Collection Summary
Title: Ayn Rand Papers
Span Dates: 1933-1976
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1933-1959)
ID No.: MSS81073
Creator: Rand, Ayn
Extent: 220 items
Extent: 31 containers
Extent: 12.8 linear feet
Extent: 19 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm95081073
Summary: Author and philosopher. Drafts, galleys, and proofs of her four novels; handwritten essays; and miscellaneous items.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Rand, Ayn, Objectivist.
Rand, Ayn.
Rand, Ayn. Fountainhead. 1943.
Rand, Ayn. We the Living. 1936.

Organizations
United States. Supreme Court.

Subjects
Economics.
Inflation (Finance)
Objectivism (Philosophy)

Occupations
Authors.
Philosophers.

Provenance
The papers of Ayn Rand, author and philosopher, were received by the Library of Congress from Leonard Peikoff in 1991-1992 and 2002. Also in the collection is a letter given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Laurie in 1965. An addition was given by Stuart Rose in 2003.

Processing History
The papers of Ayn Rand were arranged and described in 1995. The register was revised in 2000 and in 2002. An addition was processed and the register revised in 2003.
Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Ayn Rand in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is controlled by Leonard Peikoff.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Ayn Rand are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers in the Manuscript Division is available on nineteen reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Ayn Rand Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1905, Feb. 2</td>
<td>Born, Alisa Rosenbaum, St. Petersburg, Russia</td>
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<td>1924</td>
<td>Graduated, University of Leningrad, Leningrad, USSR</td>
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<td>1926</td>
<td>Immigrated to the United States; adopted name Ayn Rand</td>
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<td>1929</td>
<td>Married Frank O'Connor, legal name Alice O'Connor</td>
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<td>1931</td>
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<td>1932-1934</td>
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<td>1962-1971</td>
<td>Editor, <em>The Objectivist Newsletter</em>, continued by <em>The Objectivist</em></td>
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<td>1965</td>
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<td>1982, Mar. 8</td>
<td>Died, New York, N.Y.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ayn Rand (1905-1982) span the years circa 1933 to 1976, with the bulk of the material dating from the 1930s to the 1950s. The papers are largely comprised of manuscripts of her four novels and include drafts, galleys, and proofs. The first drafts of all four novels are handwritten and the second drafts are typescripts. The first drafts for three of the novels bear earlier titles: *Anthem* was titled *Ego*, *Atlas Shrugged* was *The Strike*, and *We The Living* was *Airtight*.

A "Miscellany" series includes typescripts, published newsletters, administrative material from the *Ayn Rand Letter*, galleys from *The Objectivist*, and two photographs.

After their receipt in 2002, originals of the first and last page of the first draft of *The Fountainhead* replaced the copies of those pages that previously were with the manuscript of this novel in the collection.

An Addition to the collection contains handwritten essays written for *The Ayn Rand Letter* between 1971 and 1974 on subjects such as the Watergate affair, the Supreme Court, economics, and inflation.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in three series:

- **Novels, circa 1933-circa 1968**
- **Miscellany, 1970-1976**
- **Addition, 1971-1974**
## Description of Series

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| BOX 29 REEL 19 | **Miscellany, 1970-1976**  
Typescripts, newsletters, galleys, and administrative materials from *Ayn Rand Letter* and *The Objectivist*, two photographs, and one letter.  
Arranged alphabetically. |
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Arranged chronologically. |
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