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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Colum, Padraic, 1881-1972
<b>Title:</b>	Padraic Colum papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078627
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0247
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1918-1966
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 linear feet 36 items in 1 box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Padraic Colum papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Irish poet and playwright.

Padraic Colum was born in Longford, Ireland on December 8 1881. He married the writer Mary Molly Gunning Maguire in 1912 and immigrated to New York in 1914. Though better known for his latter works in other fields his contributions to the early Irish Dramatic Movement were important. Three plays Broken Sail The Fiddler's House and The land revealed in simple language the strong conflicts between the world of the artist and the world of the land. He also achieved significant recognition away from the theater as a poet novelist essayist and children's book author. Colum and his wife taught Comparative Literature at Columbia University from 1939 to 1956 and in 1958 Columbia honored him with an honorary doctorate. He died in Enfield Connecticut on January 11 1972.

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## Summary

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The collection contains 24 letters of Padraic Colum to various persons dating from 1916 to 1968. Also, several of Colum's manuscripts, notably three volumes containing drafts of his play "Balloon", excerpts from his novel *The Flying Swan* (1957), one typescript and three manuscript poems, printed material, and photographs.

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## Arrangement

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### Revision Description

Legacy finding aid created from Pro Cite. EAD was imported spring 2019 as part of the ArchivesSpace Phase II migration. 2010-01-21 2019-05-20

### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

### **Restrictions on Access**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Upjohn, Everard M. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1963. Accession number--M-63.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of Everard M. Upjohn, 1963; Andrew B. Myers, 1976, 1981& 1988; The Gotham Book Mart in honor of the 95th birthday of Frances Steloff.

### **Processing Information**

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 05/04/89. BC, MTM - 5/2000. Finding aid revised by Michael Stone, 5/4/2000, 2/2001.

### **Accruals**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- English literature -- Irish authors
- English literature -- 20th century
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Scripts (documents)
- Poets, Irish
- Dramatists

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Cataloged Correspondence, 1916-1969

#### Scope and Contents

The series contains letters from Padraic Colum. It is arranged chronologically, with undated letters at the end.

Title/Description	Instances	
Colum, Padraic To: Harvey Norris, New York, 12 December 1916 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. a.n.s.	box 1	folder 1
Padraic, Colum To: Grace Walcott Hazard Conkling, New York, 26 February 1918. <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. a.l.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Katherine Lord., [New York], 7 November 1920. <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. a.l.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Sharon O. Brown, Dublin, 22 September 1925 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: William Stanley Beaumont Braithwaite, on board the R.M.S. Aquitania, [c. 1930] <u>Physical Description:</u> 2p. a.l.s. with t.l. copy	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Sr. Mary James, New York, [c. 1930] <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Pirie [MacDonald], Paris, [ca. December 1934] <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. a.n.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Frank, Peterboro, NH, 24 September 1930 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Pirie MacDonald, paris, 20 August 1932 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2p. a.l.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Pirie MacDonald, [Nice], July 1933 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. a.p.c.s.	box 1	folder 1
Colum, Padraic To: Mrs. M.L.T. Davis, Jr. South Norwalk, Connecticut, 17 October 1938	box 1	folder 1

Physical Description: 1p. t.l.s.

Colum, Padraic To Mrs. M.L.T. Davis, [Jr.], Paris; New York, 17 October 1938; 8 November 1938	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s., 2p. a.l.s with envelope		
Colum, Padraic To: Emilie MacDonald (Mrs. Pirie), New York, 10 May 1942	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.		
Colum, Padraic To: Emilie MacDonald (Mrs. Pirie), Wood's Hole, Mass., 27 June 1942	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.		
Colum, Padraic To: J. Morris Jones, Wood's Hole, Mass., 28 July 1944	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.		
Colum, Padraic To Peter Russell, New York, 23 April 1951	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2p. t.l.s. with 2 clippings		
Colum, Padraic To: George Heavey, New York, 27 December 1955	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2p. t.l.s. with 3 draft replies of 6 January 1956		
Colum, Padraic To: Warren Bower, Wood's Hole, Mass., 23 August 1958	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.		
Colum, Padraic To: Marshall Bean, 3 October 1966	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. a.l.s. and photograph of painting of Colum, n.p. [ca. 1966] signed twice and inscribed to Marshall Bean		
Colum, Padraic To: Mrs. Mark Smith, New York, 16 January 1969	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.		
[Carmer, Carl] To: Padraic Colum, n.p., n.d.	box 1	folder 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.		
Colum, Padraic To: George Reavey, New York, n.d.	box 1	folder 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1p. t.l.s.		
Colum, Padraic To: Margaret Miller Upjohn (Mrs. Hobart B. Upjohn), New Canaan, Conn., n.d.	box 1	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2p. a.l.s.		
Colum, Padraic To: Diethelm, Wood's Hole, Mass., n.d.	box 1	folder 2

Physical Description: 1p. a.l.s.

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## Series II: Works, 1907-1973

### Scope and Contents

The series contains original drafts of Colum's works along with a few published articles. The series is divided into Plays, Novels, Poetry, Reviews and Works on Colum.

### Subseries II.1: Plays

Title/Description	Instances	
Padraic, Colum Three ms. notebooks containing the draft of his play: <i>Balloon</i> , [ca.1929]	box 1	folder 3
Colum, Padraic <i>The Hen Wife's Son</i> from <i>The Flying Swans</i> , [New York], [1947-1948] <u>Physical Description</u> : 92 p. a.ms.,	box 1	folder 4

### Subseries II.2: Poetry

#### Scope and Contents

The subseries contains original manuscripts of poems by Colum.

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>An old woman of the roads</i> a.ms.s., published in <i>Wild Earth</i> 1907; <i>These upright flowers: until the chestnuts bloom...</i> a.ms.s., 2p.; <i>The vision single and sure</i> a.ms.s., 1 p.; <i>Wild ass</i> t.ms.s. 1 p., published in <i>Dramatic Legends and Other Poems</i> 1922, New York, 1907-1922	box 1	folder 5

### Subseries II.3: Criticism by Colum

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>The Dublin Magazine</i> with a review of two poets by Padraic Colum, 1927	box 1	folder 6

### Subseries II.4: Works on Colum

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>The Journal of Irish Literature: A Padraic Colum Number</i> , Vol. II, No. 1, Jan., 1973 <u>Physical Description</u> : An entire edition dedicated to the life of the poet, playwright: Padraic Colum	box 1	folder 7

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**Series III: Personal Papers and Photographs, 1898-1943****Scope and Contents**

The series includes photographs of Colum, a contract for an automobile sale, and a list of portraits (including Colum) at the New York Historical Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs; personal contracts, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> Photograph of bust of Colum by Edmund Quinn in the Dublin Municipal Gallery, signed. Portrait as a young man, signed, c. 1898. List of 500 Portraits of Men by Pirie MacDonald at the New York Historical Society, (including Colum), 1943	box 1	folder 8

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