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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Lamont, Corliss, 1902-1995
<b>Creator:</b>	Babington Smith, Constance
<b>Title:</b>	Corliss Lamont papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079005
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0377
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1891-1993
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 linear feet 6 boxes 1 phonodisc
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical / Historical

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Philosopher and author. Columbia University Ph.D., 1932.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, and printed materials of Lamont. Letters from George Santayana (1863-1952), with Lamont and others, a few early manuscripts, interviews and other notes on Santayana, and general correspondence about him. A series of letters from John Dewey to Lamont, discussing his ideas on humanism and religion. Extensive

correspondence with the family of John Masefield including approximately 100 letters from Judith Masefield to Lamont, primarily written shortly after the death in 1967 of her father the poet John Masefield, and dealing with his life and work. Also, a few of her own writings; a number of the letters are descriptive of historical England and her concern for contemporary events. Among the letters from other family members are fifteen from Lamont's nephew, Jack Masefield, and 53 from his cousin Sir Peter G. Masefield, 1970-1983, conveying news about Judith as well as interest in the publication of John Masefield's letters from the World War I years and their continuing appreciation of Lamont's work on Masefield. There is discussion on the publication of Masefield's letters to Corliss' mother, Florence Lamont, printed in 1979.

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Twenty-one letters from Ella Winter to Lamont were written in America and England between 1940 and 1976. World War II letters express concern for help to our Soviet Allies. Later letters concern the Bridges case and civil liberties in the McCarthy era, and the Vietnam War and its impact on Britain.

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Thirty three letters between Sir Julian Huxley and Lamont, 1927-1974, have been added, as well as photostats of letters from Gen. J.C. Smuts to Florence C. Lamont and manuscripts of Lucy Lamont Gavit.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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### Revision Description

PDF replaced with full finding aid, YH August 2020

### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Lamont, Corliss. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1975. Accession number--M-75.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Papers: Source of acquisition--Lamont, Corliss. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--07/13/90. Accession number--M-90-07-13.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Photograph of Fidel Castro: Source of acquisition--Lamont, Corliss. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--10/26/93. Accession number--M-93-10-26.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Corliss Lamont, 1975-1993.

### **Processing Information**

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 07/--/89.

### **Processing Information**

Papers Processed HR 09/17/92.

### **Processing Information**

Photograph of Fidel Castro Cataloged HR 10/16/93.

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## **Related Materials**

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See also: the John Dewey Papers; the Helen MacLachlan Papers; the John Masefield Papers, the George Santayana Papers

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Humanism
- Religion
- Spiritualism
- Families -- England

- Poets, English
- Civil rights
- English literature -- 20th century
- American literature -- 20th century
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1939-1945 -- United States
- World War, 1939-1945 -- England
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Soviet Union
- Communism -- United States
- Vietnam War, 1961-1975
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1945-1953
- United States -- History -- 20th century
- United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century
- Advertisements
- Announcements
- Articles
- Bibliographies
- Commonplace books
- Diaries
- Essays
- Fiction (general genre)
- Handbills
- Interviews
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Notes (documents)
- Phonograph records
- Photographs
- Photographic prints
- Poems
- Posters
- Press releases
- Authors
- College teachers
- Educators
- Humanists
- Philosophers
- Phonograph records
- Sound recordings
- Ciardi, John, 1916-1986
- Dewey, John, 1859-1952
- Edman, Irwin, 1896-1954
- Huxley, Julian, 1887-1975
- Lamont, Florence
- Masfield, Jack
- Masfield, John, 1878-1967
- Masfield, Judith, 1904-
- Masfield, Peter G., Sir

- Santayana, George, 1863-1952
- Smuts, Jan Christiaan, 1870-1950
- Wheelock, John Hall, 1886-1978
- Winter, Ella, 1898-1980
- Masefield family

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Ciardi, John	box 1	
Corbin, John	box 1	
Coss, John J.	box 1	
Dewey, John	box 1	
Edman, Irwin	box 1	
Eisenhower, Dwight D., 11 July 1949	box 6	folder 13
Gavit, John Palmer, 16 May 1941	box 6	folder 14
Huxley, Julian	box 1	
Johnson, Lyndon, 25 March 1965	box 6	folder 19
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
(With "Remarks of the President to a Joint Session of the Congress, 15 March 1965)		
Kennedy, Jacqueline	box 6	folder 15
Kennedy, John F., 19 August 1958	box 6	folder 18
Laidler, Harry M.	box 1	
Lament, Corliss	box 1	
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 27 June 1979	box 6	folder 17
Lucas, Christopher	box 1	
Masefield, Jack	box 1	
Masefield, Judith	box 1	
Masefield, (Sir) Peter G.	box 2	
National Committee for Arts, Letters and Sciences, 24 October [ny]	box 6	folder 16
Redford, Robert, 3 October 1979	box 6	folder 12



Santayana, George	box 2
Wheelock, John Hall	box 2
Winter, Ella	box 2

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### Series II: Cataloged Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Castro, Fidel (Photograph)	box 2
Masefield, Judith	box 2
Santayana, George	box 2

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### Series III: Arranged material

Title/Description	Instances
Dewey, John	box 2
Cavit, Lucy Lamont (Mrs. John P.)	box 2
Huxley, Julian	box 3
Masefield, Judith	box 3
Masefield, (Sir) Peter G.	box 3
Santayana, George	box 3
Smuts, Jan Christian	box 3
Poletti and Lamont Diary of a Trip, June 28 - 13 July 1926	box 6      folder 7
Lamont vs Postmaster General III, 1963-1964	box 6      folder 8
Topical Files:	
National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, 1958-1960	box 6      folder 1
National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, 1961-1962	box 6      folder 2
National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, 1963-1965	box 6      folder 3
National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, 1966-1975	box 6      folder 4
Corliss Lamont, ACLU & FBI, 1977	box 6      folder 5

**Scope and Contents**

(Includes clippings, pamphlets, and correspondence)

Invitations to political events, 1961	box 6	folder 6
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Title/Description	Instances
Photographs	box 3

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Title/Description	Instances
Printed materials by Corliss Lamont	
Clippings and miscellaneous	box 3
Books	box 4
Printed materials about Corliss Lamont	
Articles, pamphlets and other printed materials	box 5
Kennedy-Johnson Campaign Dinner. Program, 12 October 1960	box 6 folder 9
"To Those Who Have Not Decided" New York Times, 30 October 1960	box 6 folder 10
"Open Letter to President Ronald Reagan" New York Times, 20 March 1988	box 6 folder 11

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Title/Description	Instances
Author Corliss Lamont sings for his family and friends	flatbox 285

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