included are a few personal items of Warren such as her pen, postcards, and other ephemera.

**System of Arrangement:** Collection is arranged into one series. Books will be available in the Lloyd Library Catalog.

**Acquisition Information:** This collection was donated by Cathy Warren Chapman prior to 2017. Four separate book donations occurred between March 2020 through March 2022

**Preferred Citation:** Title and date of item, Collection Name, Lloyd Library & Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio.

CONTAINER LISTING

Series: Leslie Cobb Warren Collection

| Box # | Folder # | Folder Name   |
|-------|----------|---|
| 1     | 1        | Botanical Entries (Binder #1) - Botanical notes, greeting cards, and binder tabs, 1971-1989   |
| 1     | 2        | Botanical Travels (Binder #2) - Canada, Blue Ridge, DE., FL., GA., Ireland; 1971-1989 (Folder 1 of 3)   |
| 1     | 3        | Botanical Travels (Binder #2) - KY., ME., MASS., MI., NH; 1971-1989 (Folder 2 of 3)   |
| 1     | 4        | Botanical Travels (Binder #2) - NH., NC., Nova Scotia, NY., OH., WI., includes travel brochure from Mactaquac Provincial Park; 1971-1989 (Folder 3 of 3)  |
| 1     | 5        | Binder #3 - Wildflowers: Peterson+Hausemann botanical notes, 1968-1987  |
| 1     | 6        | Ballpoint pen, c.1960s-1970s  |
| 1     | 7        | Botany notebook with plant listings and locations, 17 July 1990 – 19 August 1990  |
| 1     | 8        | Cigar Box Botanical Notes - Field notes, illustrations, and leaf-presses; 1974-1989   |
| 1     | 9        | Ephemera found within notecards, c.1960-1990  |
| 1     | 10       | Botanical specimen found and separated from cigar box, n.d.   |
| 2     | n/a      | Notecards on plants, divided by the following tabs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DC1-DC16 Dicotyledones Choripetalae, 1969-1988</li> <li>- DC17-DC37 Chenopodiaceae – Goosefoot, 1961-1988</li> <li>- DC38-DC58, 1961-1990</li> <li>- DC60-DC103 Fabaceae, 1969-1990</li> <li>- DG1-DG25 1923-1990</li> <li>- DG26 Labiatae - Mint Family 1960-1989</li> <li>- DG28 Scrophulariaceae – “Figwart”, "Snapdragon, Pete", "Rhinanthaceae, Figwart" 1960-1990</li> <li>- DG45 Ambrosiaceae 1969-1986</li> <li>- DG46 Compositae 1961-1990</li> </ul> |
| 2A    | n/a      | Continuation of notecards from tab DG46 Compositae 1961-1990  |
| 3     | n/a      | Cigar box, decorated, n.d.  |
| 4     | n/a      | Green metal box with botanical notes. Tabbed. 1961-1990   |
| 5     | n/a      | Wooden recipe box labeled: “Wilderness 1961-6/14/89” Contains botanical notes. Tabbed. 1961–1989  |
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