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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	MacLachlan, Helen, 1896-1983
<b>Title:</b>	Helen MacLachlan papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079071
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0828
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1880-1980
<b>Physical Description:</b>	17 boxes 17 boxes, 6 oversize items
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical / Historical

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Curator of the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace in New York City. MacLachlan (Barnard College A.B., 1918) was a lifelong friend of the English Poet Laureate John Masefield (1878-1967). She was the daughter of James Alexander MacLachlan and Mary MacLachlan; her brother was Howard James MacLachlan (Columbia University A.B., 1916; LL.B., 1918).

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, photographs, and memorabilia of Helen May MacLachlan. There are 570 letters from John Masefield and his wife to James Alexander

MacLachlan, his wife Mary, and their children Howard James and Helen, 1916-1966, autograph poetry manuscripts, drawings, clippings, and 43 books presented by Masefield to Helen MacLachlan. Also, correspondence about the Theodore Roosevelt Association from Horace Marden Albright, Ethel Roosevelt Derby, Hermann Hagedorn, and others as well as correspondence from personal friends; and photographs of the MacLachlan family and friends.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged remainder listed and arranged.

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

The following boxes are located off-site: Boxes 8-17. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection has no restrictions.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--MacLachlan, Helen. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1977. Accession number--M-77.

### **Processing Information**

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 08/--/89.

### **Processing Information**

The original printed finding aid was converted into an EAD document in October 2020. There is additional description in the printed finding aid that was not included in the EAD document, specifically a list of letters from John Masefield, primarily to Helen MacLachlan. The list from the original printed finding aid is available [here](#) as a pdf.

### **Accruals**

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Selected Related Material-- at Columbia**

[John Masefield Papers](#), Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Families -- New York (State) -- New York
- Poets laureate -- England
- English poetry -- 20th century
- Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site (New York, N.Y.)
- Photographic prints
- Autographs (manuscripts)
- Poems
- Drawings (visual works)
- Masefield, John, 1878-1967
- MacLachlan, James Alexander
- MacLachlan, Mary
- MacLachlan, Howard James
- Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919
- Albright, Horace M (Horace Marden), 1890-1987
- Derby, Ethel Roosevelt
- Theodore Roosevelt Association
- MacLachlan family

## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

#### Scope and Contents

The original printed finding aid was converted into an EAD document in May 2020. There is additional description in the printed finding aid that was not included in the EAD document, specifically a list of letters from John Masefield, primarily to Helen MacLachlan. These letters form part of this series. The list from the original printed finding aid is available [here](#) as a pdf.

Title/Description	Instances
Hermann Hagedorn	box 1
Isabelle M. Little	box 1
Alice Roosevelt Longworth	box 1
Constance Masefield (Mrs. John), 1926-1947	box 1
Constance Masefield (Mrs. John), 1948-1959	box 2
John Masefield, 1916-1944 and undated	box 3
John Masefield, 1945-1949	box 4
John Masefield, 1950-1954	box 5

John Masefield, 1955-1966	box 6
Judith Masefield	box 6
Patricia MacDonald Tutchings	box 6

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### Series II: Cataloged Manuscripts, Documents, and Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
William Palmer East	box 7
Robert Graves	box 7
Helen May MacLachlan	box 7
John Masefield	box 7
Robert E. Pound	box 7

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### Series III: Uncataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
A - D	box 8
D - P	box 9
R - W	box 10
Unidentified	box 10

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### Series IV: Uncataloged Manuscripts and Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Uncataloged Manuscripts and Documents	box 10

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### Series V: Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Photographs	box 11

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### Series VI: Books Presented to Helen MacLachlan

Title/Description	Instances
Books presented by Hermann Hagedorn to Helen MacLachlan	box 12
Books presented by Corliss Lamont to Helen MacLachlan	box 12
Books presented by Corliss Lamont to Helen MacLachlan	box 13
Books presented by John Masefield to Helen MacLachlan	box 14
Books presented by John Masefield to Helen MacLachlan	box 15
Books presented by John Masefield to Helen MacLachlan	box 16
Books presented by John Masefield to Helen MacLachlan	box 17

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### Series VII: Oversized Materials

Title/Description	Instances
Photographs	flatbox 316
Certificates	flatbox 316

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