

Marian MacDowell

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Marian MacDowell

Span Dates: 1876-1969

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1908-1938)

ID No.: MSS49809

Creator: MacDowell, Marian, 1857-1956

Extent: 2000 items; 10 containers; 3.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Correspondence, manuscripts of writings, clippings and other printed material, memorabilia, and other papers relating primarily to Marian MacDowell's activities with the MacDowell Colony, the artist colony in Peterborough, N.H., established to honor her husband, Edward MacDowell.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

MacDowell, Marian, 1857-1956

Brooks, Van Wyck, 1886-1963--Correspondence

Copland, Aaron, 1900- --Correspondence

Dreiser, Theodore, 1871-1945--Correspondence

French, Daniel Chester, 1850-1931--Correspondence

Garland, Hamlin, 1860-1940--Correspondence

Guglielmi, O. Louis (Osvaldo Louis), 1906-1956--Correspondence

Hagedorn, Hermann, 1882-1964--Correspondence

Heyward, DuBose, 1885-1940--Correspondence

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892- --Correspondence

Robinson, Edwin Arlington, 1869-1935--Correspondence

Saint-Gaudens, Augustus, 1848-1907--Correspondence

Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968--Correspondence

Untermeyer, Jean Starr, 1886-1970--Correspondence

Wilder, Thornton, 1897-1975--Correspondence

MacDowell Colony (Peterborough, N.H.)

MacDowell, Edward, 1860-1908. Papers of Edward MacDowell

Richardson, Nina Maud. Papers of Nina Maud Richardson

Edward MacDowell Association. Records of the Edward MacDowell Association

Subject:

Artist colonies--New Hampshire--Peterborough

Occupations:

Musicians

Philanthropists

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Marian MacDowell, wife of composer Edward MacDowell and founder of the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N.H., were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1972. A small gift was received from Elizabeth Michael in 1979 and added to the collection in 1984.

Processing History:

The papers of Marian MacDowell were arranged and described in 1974. Additional material received in 1979 was added to the collection in 1984 and the register revised in 1996.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Marian MacDowell is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Marian MacDowell Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|---------------|--|
| 1857, Nov. 22 | Born, New York, N.Y. |
| 1880-1884 | Studied piano under Edward A. MacDowell, Conservatory, Darmstadt, Germany |
| 1884 | Married Edward A. MacDowell (died 1908) |
| 1895 | Purchased farm in Peterborough, N.H. |
| 1896-1904 | Resided in New York, N.Y., where Edward A. MacDowell taught music at Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1907 | Founded, with others, the MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, N.H. |
| 1908-1947 | Executive director, Edward MacDowell Association |
| 1910-1938 | Toured the United States and Canada raising funds to support the colony |
| 1930 | Mus. D., University of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H. |
| 1938 | Litt. D., New Jersey State College for Women, New Brunswick, N.J. |
| 1939 | Litt. D., Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. |
| 1940 | Received Pettee Medal, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H. |
| 1941 | Received Henry Hadley Medal for outstanding service to music |
| 1952, Aug. 15 | Marian MacDowell Day, Peterborough, N.H. |
| 1956, Aug. 23 | Died, Los Angeles, Calif. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Marian Griswold Nevins MacDowell (1857-1956) span the period 1876 to 1969 but bulk largest during the years between 1908 and 1938. They consist of [correspondence](#), writings, greeting cards, memorabilia, clippings, and printed

and near-print material and chiefly relate to MacDowell's activities with the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Her correspondence, except for nearly one hundred letters which she wrote to her close friend Nina Maud Richardson, consists of letters received. These include letters of recommendation of one creative artist by another and letters requesting permission to stay at the colony, announcing times of arrival and departure, and letters thanking MacDowell and the MacDowell Association for their support, and letters of condolence at the time of the death of Edward MacDowell. Major correspondents include Hamlin Garland, Edwin Arlington Robinson, and Thornton Wilder. Among the many other literary and artistic figures represented are Aaron Copland, Theodore Dreiser, Daniel Chester French, DuBose Heyward, Archibald MacLeish, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Roger Sessions, and Upton Sinclair.

Several short articles written by MacDowell about the colony are included in the [Miscellany](#) file, along with clippings about her. A [scrapbook](#) contains greetings and tributes from well-wishers on the occasion of Marian MacDowell Day, August 15, 1952.

Papers of her husband, the musician [Edward MacDowell \(1860-1908\)](#), received with these papers consist mainly of personal and family [letters](#) received by him during the period 1890-1904. Included in the [miscellany](#) file of this series are several short pieces about Edward MacDowell and reviews of performances of his works, photographs, and a copy of his ink portrait sketch of Franz Liszt, along with some 1924 correspondence of the MacDowell Club of New York relating to the establishment of a memorial to him.

In addition to manuscripts of Edward MacDowell's compositions, about 125 letters he wrote to his wife in the period 1880 to 1903 document his musical activities in considerable detail. The scores, totaling more than one hundred pages, include some of the composer's earliest compositions written when he was seventeen years old and drafts of heretofore unknown pieces. This material complements the collection of MacDowell music manuscripts and correspondence in the Library's Music Division.

A second group of material includes records of the [Edward MacDowell Association](#), the New York-based foundation which finances and administers the MacDowell Colony. The records consist primarily of recommendations of prospective colonists by established artists in the same field. Newspaper clippings about the colony are included in the [miscellany](#), as well as poems, articles, and illustrations by members of the colony.

A third group of papers comprises the [Nina Maud Richardson](#) file, consisting of Richardson's papers, chiefly [correspondence](#). Correspondence with Marian MacDowell provides glimpses of MacDowell, especially for the period of the 1930s. Other correspondents include Van Wyck Brooks, O. Louis Guglielmi, Hermann Hagedorn, and Jean Starr Untermeyer.

Related Material

In addition to the Music Division's collection of Edward MacDowell material, other Library holdings related to Marian MacDowell include the Rare Book and Special Collections Division's collection of printed works written by MacDowell Colony members and the [records of the MacDowell Colony](#) and the [papers of Edwin Arlington Robinson](#) in the Manuscript Division.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

- [Correspondence, 1889-1956, n.d.](#)
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Comstock, Harriet T.
Conant, Isabel Fiske
Converse, Frederick S.
Cook, Walter
Copland, Aaron
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Garland, Hamlin
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Gilder, Richard Watson
Gilman, Elizabeth
Gilman, Lawrence
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Hagedorn, Hermann
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Lewis, Emma M.
Locke, Edwin A.
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Loeffler, Charles M.
Low, Seth
Lunt, Cornelia G.
MacDowell, Edward, condolences on the death of
MacKaye, Percy
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Mansfield, Helen C.
Mason, Daniel Gregory
Mason, William
Marshall, Henry Rutgers
Maxwell, William
Moore, Douglas
Morgan, Mrs. Charles
Morley, Christopher
Morris, Crosby Dansby
Musical Courier Co.
Nichols, Maurice H.
Nikisch, Arthur
Nunn, Emily
Olinsky, Ivan G.
O'Sheel, S.
Paef, Bashka
Perkins, Mrs. Dwight H.
Peterkin, Julia
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Phelps, William Lyon
Pinckney, Josephine
Prestopino, Gregorio
Prince, Benjamin
Randolph, Harold
Read, Gardner
Reynard, Grant
Rider-Kelsey, Corinne
Ridge, Lola
Robinson, Allan
Robinson, Edwin Arlington
Rogers, A. P.
Rogers, Bernard
Safonoff, W.
Saint-Gaudens, Augustus
Schauffler, Robert H.
Schelling, Ernest A.
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Sharp, Elizabeth A.
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| | Swope, Herbert Bayard |
| | Taft, Lorado |
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| | van der Stucken, Frank |
| | van Doren, Carl |
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| | Voynick, E. L. |
| | Walker, Edith |
| | Ward, Christopher |
| | Watson, Dudley Crafts |
| | Waugh, Alec |
| | Weil, Oscar |
| | Wheelock, John Hall |
| | White, Elizabeth |
| | Whiteside, Mary Brent |
| | Widdemer, Margaret |
| | Wilder, Thornton |
| | Williams, Betsey |
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| | Winsor, Mary May |
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Lisser, Louis
Listemann, Bernhard
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Mason, William
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Sherwood, William H.
Simms, Evelyn
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Smith, Wilson G.
Sonneck, Oscar G.
Stedman, Edmund C.
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Strong, Templeton
Swift, Samuel
Taft, William Howard
Thayer, Arthur W.
Thomas, Theodore
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World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
Zerrahn, Carl
Unidentified

BOX 6

Miscellany, 1876-1924, n.d.

Newspaper clippings, photographs, memorabilia, and correspondence about a memorial to Edward MacDowell.
Arranged by type of material.

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Memorial
Newspaper clippings and printed matter
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Edward MacDowell Association, 1907-1966, n.d.

BOX 7

Correspondence, 1911-1937, n.d.

Letters received with enclosures.
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Charlot, Jean
Cowley, Malcolm
Damrosch, Walter
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Fletcher, John Gould
Gannett, Lewis
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Ihrig, Roscoe M.
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Monroe, Ann Shannon
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Miscellaneous material including address lists, autographs, memorabilia, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and writings.
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Memorabilia
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Correspondence received by Richardson with enclosures.
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American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers
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Barth, Hans
Beach, Amy M. (Mrs. H. H. A. Beach)
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| | Daniels, Mabel |
| | Edward MacDowell Association |
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| | Flack, Marjorie |
| | Foss, Lukas |
| | Frost, Frances |
| | Frothingham, E. W. |
| | Ganz, Rudolph |
| | Guglielmi, O. Louis |
| | Hagedorn, Hermann |
| | Hanford, Helen |
| | Haubiel, Charles |
| | Heap, Mary, condolences on the death of |
| | Heyward, Dorothy |
| | Kendall, George M. |
| | Kubik, Gail T. |
| | Levey, Henry |
| | Levey, Jeffrey King |
| | Library of Congress |
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| | Mason, Daniel Gregory |
| | Moore, Douglas |
| | Nevins, A. L. |
| | Nevins, H. B. |
| | Newlin, Dika |
| | Norton, Spencer H. |
| | Paeff, Bashká |
| | Peterborough Women's Club, Peterborough, N.H. |
| | Peterson, Agnes Emelie |
| | Reynard, Grant |
| | Shokler, H. |
| | Smith, Chard |
| | Sparhawk-Jones, Elizabeth |
| | Staloff, Edward |
| | Torrence, Ridgely, and Olivia Dunbar |
| | Untermeyer, Jean Starr |
| | Unidentified |

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BOX 10

Miscellany, 1937-1969

Miscellaneous material including addresses, financial matter, memorabilia, greeting cards, invitations, newspaper clippings, and printed and near-print materials.
Arranged by type of material.

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Addresses, financial material, memorabilia
Greeting cards
Invitations
Newspaper clippings
Printed and near-print material