

Marian MacDowell Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Marian MacDowell Papers

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

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

Summary: 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.

People

Brooks, Van Wyck, 1886-1963--Correspondence.
Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990--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.
MacDowell, Edward, 1860-1908. Edward MacDowell papers.
MacDowell, Marian, 1857-1956.
MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982--Correspondence.
Richardson, Nina Maud. Nina Maud Richardson papers.
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.

Organizations

Edward MacDowell Association. Edward MacDowell Association records.
MacDowell Colony (Peterborough, N.H.)

Subjects

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.

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.

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.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Marian MacDowell are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

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.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

- [Correspondence, 1889-1956](#)
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Voynick, E. L.
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Addresses, financial material, memorabilia
Greeting cards
Invitations
Newspaper clippings
Printed and near-print material