

CHARLOTTE ELLEN MACLEAN MEMORIAL COLLECTION  
c. 1877-1934

Introduction

Charlotte Ellen MacLean was born in Connecticut in 1845. She was the daughter of Obed P. and Charlotte A. (Ladd) MacLean.<sup>1</sup> The 1870 Census for Glastonbury, Connecticut, lists her occupation as "school teacher." In later years she lived in East Hartford and sketched and painted many pictures of wildflowers of Connecticut. She died on December 13, 1941, in East Hartford, at the age of 96.<sup>2</sup>

The collection consists of three large containers marked Volumes 1, 2, and 3, in which are over 200 watercolors, oils and sketches, mostly of flowers, all the work of Charlotte E. MacLean. Included are four framed watercolors of the Elisha Pitkin House, Pitkin Street, East Hartford. This is the house where Count de Rochambeau was supposed to have lodged c. 1781 and 1782 when the French Army went through East Hartford on the way to and from Yorktown.

The collection, to be known as the "Charlotte Ellen MacLean Memorial Collection," was given to the State Library on September 11, 1946, by Miss Mary E. MacLean, sister of Charlotte MacLean.

Total: 2 ft.

List of Records

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| 1. | Flowers, paintings and sketches (unframed), <u>c.</u> 1877-1934.<br>Approximately 200, mostly watercolors and small pencil or charcoal sketches of flowers. (Not all were dated.) | Vol. 1 |
| 2. | Flowers, paintings and sketches (framed).<br>10 paintings, (8 watercolors, 2 oils), all of flowers except one of a house. (One painting is dated Aug. 12, 1878.)                  | Vol. 2 |
| 3. | Houses, paintings (framed).<br>4 framed watercolors of Elisha Pitkin House, East Hartford.  | Vol. 3 |

Reference Restrictions

None.

Related Materials

None.

<sup>1</sup>1850 Census, Glastonbury, and obituary in Hartford Courant, Issue of Dec. 14, 1941.

<sup>2</sup>Greater Hartford Directory, 1942, page 887.