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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	MacLeish Family
Title:	MacLeish Family Papers
Dates:	1898-1946
Quantity:	0.7 cubic feet (4 boxes)
Abstract:	Correspondence between the members of the MacLeish Family, including parents Martha and Andrew and their children Archibald, Kenneth, Norman, and Ishbel, as well as the children of Andrew's previous marriages, Bruce, Blanche and Lily.

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Biographical Note

The MacLeish Family represented in this collection include Martha and Andrew and their children Archibald, Kenneth, Norman, and Ishbel, as well as the children of Andrew's previous marriages, Bruce, Blanche and Lily. Martha Hillard MacLeish (whose nickname was "Patty") was president of Rockford Seminary (now Rockford College) from 1884-1888. Andrew MacLeish was the founder and manager of the retail operations of Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company in Chicago. He was also a key figure in the founding of the modern University of Chicago. Their son, Archibald MacLeish, became a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and the Librarian of Congress.

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Chronology

1838 June	Andrew MacLeish born
1856 August 17	Martha Hillard born
1858 December 25	Andrew MacLeish married Lillas Young — they had two daughters, Lily (b. 1860) and Blanche (b. 1862)
1878 September	Lillas MacLeish died
1878	Martha Hillard graduated from Vassar College
1881 March	Andrew MacLeish married (Martha) Louise Little — they had one son, Bruce (b. 1882)
1884-1888	Martha Hillard served as President of Rockford Seminary
1888 August 22	Andrew MacLeish married Martha Hillard
1889 July 1	Martha Louise MacLeish born (died 1890 August 6)
1890 August 29	Norman Hillard MacLeish born
1892 May 7	Archibald MacLeish born
1894 September 19	Kenneth MacLeish born (Died 1918 October 10 in WWI)
1897 March 20	Ishbel Marjoribanks MacLeish (VC 1920) born
1928 January 14	Andrew MacLeish died
1936	Martha Hillard MacLeish received honorary L.L.D. from Rockford College
1947 December 21	Martha Hillard MacLeish died

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Scope and Content Note

Correspondence between the members of the MacLeish Family, including parents Martha and Andrew and their children Archibald, Kenneth, Norman, and Ishbel, as well as the children of Andrew's previous marriages, Bruce, Blanche and Lily. Of particular note are the letters between Kenneth MacLeish and his parents. Kenneth, who died when his fighter plan went down during World War I, was a favorite of Archibald MacLeish and the subject of several of his poems.

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Related Material

- Martha Hillard MacLeish File, Alumnae/i Biographical Files

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Subject Headings

Names:

- MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982--Family
- MacLeish, Martha Hillard, 1856-1947
- MacLeish, Andrew, 1838-1928
- MacLeish, Kenneth, 1894-1918

VCL Categories

- Family

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, June 2012.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

MacLeish Family Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Laura Streett, June 2012.

Acquisition Information

Gift of the Lochland School, October 2002 (M2002-016).

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Folder 1.2	Andrew to Ishbel, 1913-1922

Folder 1.3	Andrew to Kenneth, 1911-1914
Folder 1.4	Andrew to Kenneth, 1915-1918
Folder 1.5	Andrew to Martha, 1919-1920
Folder 1.6	Andrew to Mary R. Hillard, 1915-1916
Folder 1.7	Andrew to Scotland family, 1915-1919
Folder 1.8	Andrew to other family, 1915, 1917
Folders 1.9-1.19	Martha to Andrew, 1898-1910
Folders 2.1-2.6	Martha to Andrew, 1912-1926
Folder 2.7	Ada to Andrew and Martha, ca. 1919 May
Folder 2.8	Archibald to parents, [1914-1917], n.d.
Folder 2.9	Letters regarding Archibald's appendectomy, 1912
Folder 2.10	Blanche to Andrew, 1898-1920, 1925, n.d.
Folder 2.11	Bruce to parents, 1904 Feb 24
Folder 2.12	Ishbel to parents, 1915-1926, n.d.
Folders 2.13-2.20	Kenneth to parents, 1907-1918, n.d.
Folder 2.21	Lily to Andrew, 1899, 1920, n.d.
Folder 2.22	Norman to parents, 1906-1920, 1925
Folder 2.23	Mary R. Hillard to Andrew, 1915 Nov 8
Folder 3.1	John H. Wood to Andrew, 1904, 1925
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Folder 3.8	Andrew — Church and Missionary letters, 1903-1918
Folder 3.9	Miscellaneous letters to Andrew, 1905-1920
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Folder 3.11	War time addresses of Norman, Kenneth and Archibald
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