

Copies of Bernard Leach 'newsheets'

Photocopies made in 1989 by Ann Creed Books of Cecil Court, London, of a series of newsheets reporting on his tour through the USA and Japan in 1952-1954, duplicated and sent by Bernard Leach to 'some thirty or forty of my friends'. They formed the text of his book 'A Potter in Japan' (Faber and Faber, 1960). The sheets of each report are numbered.

There appears to be no 'original' for the period August-October 1953

Note that Bernard Leach's diaries of this period (BL/312 and 313) are a completely different format

1. 16th February – 31st March 1953 (Manuscript, 17 sheets)
Original is among Leach's files of mss for 'A Potter in Japan' (BL/628)
2. 9th April – 21st May 1953 (Manuscript, numbered III, 12 sheets)
Original is in Janet Leach's papers, ref. JDL/3/1/2
3. 22nd May - 25th August [1953] (Manuscript, numbered IV, 26 sheets)
Original is among Leach's files of mss for 'A Potter in Japan' (Ref BL/629), and there is a further copy in Janet Leach's papers, (Ref. JDL/3/1/3)
4. 2nd October – 2nd November [1953] (Typescript, numbered VI, 16 sheets)
Original typescript, with ms corrections for publication, is among Leach's files of mss for 'A Potter in Japan' (Ref BL/605), and there is also a carbon copy (BL/623)
5. 3rd November – 25th December [1953] (Typescript, 11 sheets)
Original typescript, with ms corrections for publication, is among Leach's files of mss for 'A Potter in Japan' (Ref BL/606), and there are 2 carbon copies (BL/624)
6. 1st April – 12th May [1954] (Manuscript, headed 'Onda', 14 sheets)
There are 2 'originals' among Leach's files of mss for 'A Potter in Japan' (Refs. BL/600 and BL/630)