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.

Access:  Restricted access.

Conditions Governing Use:  For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.


Processing note:  Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

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 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, Anais 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
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965
Jenkins, John Holmes
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
Nin, Anais, 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
   Jan. 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box (Gotham)
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:
   Gotham book mart, New York,
   We moderns.
   Folder 44
   [Michael Fraenkel] Typescript of contribution to We moderns n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
   Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940

Manuscript box

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
   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
Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)
Manuscripts & Typescripts written by Miller (cont.)

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)

Oversize (+)
Remember to remember. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d.
(114 p) (114 p)

Manuscript box
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 (+)
Signed. Published, Paris: Obelisk press, 1939

Manuscript box
What we could use. Typescript (carbon) of solicitation n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
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
Signed. With publisher's announcements (4) relating to Cendrars. Came with the Gotham book mart archive

Manuscript box
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
### Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

**Manuscript box** Abramson [et al.], Ben. TL (mimeograph copy) to 1947 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)

**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 Lepska 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)

**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
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Correspondence (cont.)
Related Correspondence (cont.)

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)
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
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 (Gotham)
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 (Gotham)
"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)