

PATSY RUTH MILLER PAPERS

PAPERS, 1922 - 1986
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The Billy Rose Theatre Collection
The New York Public Library
At Lincoln Center

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INTRODUCTION

The Patsy Ruth Miller Papers were donated to The Billy Rose Theatre Collection, The New York Public Library, August 1989, by Jeffrey L. Carrier, who has written articles about Miss Miller and worked with her on her autobiography.

The material arrived in good condition but in no particular order. It has been arranged alphabetically within individual series.

BIOGRAPHY

Patsy Ruth Miller was born in 1905 in St. Louis, Missouri. She was educated at the Convent of Visitation and St. Mary's Institute in St. Louis. While on vacation in Hollywood with her parents, Miss Miller was introduced to several people in the film industry and decided to pursue a film career. From 1920 to 1932 she appeared in over 70 films. In 1933 she retired from performing in films and began a writing career. Miss Miller wrote plays, short stories and screenplays. In 1939 she wrote a novel with a Hollywood background. Her recent autobiography, "My Hollywood, When Both Of Us Were Young" has revived interest in her career. It was published in 1988.

Patsy Ruth Miller married Tay Garnett 1929-1933, John Lee Mabin 1937-194[?], Effingham S. Deans 1951-(died) 1986.

Miss Miller's brother Winston Miller wrote many screenplays in the 1940's and 1950's and then became a producer - writer for television in the 1960's.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Patsy Ruth Miller Papers document Miss Miller's career as a writer after she retired from the screen. The papers are arranged in three series:

- I. Correspondence, 1926 - 1983
(7 folders) Arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject. Includes personal correspondence, business correspondence and fan mail. The business correspondence covers the time she wrote short stories and her novel. The personal correspondence includes letters from her brother, Winston Miller.
- II. General Papers, 1928 - 1974
(3 folders) Arranged alphabetically by subject. Includes a travel diary, a draft of her autobiography and notes on the biography of Lila Lee.
- III. Photographs, 1922 - 1986
(1 folder) Arranged chronologically. Includes personal and professional photographs of Patsy Ruth Miller.

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Folder List

SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1926 - 1983

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ	1	DUNNE, FINLEY PETER - Personal Correspondence	2/26/28-3/26/28
+	2	FAN MAIL	1930-1983
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28,395	3	JESSEL, GEORGE - Personal Correspondence	1926-1927
	4	MILLER, WINSTON - Personal Correspondence	1956-1975
	5	WILLIAM MORROW & CO., INC. - Business Correspondence	2/10/38-11/27/40
	6	POLITICAL	n.d.
	7	VANITY FAIR - Business Correspondence	3/2/34-11/7/34
	7A	Correspondence C - S	1927-1938

SERIES II: GENERAL PAPERS, 1928 - 1974

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ	8	AUTOBIOGRAPHY - Draft	1974
+	9	DIARY - Trip Abroad	1928
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28,395	10	LEE, LILA - Biography Notes	n.d.
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SERIES III: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1922 - 1986

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ	11	MILLER, PATSY RUTH	1922-1986
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