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Henry Miller collection of papers

1932-1978

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Summary

Creator: Miller, Henry, 1891-1980

Title: Henry Miller collection of papers

Date: 1932-1978

Size: 606 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts and a manuscript, correspondence, an undated notebook, financial documents, and portraits.

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Creator History

Henry Miller was an American novelist, short-story writer, essayist, and literary and social critic.

Custodial History

Some of the material accompanied the Gotham Book Mart archive, and some accompanied the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts and a manuscript, correspondence, an undated notebook, financial documents, and portraits. The typescripts include essays, stories, reviews, and drafts of novels, as well as essays and other materials about the author. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from [1932] to 1978, to Kay Boyle, Frank Dobo, John H. Jenkins, Alfred Kazin, Frances Steloff, Carl Van Vechten, Ruth Witt-Diamant, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from 1935 to 1969, between various correspondents, including Bessie Breuer, Huntington Cairns, Archibald MacLeish, Frances Steloff, and others. There are letters to Miller from T. S. Eliot, Anaïs Nin, and others dating from 1939 to 1940.

Key Terms

Names

Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
Boyle, Kay, 1902-1992
Breuer, Bessie, b. 1893
Cairns, Huntington, 1904-1985
Dobo, Frank
Dobo, Frank
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965
Jenkins, John Holmes
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
Nin, Anai_s, 1903-1977
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Gotham Book Mart

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts & Typescripts written by Miller

- Manuscript box Abe Rattner. Typescript (carbon) of essay n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Came with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Manuscript box Cosmological eye. Typescript of essay with the author's ms. corrections.
Relates to Hans Reichel n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
Signed. Published in Transition, April-May 1938, no. 27. Came with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Manuscript box Dybbuk or death and bastard death. Typescript (carbon) fragment of letter
to Michael Fraenkel, with the author's ms. Corrections n.d. (14 p) (14 p)
Published in fragment of his Hamlet. Vol. 2. New York: Carrefour, 1941, p. 256-273. Came
with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Manuscript box (Gotham) [George Dibbern] News release from Big Sur, California. Typescript 1958
Jan. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. With his: 121 ALS, 36 TLS, 84 postcards, 4 telegrams, 7 letters to Frances Steloff.
1936-1969. Folder 50. Enclosed in letter of Jan. 30, 1958
- Cased Hans Reichel. Typescript draft of essay with the author's ms. revisions 1962
May 28 (2 p) (2 p)
Accompanied by his: Reichel is as Reichel was. Typescript draft of final version of essay, with
the author's ms. revisions, signed and dated May 28, 1962. 3 p.
- Manuscript box (Gotham) In: [Michael Fraenkel] Typescript of contribution to We moderns n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Gotham book Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940
mart, New York,
We moderns.
Folder 44
- Cased Notes on Balzac. Holograph notebook n.d. (47 p) (47 p)
- Manuscript box Peace and putrefaction. Typescript (carbon) fragment of letter to Michael
Fraenkel with the author's ms. corrections 1938 Oct. 17 (29 p) (29 p)
Signed. Published in his Hamlet, v. 2. New York: Carrefour, 1941, p. 378-410. Came with the
Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Manuscript box Preface for Brassai's "Marie." Typescript (carbon) of essay with the
author's ms. corrections. Brassai's book referred to, published as: Histoire
de Marie. Paris, Les editions du point du jour, 1949. Mentions Alfred Perles
1948 Apr. 21 (4 p) (4 p)
Signed. Came with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Manuscript box Raimu. Typescript (carbon) of essay with the author's ms. corrections n.d.
(18 p) (18 p)
Published in T'ien Hsia monthly, v. 9, no. 1 (Aug. 1939). Came with the Henry Miller-Frank
Dobo correspondence
- Cased Reichel is as Reichel was. Typescript draft of final version of essay with the
author's ms. revisions 1962 May 28 (3 p) (3 p)
Signed. With his: Hans Reichel. Typescript draft of essay with the author's ms. revisions, May
28, 1962. 2 p.
- Oversize (+) Remember to remember. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d.
(114 p) (114 p)
With author's signed holograph note authenticating it and 7 p. of holograph and typewritten
notes. In paper wrapper with the author's pen-and-ink title page, signed, and dated Aug.
1946. Vol. 2 of The Air-Conditioned Nightmare, N.Y., New directions, 1947

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

Manuscripts & Typescripts written by Miller (cont.)

- Manuscript box Review of "D. H. Lawrence" by Hugh Kingsmill, Methuen, London. Typescript of book review with the author's ms. corrections. Editor's alternative title "Defamatory biography - Mr. Kingsmill's D. H. Lawrence." n.d. (6 p) (6 p)
Signed with initials. Came with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Manuscript box Shadowy monomania. Typescript. Relates to David Herbert Lawrence 1964 Nov. 11 (49 p) (49 p)
Signed
- Manuscript box Tribute to Blaise Cendrars. Typescript of essay with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Signed with initials. Came with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Oversize (+) Tropic of Capicorn. Typescript (carbon), with the author's ms. Corrections 1936 June - 1938 Sept (426 p) (426 p)
Signed. Published, Paris: Obelisk press, 1939
- Manuscript box What we could use. Typescript (carbon) of solicitation n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With his: 121 ALS, 36 TLS, 84 postcards, 4 telegrams, 7 letters to Frances Steloff. 1936-1969. Folder 25. Enclosed in letter of June 25, 1944
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Works by Henry Miller. Typescript (carbon) of list of published and forthcoming books by Henry Miller with the author's ms. note n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscripts & Typescripts relating to Miller
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Cendrars, Blaise. Portrait authentique du General Johann Auguste Suter. Holograph note to Henry Miller written at bottom of colored wood-engraving of John Augustus Sutter n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. With publisher's announcements (4) relating to Cendrars. Came with the Gotham book mart archive
- Manuscript box (Gotham) In: Gotham book mart, New York. We moderns. Folder 39 Laughlin, James. Henry Miller. Typescript of contribution to We Moderns, with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. With Gotham Book Mart's TL, signed Kay Steele, and 6 TL (carbons) to Laughlin, Sept. 5, 1939-April [1940?] TL of Sept. 21, 1939 includes Laughlin's ms. replies to questions. Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog, no. 42, New York, 1940

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Abramson [et al.], Ben. TL (mimeograph copy) to 1944? Apr. 9 (2 p) (2 p)
With his: 121 ALS, 36 TLS, 84 postcards, 4 telegrams, 7 letters to Frances Steloff. 1936-1969. Folder 24
- Manuscript box Boyle, Kay. 3 ALS, 2 TLS to 1977 Mar. 14 - 1978 Aug. 20 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Crews, Judson C. TL (mimeograph copy) to 1944 May 19 (2 p) (2 p)
With his: 121 ALS, 36 TLS, 84 postcards, 4 telegrams, 7 letters to Frances Steloff. 1936-1969. Folder 25
- Manuscript box Dobo, Frank. 51 ALS, 18 TLS, 24 postcards, 1 letter to. Supplied dates by Frank Dobo [1932] - 1972 (94 letters in 20 folders) (94 letters in 20 folders)
With TL (carbon) reply, Feb. 4, 1955. 1 p. letter of April 29, 1956 written by Connie Shepard as secretary to Miller; 2 letters to Dobo from misc. correspondents relating to Miller; 3 photos of Miller; 8 misc. pieces; etc.
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Goldberg, Samuel S. TLS to. Relates to the publication of his Into the night life 1947 Apr. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Goodman, Ralph S. ALS to 1948 Apr. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
With envelope
- Manuscript box Halmai, Beatrice. TLS to 1972 Feb. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Herschkowitz, Harry. Postcard to 1943 Nov. 13 (1 card) (1 card)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Jenkins, John H. 2 postcards to. Card of Sept. 22, 1972 is photograph, "Henry Miller at age three and a half"; undated card is reproduction of Miller's watercolor, "Fantasy." 1972 Sept. 22, [n.d (2 cards) (2 cards)
Came with his Tropic of Capricorn. Typescript (carbon)
- Manuscript box Kazin, Alfred. 2 TLS to n.d.]; [n.y.] Nov. 17 (1 p.; 3 p) (1 p.; 3 p)
- Manuscript box Norse, Harold. ALS, TLS, TLS (incomplete) to n.d. (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Plummer, Honey Briggs. Christmas card to. "Merry Xmas" written on a photographic reproduction of a self-portrait by Miller n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Steloff, Frances. 123 ALS, 36 TLS, 22 ANS, 84 postcards, 4 telegrams, 7 letters to 1936 Feb. 26 - 1977 Dec. 29 (276 letters in 62 folders) (276 letters in 62 folders)
With 75 TL (carbon) replies; 7 ALS, 1 postcard from Lepiska Miller and 1 ALS from Eve Miller to Frances Steloff; 1 photo of Miller; also 14 account statements from the Gotham book mart and 29 misc. pieces
- Manuscript box Van Vechten, Carl. AN in the third person to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
On p. 1 of prospectus for The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, translated by Swami Nikhilananda; foreword by Aldous Huxley, New York, 1942
- Manuscript box Witt-Diamant, Ruth. 3 ALS to. Letter of June 28, 1948, relates to Stephen Spender 1948 June 28 - [1954 Oct. 5 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Eliot, Thomas Stearns. TLS to Miller 1939 Apr. 5 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Miller 1939 - 1940 (3 letters) (3 letters)
- Cased Nin, Anaïs. ALS to Miller n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Gotham) Breuer, Bessie. 10 TLS, 5 TL, 2 ALS to Frances Steloff. Several letters relate to Henry Miller 1939 May 15 - 1965 Feb. 9 (17 letters in 3 folders) (17 letters in 3 folders)
With 9 TL (carbon) replies
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Cairns, Huntington. 4 TLS, 2 TNS to Frances Steloff 1941 Jan. 23 - 1963 Mar. 18 (6 letters in 2 folders) (6 letters in 2 folders)
With TL (carbon) reply, Oct. 9, 1956, 1 p.; also TL (carbon) to Cairns from an unidentified correspondent, 1 p., relating to Henry Miller
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Henry Miller literary society, The. 5 ALS, 2 ANS to Frances Steloff. Relate to Henry Miller 1960 Feb. 1 - 1964 Oct. 11 (7 letters) (7 letters)
With 3 TL (carbon) replies; also 3 misc. pieces
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Frances Steloff relating to Henry Miller. Some letters relate to Miller's Tropic of Cancer 1939 - 1969 (17 letters) (17 letters)
Includes TL (carbon) replies
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Letters, ALS, TLS, invoices, etc. from various correspondents, not listed separately, to Frances Steloff as importer of books by Henry Miller from Paris 1935 - 1941 (68 letters) (68 letters)
- Manuscript box (Gotham) MacLeish, Archibald. 2 TLS to Frances Steloff. Relate to Henry Miller 1939 Oct. 23, 1939 Nov. 20 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With 1 envelope; with 3 TL (carbon) replies
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Porter, Bernard H. Postcard to Frances Steloff. Relates to Henry Miller 1944 July 23 (1 card) (1 card)

Financial Documents

Financial Documents (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Gotham) Receipts, etc. relating to business transactions of Henry Miller with the Gotham book mart 1938 - 1945 (58 items) (58 items)
Came with the Gotham Book Mart archive

Portraits

- Manuscript box (Gotham) Photographs (6) of Henry Miller and members of his family 1936 - 1954 (6 items) (6 items)
- Manuscript box Three photographs of [Henry] Miller n.d. (3 items) (3 items)
With: 51 ALS, 18 TLS, 24 postcards, 1 letter to Frank Dobo. [1932/33]-Nov. 23, 1972. 20 folders
- Manuscript box "Henry Miller at age three and a half" Photograph used as postcard 1972
Sept. 22 (1 item) (1 item)
With: undated postcard of reproduction of Miller's watercolor, "Fantasy"; Came with his Tropic of Capricorn. Typescript (carbon)
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Photographic reproduction of a self-portrait by Miller used as a Christmas card to Honey Briggs Plummer n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Gotham) Photograph of Henry Miller n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
With: 123 ALS, 36 TLS, 22 ANS, 84 postcards, 4 telegrams, 7 letters to Frances Steloff. Feb. 26, 1936-Dec. 29, 1977. 62 folders