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# Guide to the Linda Butler Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 10a

**CREATOR:** Butler, Linda

**TITLE:** Linda Butler papers

**DATES:** 1927–1980

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.75 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers contain correspondence, writings, and a scrapbook concerning Margaret Marshall, the Marshall family, and Constance Mayfield Roarke.

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

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## Requesting Instructions

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The material was donated by Linda Butler to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library in June 1987.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Linda Butler Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Scope and Contents

The Linda Butler Papers consist of three boxes of correspondence and writings dating between the years 1927 and 1980.

The papers are divided into two sections, *Correspondence* and *Writings*. *Correspondence* is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Box 1, folders 12-30, contains letters from Butler's longtime friend, Margaret Marshall, spanning the years 1939-73. Marshall, literary editor for *The Nation*, discussed personal news, news of her family, and plans for the publication of manuscripts pertaining to their mutual friend, Constance Mayfield Rourke. There is also correspondence to Butler from Marshall's daughter, Judith Fleck, and her granddaughters, Anne Marshall Fleck and Catherine Lydia Fleck. These letters contain personal news as well as news of Marshall.

The collection contains several folders of letters to Linda Butler from author Constance Mayfield Rourke. The correspondence concerns personal news, information on her research projects, her travels, publications, and an art show which Rourke was arranging. Constance Davis Rourke, her mother, discusses with the activities of her daughter and her untimely death in 1941. There is also a folder of correspondence from Mildred Fore, Constance Davis Rourke's niece.

The *Writings* section is primarily composed of manuscripts by or about Constance Rourke. Included are biographical sketches of Rourke by Linda Butler, Nelle Curry, and Margaret Marshall, plus a copy of Rourke's eulogy by Reverend Charles W. Helsely. Writings by Rourke include an excerpt from *Audubon* and a photocopy of the printed version of *Index of American Design*. Also found in this section is a photocopy of the typescript of Marshall's autobiography, *An American Memoir*.

A scrapbook compiled by Butler concerning Constance Mayfield Rourke can be found in the *Oversize* section at the end of the collection.

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**Collection Contents**  
**CORRESPONDENCE**

b. 1, f. 1-2	Balph, Helen	1941-64
b. 1, f. 3	Brooks, Gladys	1962-63, n.d.
b. 1, f. 4	Butler, Linda	1977
b. 1, f. 5	Curry, Nelle	1977
b. 1, f. 6	Fleck, Anne Marshall	1972-74
b. 1, f. 7	Fleck, Catherine Lydia	1974
b. 1, f. 8	Fleck, Fred	1974
b. 1, f. 9	Fleck, Judith	1958-71
b. 1, f. 10	Fore, Alice	1941
b. 1, f. 11	Fore, Mildred	1941
b. 1, f. 12-30	Marshall, Margaret	1939-73, n.d.
b. 1, f. 31-37	Rourke, Constance Davis	1927-42, n.d.
b. 1, f. 38-41	Rourke, Constance Mayfield	1928-39
b. 2, f. 42-43	Rourke, Constance Mayfield	1940, n.d.
b. 2, f. 44	Rubin, Joanie	1980
b. 2, f. 45	Ryan, Mrs. John Austin	1976-77
b. 2, f. 46	Unidentified	1977-78

## WRITINGS

Butler, Linda

*Constance Rourke*

b. 2, f. 47	Notes: holograph and typescript	n.d.
b. 2, f. 48	Introduction, photographs, bibliography: typescript, carbon	1977
b. 2, f. 49	Typescript, carbon	1979
b. 2, f. 50	Clippings	1964-76
	Scrapbook <a href="#">See: Oversize, Box 3, folder 62</a>	

Curry, Nelle

b. 2, f. 51	<i>The Constance Rourkes</i> : typescript, carbon	n.d.
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Helsley, Reverend Charles W.

b. 2, f. 52	<i>For Constance Rourke</i> : typescript	1941
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Marshall, Margaret

b. 2, f. 53-56	<i>An American Memoir</i> : typescript, photocopy, annotated	n.d.
b. 2, f. 57	<i>Constance Rourke</i> : typescript, photocopy, annotated	n.d.
b. 2, f. 58	<i>Constance Rourke: Artist and Citizen</i> : printed version	1941

Rourke, Constance

b. 2, f. 59	<i>An American Memoir</i> : typescript, photocopy, annotated	n.d.
b. 2, f. 60	<i>Audubon</i> : excerpt, typescript	n.d.
b. 2, f. 61	<i>Index of American Design</i> : printed version, photocopy	n.d.

OVERSIZE

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## OVERSIZE

b. 3 (Oversize), f. Scrapbook  
62

1928-56

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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**

Authors, American  
Autobiography

### **Genres / Formats**

Scrapbooks

### **Occupations**

Authors

### **Names**

Balph, Hellen  
Butler, Linda  
Fleet, Judith White, 1931-1971  
Marshall, Margaret, 1900-1974  
Roarke, Constance Mayfield, 1885-1941  
Rourke, Constance Davis, 1846-1944

### **Families**

Marshall family