

S0817 Palmer, Vincent And Lucie, Papers, 1927-1987

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PROVENANCE

Vincent and Lucie Palmer's papers were donated by Lucie Palmer in February 1998.

BIOGRAPHY

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were deep sea divers, underwater cinematographers and lecturers. The couple traveled around the world working on underwater projects, filming sea life and writing scripts to go with the films which they would then use to produce lectures to take on tour around the U.S.

Vincent grew up in Milton, Massachusetts and went to Harvard. He was involved in the *Lampoon* and the *Crimson*. He got his first taste of underwater life when he accompanied William Beebe on an expedition to Bermuda while in college.

Lucie was born in St. Louis and attended Mary Institute. She took art classes at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Art Students League in New York. She was an accomplished painter and had shows at many galleries.

The Palmers were married in September 1939. Their daughter, Lucie Cable Palmer was born in November of 1941.

The Palmers went to Ecuador in 1946 to repair a water pipeline that had been damaged in an earthquake, leaving the city of Guayaquil without a sanitary water supply. The Palmers were successful in repairing the pipeline and turning a revolution into a party.

They both got on the lecture circuit talking about submarines during World War II or the future uses of the resources found under the sea. These lectures were usually accompanied by the underwater films the couple had taken.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains personal and business correspondence, receipts, newspapers clippings, 16mm films and personal notes regarding lectures and films. The films have been cleaned and spliced onto 400 foot reels

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