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Location 1-1-1

Title MILLER, Mary Britton. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates ca.1947-74

Date of receipt 1975

Received from Harry Smith

Volume on arrival 1 shopping bag

Number of boxes (after reboxing)

Condition Good

Restrictions

Description Mary Britton Miller, whose nom de plume as a novelist was Isabel Bolton, was born in New London, Connecticut on August 6, 1883 (along with a twin sister, Grace). She was the daughter of a wealthy lawyer, Charles P. Miller of New York, and Grace Rumrill of Springfield, Massachusetts. Her parents died in 1887 and until 1897 she and her sister were raised by grandparents and other relatives. In 1897 her sister was drowned and Mary was left with no immediate family. She studied at a boarding school in Cambridge, Massachusetts and traveled in Europe. She lived in New York City for most of her adult life and at one time was a volunteer social worker in Greenwich Village where she also lived. She began her writing career as a poet, her first book of poetry being Songs of Infancy. Her career as a novelist did not begin until after her sixtieth birthday. She wrote five novels and a book-length memoirs. Her novels were IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH (1943), DO I WAKE OR SLEEP (1946), CHRISTMAS TREE (1949), MANY MANSIONS (1952), and UNDER GEMINI (1966), the last an acclaimed novel about life as a twin. Miller never married. She died on April 5, 1975.

These papers include incoming correspondence, of which there are letters from Babette Deutsch, Edmund Wilson and an artist visiting Peruvian cities, hinterland and jungle; legal papers concerning contracts and royalty statements; writings --including poetry, short story and novel typescripts--<sup>and reviews</sup> and poems of other poets; and a photograph of an untitled sculpture.

- Container 1 Correspondence, legal papers, typescripts of novels, and reviews.  
2 Writings (poetry, short stories) of Miller, poems of other poets, and photograph.

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
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 Other (list) Copyright certificate and galley-proofs

Temporary catalog card added entries: AUTHORS, AMERICAN \* 20th Cent.; AUTHORS & PUBLISHERS; BOLTON, ISABEL; CONTRACTS; INDIANS, SOUTH AMERICAN; NEW YORK CITY; PERU; POETRY - COLLECTIONS; POETRY, MODERN - 20th Cent.; ROYALTY STATEMENTS; WOMEN AUTHORS; WOMEN NOVELIST; WOMEN POETS. Also, names of correspondents above and titles of works (under Miller, Songs of Infancy, and novels as above), LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS.

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Genna Rae McNeil

Date December 29, 1982