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Archibald MacLeish collection of papers

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Summary

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Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts, manuscripts and correspondence.

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Creator History

Archibald MacLeish was an American essayist, literary critic, playwright, screenwriter, and poet.

Custodial History

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Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts, manuscripts and correspondence by and about the author. The typescripts include poems by the author, reviews in holograph and typescript by Randall Jarrell, and an essay Arthur Mizener. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence, dating from 1923 to 1981, to Kay Boyle, Maurice Firuski, Alfred Kazin, Vladimir Nabokov, Muriel Rukeyser, May Sarton, Frances Steloff, Louis Untermeyer, and others. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from 1925 to 1975, between various correspondents including Kay Boyle, Henry Seidel Canby, Maurice Firuski, and others. There are letters to MacLeish from Kathleen Millay, Herbert Mitgang, Vladimir Nabokov, and Louis Untermeyer, dating from 1942 to 1975.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
Boyle, Kay, 1902-1992
Canby, Henry Seidel, 1878-1961
Firuski, Maurice, 1894-1978
Firuski, Maurice, 1894-1978
Jarrell, Randall, 1914-1965
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
Millay, Kathleen, -1943
Mitgang, Herbert
Mizener, Arthur
Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich, 1899-1977
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980
Sarton, May, 1912-1995
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977
Gotham Book Mart
Harper & Row, Publishers

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by MacLeish

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| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | History. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With: Van Doren, Mark. 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski, March 30, Aug. 6, 1925 and Jan. 11, 1926 |
| Manuscript box | Immortal helix. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Came with Maurice Firuski's correspondence acting as agent for A. MacLeish |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Like. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With: The Dial, New York. 2 TLS to Maurice Firuski, Nov. 28, 1924 and Oct. 22, 1925 |
| Manuscript box | March. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Came with Maurice Firuski's correspondence acting as agent for A. MacLeish |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Marianna. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With: The North American review, New York. 2 TLS to Maurice Firuski. Aug. 31, 1925 and Jan. 14, 1926 |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | "1892 - 19--" Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With: The Dial, New York. 2 TLS to Maurice Firuski. Nov. 28, 1924 and Oct. 22, 1925 |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Second sight. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With: The Independent, Boston. 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski. Sept. 10, and 22, 1925 and March 15, 1926 |
| Manuscript box | Sketch for a portrait of madam G-- M--. Typescript of poem n.d. (4 p) (4 p) Came with Maurice Firuski's correspondence acting as agent for A. MacLeish |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Some aspects of immortality. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With: Torrence, Frederic Ridgely. ALS, 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski. Nov. 14, 1925-Jan. 14, 1926 |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Yacht for sale. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With: Weeks, Edward. 4 TLS to Maurice Firuski. Nov. 25, 1924-Jan. 12, 1926 |

Manuscripts and Typescripts related to MacLeish

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| In his: Auden. Holograph notebook. On free front endpaper and p. [122-127] | Jarrell, Randall. [The fall of the city] Holograph notes for review essay on Archibald MacLeish's play n.d. (7 p) (7 p) Published in Sewanee review, April-June, 1943, p. 267-280 |
| Manuscript box | Jarrell, Randall. The fall of the city. Typescript of article on Archibald MacLeish's play with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (19 p) (19 p) Published in Sewanee review, April-June, 1943, p. 267-280 |
| Manuscript box (Gotham). In: Gotham book mart, New York. We moderns. Folder 45 | Mizener, Arthur. Archibald MacLeish. Typescript of contribution to We Moderns n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Enclosed in his TLS to Frances Steloff, Oct. 12, 1939. 1 p. Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940 |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Altschul, Arthur G[--?]. TLS to. Relates to the John Steinbeck letter to L. M. Birkhead 1940 Sept. 21 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Boyle, Kay. 2 ALS to 1981 July 7, [n.y.] Aug. 4 (1 p.; 1 l) (1 p.; 1 l) |
| Manuscript box | Deutsch, Babette. TLS to 1962 Sept. 30 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box (Gotham) | Dewar, M. J. TLS to 1936 Aug. 1 (1 p) (1 p) Came with the Gotham Book Mart archive |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Firuski, Maurice. 15 ALS, 12 TLS, 9 ANS to 1923 Oct. 20 - [1976] Jan. 12 (36 letters in 8 folders) (36 letters in 8 folders)
- Manuscript box Harper & Bros. TLS to. Relates to Edna St. Vincent Millay 1951 Mar. 22 (1 p) (1 p)
With two TLS (carbon) to MacLeish. From the files of Harper & Row, inc.
- Manuscript box Kazin, Alfred. 2 TNS to 1944 Jan. 12, [n.y.] Mar. 31 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Light, James. TNS to 1944 Dec. 26 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box McCall, Monica. 1 TL (copy) to. Relates to Muriel Rukeyser's One life 1954 Sept. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box.
In: Nabokov,
Vladimir. TL
(carbon) to
Archibald
MacLeish. Dec. 2,
1951. 1 p.
- Manuscript box Nabokov, Vladimir. 1 TLS, 1 TNS to 1951 Nov. 27, 1951 Dec. 7 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Rukeyser, Muriel. 1 TLS, 3 TNS to 1943 Apr. 23 - 1954 Feb. 11 (4 letters) (4 letters)
- Manuscript box Sarton, May. 4 ALS, 14 TLS, 2 ANS to. ANS [n.d.] includes note by Ada MacLeish 1951 ca. Apr.] - [1976] Mar. 27 (20 letters in 4 folders) (20 letters in 4 folders)
- Manuscript box
(Gotham) Steloff, Frances. 2 TLS to. Letters relate to Henry Miller 1939 Oct. 23, 1939 Nov. 20 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With one envelope; with 3 TL (carbon) replies
- Manuscript box
(Gotham). In:
Gotham book
mart, New York.
We moderns.
Folder 107
- Manuscript box Steloff, Frances. TLS to. Relates to We moderns, Gotham book mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940 1939 Dec. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Untermeyer, Louis. ALS and TLS to. 1962 Aug. 31, 1962 Sept. 3 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With: 3 TL (carbons) from Louis Untermeyer to Archibald MacLeish, Aug. 24, 1961; Aug. 29 and Sept. 6, 1962. 1 p. each

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Millay, Kathleen. 3 TL (drafts) to MacLeish 1942 July 14 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With TLS reply, July 21, 1942, written by Gardner Cowles, Jr., for MacLeish. 1 p.
- Manuscript box
(MacLeish) Mitgang, Herbert. Letters to MacLeish 1967 - 1975 (3 folders) (3 folders)
With replies and articles contributed to The New York Times
- Manuscript box Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich. TL (carbon) to MacLeish 1951 Dec. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
Accompanied by: MacLeish, Archibald. 1 TLS, 1 TNS to V. Nabokov, Nov. 27 and Dec. 7, 1951. 1 p. each
- Manuscript box Untermeyer, Louis. 3 TL (carbons) to MacLeish 1961 Aug. 24 - 1962 Sept. 6 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With: MacLeish, A. ALS, TLS, to L. Untermeyer, Aug. 31 and Sept. 3, 1962. 1 p. each

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box
(MacLeish) Allen, Frederick Lewis. TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Sept. 14 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Boyle, Kay. TL (copy) to Hugh Ford. Relates to Archibald MacLeish 1975 July 18 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box
(MacLeish) Canby, Henry Seidel. 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Oct. 1 - 1926 May 7 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to Henry S. Canby. Oct. 27, 1925. 1 p.

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| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Cross, Wilbur L. 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Mar. 5 - 1925 Sept. 21 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to Wilbur Cross. July 21, 1925. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Dial, New York, The. 2 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1924 Nov. 28, 1925 Oct. 22 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to The Dial. July 21, 1925. 1 p.; Accompanied by: MacLeish, Archibald. Like. Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p.; MacLeish, A. "1892 - 19--" Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Houghton Mifflin company. TNS to Maurice Firuski 1924 Apr. 1 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Independent, Boston, The. 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Sept. 10 - 1926 Mar. 15 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to The Independent. July 21, 1925. 1 p.; Accompanied by: MacLeish, Archibald. Second sight. Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (Patchen) | Kenneth Patchen Fund, New York, The. 1 TL (circular) n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Signed W. H. Auden, T. S. Eliot, Archibald MacLeish, and Thornton Wilder |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Monroe, Harriet. ANS, 2 TNS to Maurice Firuski 1926 Jan. 6, 1926 June 1 (1 p.; 1 leaf; 1 leaf) (1 p.; 1 leaf; 1 leaf) Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to Harriet Monroe. Oct. 29, 1925. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | North American review, New York, The. 2 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Aug. 31, 1926 Jan. 14 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to The North American review, New York. July 21, 1925. 1 p.; Accompanied by: MacLeish, A. Marianna. Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Torrence, Frederic Ridgely. ALS, 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Nov. 14 - 1926 Jan. 14 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Also, TLS, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to Frederic Ridgely Torrence. July 21, 1925. 1 p. each; Accompanied by: MacLeish, Archibald. Some aspects of immortality. Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Von Doren, Mark. 3 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Mar. 30 - 1926 Jan. 11 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to Mark Van Doren. July 21, 1925. 1 p.; Accompanied by: MacLeish, Archibald. History. Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Voices. 2 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1925 Oct. 2, 1925 Oct. 28 (2 p.; 1 p) (2 p.; 1 p) Also, TL (carbon) from Maurice Firuski to Voices. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box (MacLeish) | Weeks, Edward. 4 TLS to Maurice Firuski 1924 Nov. 25 - 1926 Jan. 12 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Also, 2 TL (carbons) from Maurice Firuski to Edward Weeks. July 21 and Oct. 27, 1925. 1 p. each; Accompanied by: MacLeish, A. Yacht for sale. Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p. |