

In 1900 Helen entered Radcliffe College, becoming the first deafblind person to have ever enrolled and graduated at an institution of higher learning. Life at Radcliffe was very difficult, the huge amount of work involved led to deterioration in Anne's eyesight. During that time at the College Helen began to write the story about her life both in braille and on a normal typewriter.

In 1905 John Macy and Anne were married. She was some twenty years younger than her husband. In 1918 Helen, Anne and John moved to Forest Hills in New York. Helen made extensive fundraising tours for the American Foundation for the Blind. She traveled all over the world to over 39 countries. She campaigned tirelessly to alleviate the living and working conditions of blind people, who at that time were usually badly educated and living in asylums. They offered to make a film in Hollywood. It unfortunately did not prove to be the financial success that they had hoped for.

Helen met every US President from Grover Cleveland to Lyndon B. Johnson and was friends with many famous figures including Alexander Graham Bell.

Whilst away during this time Helen learnt of the fire that destroyed their home at Arcan Ridge. Although the house would be rebuilt, as well as the many mementoes that Helen lost, also destroyed was the latest book that Helen had been working on about Anne Sullivan, called "Teacher".

She has shown millions of people that disability need not be the end of the world. In Helen's own words:

"The public must learn that the blind man is neither genius nor a freak nor an idiot. He has a mind that can be educated, a hand which can be trained, ambitions which it is right for him to strive to realise, and it is the duty of the public to help him make the best of himself so that he can win light through work."

She is remembered as an advocate for people with disabilities, as well as numerous causes. She was a suffragist, a pacifist, and a birth control supporter. In October 1961 Helen suffered the first of a series of strokes, and her public life was to draw to a close. She was to spend her remaining years being cared for at her home in Arcan Ridge. All the while Anne's health was getting worse, and with the news of the death of John Macy in 1932, although their marriage had broken up some years before, her spirit was finally broken. She died peacefully in her sleep on June 1, 1968, at Arcan Ridge. Today Helen's final resting place is a popular tourist attraction.