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Robert Marshall Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 204



Collection Summary

Title	Robert Marshall Papers
Dates	1919-1973 (bulk 1940-1960)
Collection Number	MS-204
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Marshall, Robert, 1901-1939
Extent	5.2 linear feet (13 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Robert Marshall was born in New York City on January 2, 1901 to prominent New York lawyer and American Jewish leader, Louis Marshall, and his wife, Florence (Lowenstein) Marshall. One of four Marshall children, Robert was raised in New York and received a B.S. degree from the New York State College of Forestry in 1925, a Master of Forestry degree from Harvard University in 1926 and a PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1930.

Marshall was a devoted conservationist and environmentalist and he devoted his life's work to these causes. He served first as the Assistant Silviculturist at the Northern Rocky Mountain Experiment Station from 1925-1928 before engaging in exploration, ecological studies, and anthropological research in northern Alaska from 1929-1931. From 1933-1937 Marshall served as Director of Forestry, Office of Indian Affairs, for the U.S. Department of Interior. In 1937 Marshall was appointed Chief of Division of Recreation and Lands, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, the position he held at the time of his death in 1939.

Marshall authored many books and articles on forestry and conservation, including *The Problem of the Wilderness* (1930), *Arctic Village*, (Literary Guild selection for May, 1933), *The People's Forests* (1933), *The Forest for Recreation* (selection in the U.S. Forestry's Service's A National Plan for American Forestry, 1933), *The Universe of the Wilderness is Vanishing* (1937), and *Alaska Wilderness: Exploring the Central Brooks Range* (1970; first edition published in 1956 under the title, *Arctic Wilderness*). He also made a map of 12,000 miles square miles of previously uncharted country in northern Alaska in 1934 which was published by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Marshall was active in many environmental organizations. He was a member of The Wilderness Society (Executive Committee Member), the Society of American Foresters, the Ecological Society, the Society of Plant Physiologists, the Society of Anthropologists and was a member of the Explorers and the Cosmos Club.

Robert Marshall died in Washington, D.C. on November 11, 1939 at the age of 38. But, as a result of the positive impact he had on all those with whom he came in contact, Marshall continued the pursuits of his life even after his death. In his will, Marshall left one-half of his entire estate to aid trace unionism and the "promotion and advancement of an economic system based upon the theory of production for use and not for profit," and designated the other half for the establishment of two trusts: The Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust, devoted, in the words of his will, to the "safeguarding and advancement of the cause of civil liberties in the United States of America" and the Robert Marshall Wilderness Fund, dedicated to "the preservation of wilderness conditions in outdoor America, including, but not limited to, the preservation of areas embracing primitive conditions of transportation, vegetation and fauna."

In 1941 the U.S. Forest Service dedicated the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area on Flathead and Lewis & Clark National Forests in Montana in "recognition of his distinguished work in development of its system of wilderness areas." In addition, there are three other geographic points in the United States named in his honor: Marshall Lake in the Brooks Range, Alaska; Mount Marshall in the Adirondack Mountains; and the Bob Marshall Recreation Camp in the Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.

For further information on Robert Marshall please see: "Bibliography of Robert Marshall, 1901-1939, With Reviews of His Published Works and Biographical Appreciations," prepared by George Marshall, in *The Living Wilderness*, Autumn, 1951, pp. 20-23; and "Bibliography of Robert Marshall: A Supplement," in *The Living Wilderness*, Summer, 1954, pp. 31-35, prepared by George Marshall.

Scope and Content The collection describes the life of Robert Marshall, conservationist, forester, and scientific explorer; and the activities of the Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust, a philanthropic trust established by the will of Robert Marshall for the purpose of promoting and establishing civil rights and liberties. The Papers deal primarily with the work of the Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust.

Arrangement	Organized into two (2) series: A. Personal, 1919-1940; B. Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust, 1938-1973.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
Preferred Citation	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Robert Marshall Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows: [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-204. Robert Marshall Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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Index Terms

Subjects	Civil rights / Conservationists / Environmental protection / Environmentalists / Forests and forestry / Trusts and trustees
Personal Names	Marshall, Louis, 1856-1929 / Marshall, Robert, 1901-1939
Corporate Names	Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust

Series A. Personal, 1919-1940

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence with family members and friends, plus clippings, articles, and correspondence concerning the interests and activities of Robert Marshall. Of particular importance in this series is the large amount of correspondence between Robert Marshall and his father, Louis, for the years 1920-1929.

Arrangement The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or organization. Letters are arranged chronologically within each folder.

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Series B. Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust, 1938-1973

Extent 4.6 linear feet (11.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, minutes, reports and grant applications.

Arrangement The series is arranged in two (2) subseries: 1. Administrative Records; 2. Grant Applications.

Subseries 1. Administration Records, 1938-1973, undated

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of general correspondence, letterbooks, financial records, trustees minutes and other records concerning the operation and maintenance of the trust.

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Subseries 2. Grant Applications

Extent 3.8 linear feet (9.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of applications from persons and organizations for grants from the Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust. Robert Marshall was very concerned about the civil liberties and rights of the American Indian, and a large part of this subseries contains information concerning the assistance given by the Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust to the Association on American Indian Affairs and the National Congress of American Indians.

Arrangement The applications are arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or organization and the letters are arranged chronologically within each folder.

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- Box 5. Folder 4. American Friends Service Committee [re: Hirabayashi and Rights of Conscience], 1943, 1957-1961, 1965
- Box 5. Folder 5. American Labor Conference on International Affairs, 1944-1945
- Box 5. Folder 6. American Veterans Committee [re: civil liberties], 1951-1957, 1959
- Box 5. Folder 7. American Veterans Committee [grant application], 1951-1952
- Box 5. Folder 8. American for Democratic Action, 1947-1948
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Subject Tracings

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