

# Guide to the Rachel Carson Papers Addition

YCAL MSS 630



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 630

**CREATOR:** Carson, Rachel, 1907-1964

**TITLE:** Rachel Carson papers addition

**DATES:** 1897-1999

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.31 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Rachel Carson Papers Addition contains correspondence, writings, photographs, artwork, ephemera, and printed material of Rachel Carson. The bulk of the material documents Carson's childhood and family.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.carsonadd>

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Frances Collin and the Frances Collin Literary Agency, 1994-2001.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 7 (tintype photograph, cased): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

The collection received preliminary processing at the time of acquisition. Further organization, rehousing, and description were carried out in 2012.

The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as: Uncat ZA MS 386, Uncat ZA MS 624, Uncat MSS 133, and Uncat ZA File 417. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below, according to month and year of acquisition.

A content list in the April 1994 Acquisition states that *The Pennsylvania, 1928-1929*, Rachel Carson's personalized yearbook from Pennsylvania College for Women will be sent separately, but is not found among the papers.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during basic processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Rachel Carson (1907-1964)

Rachel Carson, American marine biologist and conservationist. Carson was the author of *Silent Spring* and other works.

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## Scope and Contents

The Rachel Carson Papers Addition contains correspondence, writings, photographs, artwork, ephemera, and printed material of Rachel Carson. The bulk of the material documents Carson's childhood and family.

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## Arrangement

Organized into four groupings: I. April 1994 Acquisition, 1907-1950. II. June 1999 Acquisition, undated. III. May 2001 Acquisition, 1897-1999. IV. November 2001 Acquisition, 1928-1935.

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## Collection Contents

### 1: April 1994 Acquisition, 1907-1958, undated

0.42 linear feet (1 box)

Contains artwork, writings, photographs, and ephemera by, to, or relating to Rachel Carson and Maria Frazier McLean Carson.

Formerly Uncat ZA MS 386.

Gift of Frances Collin, 1994.

Arranged in the order that it was received.

b.1	"Baby Record" of Rachel Louise Carson, by Maria McLean Carson	1907
b.1	Childhood drawings	1907-1915
b.1	Carson's childhood stories	1907-1915
b.1	Newspaper clippings of Rachel's early awards	
b.1	"Battle in the Clouds" in printed version of <i>St. Nicholas Magazine</i>	1918
b.1	Rachel Carson's maternal genealogy	
b.1	Maria Frazer McLean Carson, memorabilia	1922-1958
b.1	Academic records from Spring Street School, Parnassus Senior High School, and Pennsylvania College for Women	
b.1	Rachel Carson drawings	circa 1925-1929
b.1	Johns Hopkins University letter of recommendation for Carson by R.P. Cowles	
b.1	Carson's poetry, submitted and draft	1930s
b.1	Robert Warden Carson's death notice in United Presbyterian Church newsletter	1935
b.1	Drawings by Carson	
b.1	"Outdoor Life Pledge"	1942
b.1	Correspondence between Maria Carson and Archibald Rutledge	circa 1954-1958
b.1	Correspondence between Rachel Carson and Edwin Way Teale	1949-1950
b.1	"Between the Tidelines" lecture by Carson, Boothbay Harbor, Maine	1955 July 13
b.1	Photograph of cat by Olga Owens (Huchins)	1950s
b.1	Correspondence between Rachel Carson and Maria Carson	1951 Summer
b.1	Photograph portrait of Dorothy Freeman	circa 1955
b.1	Various letters to Carson	
b.1	Various photographs	

b.1            Various papers: clippings and invitations

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## **2: June 1999 Acquisition**

*1.05 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Contains photographs of Rachel Carson, including publicity photographs, members of the Carson family, and the family pets.

Formerly Uncat ZA MS 624.

Gift of Frances Collin, 1999.

b. 2	Photographs of Carson family and pets <i>8 Folders</i>
b. 3	Photographs and negatives of Carson family and pets <i>11 Folders</i>
b. 4	Photographs of Carson family <i>4 Folders</i>

**3: May 2001 Acquisition, 1897-1999, undated***0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Contains correspondence, writings, printed material, and photographs (including copy photographs) of Rachel Carson and her family.

Formerly Uncat ZA File 417

Gift of Jene Cole of the Frances Collin Literary Agency, 2001.

b. 5	Various photographs	
b. 5	Photographs by Norman Driscoll	
b. 5	Marian, Robert, Rachel, group photographs	
b. 5	Various photographs	
b. 5	Brooks photographer	1951, undated
b. 5	Various photographs	
b. 5	Various photographs	1897, undated
b. 5	High school photographs	
b. 5	Printed material <i>3 Folders</i>	1947-1999
b. 5	Correspondence	1955-1968
b. 5	Writings	undated
	Tintype photograph, cased, of Daniel and Rachel McLean, grandparents of Robert and Rachel Carson Stored in: Restricted Fragile, Box 7	undated



**4: November 2001 Acquisition, 1928-1935**

*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Formerly Uncat ZA File 417.

Gift of Frances Collin, 2001.

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b. 6	Six autograph letters, signed, to Dorothy [Thompson Seif] from Mary Scott Skinker; two autograph letters, signed, to Mary Elizabeth Frye from Skinker	1928-1935
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## Restricted Fragile

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b. 7                    Tintype photograph, cased, of Daniel and Rachel McLean, grandparents of Robert    undated  
and Rachel Carson

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

American literature -- 20th Century -- Archives

### **Genres / Formats**

Film negatives  
Photographic prints  
Tintypes (prints)

### **Occupations**

Aquatic biologists -- United States  
Authors -- United States -- 20th Century  
Ecologists -- United States  
Marine biologists -- United States

### **Names**

Carson, Rachel, 1907-1964