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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.

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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. Anthem. 1938.

Rand, Ayn. Atlas Shrugged. 1957.

Rand, Ayn. Ayn Rand Letter.

Rand, Ayn. Fountainhead. 1943.

Rand, Ayn. We the Living. 1936.

Organizations

United States. Supreme Court.

Subjects

Economics.

Inflation (Finance)

Objectivism (Philosophy)

Watergate Affair, 1972-1974.

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Copyright in the unpublished writings of Ayn Rand in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is controlled by Leonard Peikoff.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

Date	Event
1905, Feb. 2	Born, Alisa Rosenbaum, St. Petersburg, Russia
1924	Graduated, University of Leningrad, Leningrad, USSR
1926	Immigrated to the United States; adopted name Ayn Rand
1929	Married Frank O'Connor, legal name Alice O'Connor
1931	Became American citizen
1932-1934	Screenwriter
1934	<i>Night of January 16th</i> (play), produced on Broadway
1936	Published novel, <i>We the Living</i> . New York: Macmillan
1938	Published novel, <i>Anthem</i> . London: Cassell
1940	<i>The Unconquered</i> (play), produced on Broadway
1943	Published novel, <i>The Fountainhead</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill
1944-1949	Screenwriter
1957	Published novel, <i>Atlas Shrugged</i> . New York: Random House
1961	Published <i>For the New Intellectual: the Philosophy of Ayn Rand</i> . New York: Random House
1962-1971	Editor, <i>The Objectivist Newsletter</i> , continued by <i>The Objectivist</i>
1965	Published <i>The Virtue of Selfishness</i> . New York: New American Library
1966	Published <i>Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal</i> . New York: New American Library
1967	Published <i>Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology</i> . New York: Objectivist, Inc.
1969	Published <i>The Romantic Manifesto: A Philosophy of Literature</i> . New York: World Publishing Co.
1971	Published <i>The New Left: The Anti-Industrial Revolution</i> . New American Library
1971-1976	Editor, <i>The Ayn Rand Letter</i>
1982	Published <i>Philosophy, Who Needs It</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill
1982, Mar. 8	Died, New York, N. Y.

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

Container	Series
BOX 1-28 REEL 1-18	<p><u>Novels, circa 1933-circa 1968</u></p> <p>Drafts, galleys, and proofs of her four novels. Arranged alphabetically by title.</p>
BOX 29 REEL 19	<p><u>Miscellany, 1970-1976</u></p> <p>Typescripts, newsletters, galleys, and administrative materials from <i>Ayn Rand Letter</i> and <i>The Objectivist</i>, two photographs, and one letter. Arranged alphabetically.</p>
BOX 30-31 not filmed	<p><u>Addition, 1971-1974</u></p> <p>Handwritten drafts of essays written for <i>The Ayn Rand Letter</i>. Arranged chronologically.</p>

Container List

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Container	Contents
BOX 1-28 REEL 1-18	Novels, circa 1933-circa 1968 Drafts, galleys, and proofs of her four novels. Arranged alphabetically by title.
BOX 1 REEL 1	<i>Anthem</i> Contract, 1937 Cover art, undated Drafts First, circa 1937 Second, undated Galley, 1946 Radio script, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	<i>Atlas Shrugged</i> Author's proofs, 1957 First Part 1 (2 folders) Part 2 (2 folders) Part 3 Chapters 1-5 Chapters 6-10
BOX 3 REEL 1-2	Second Part 1 (2 folders) Part 2 Chapters 1-5 Chapters 6-10
BOX 4 REEL 2	Part 3, 1957 (3 folders)
BOX 5 REEL 2-3	Drafts First Part 1 Chapters 1-7a, 1946-1947, undated (9 folders)
BOX 6 REEL 3-4	Chapters 7b-11, 1947-1949 (9 folders)
BOX 7 REEL 4	Part 2 Chapters 12-15, 1949-1950 (10 folders)

Novels, circa 1933-circa 1968

Container	Contents
BOX 8 REEL 4-5	Chapters 16-19, 1950 (9 folders)
BOX 9 REEL 5-6	Chapter 20, 1950 (3 folders)
	Part 3
	Chapters 1-2, 1951-1952 (9 folders)
BOX 10 REEL 6-7	Chapters 3-6a, 1952-1953 (13 folders)
BOX 11 REEL 7-8	Chapters 6b-10, 1953-1957 (12 folders)
BOX 12 REEL 8	Second (incomplete), undated
	Part 1
	Chapters 1-12 (11 folders)
BOX 13 REEL 8-9	Chapters 13-20 (8 folders)
	Part 2
	Chapters 1-2 (2 folders)
BOX 14 REEL 9-10	Chapters 3-9 (7 folders)
	Third, undated
	Part 1
	Chapters 1-4 (3 folders)
BOX 15 REEL 10-11	Chapters 5-10 (6 folders)
	Part 2
	Chapters 1-6 (6 folders)
BOX 16 REEL 11	Chapters 7-10 (3 folders)
	Part 3
	Chapters 1-8 (8 folders)
BOX 17 REEL 12	Chapters 9-10
	Galley, undated
	Part 1 (2 folders)
	Part 2 (2 folders)
	Part 3 (2 folders)
	Miscellany, 1957-circa 1967, undated
BOX 18 REEL 12-13	<i>Fountainhead</i> Drafts First

Novels, circa 1933-circa 1968

Container

Contents

	Part 1, 1938, undated (10 folders) Page 1 not available on the microfilm edition
	Part 2 Chapters 1-7, 1939-1941 (3 folders)
BOX 19 REEL 13	Chapters 8-14, 1941-1942 (4 folders)
	Part 3, 1942 (5 folders)
	Part 4 Chapters 1-8, 1942 (4 folders)
BOX 20 REEL 14	Chapters 9-20, 1942 (6 folders)
BOX 21 REEL 14-15	Second (incomplete), undated Part 2, chapters 7-15 (2 folders) Part 3 (2 folders) Part 4 (3 folders)
	Third, undated Part 1 Chapters 1-14 (4 folders)
BOX 22 REEL 15-16	Chapter 15 Part 2 (4 folders) Part 3 (3 folders) Part 4 (4 folders)
	Retyped sheets, undated
BOX 23 REEL 16	Galleys First, 1943 (7 folders)
BOX 24 REEL 16	Second, 1943 (7 folders)
BOX 25 REEL 16-17	Third galley, circa 1968 (7 folders)
BOX 26 REEL 17	<i>We The Living</i> Drafts First, circa 1933 Part 1 (9 folders) Part 2

Novels, circa 1933-circa 1968

Container	Contents
	Chapters 1-6 (3 folders)
BOX 27 REEL 18	Chapters 7-17 (6 folders)
	Loose pages
BOX 28 REEL 18	Second, undated (9 folders)
BOX 29 REEL 19	Miscellany, 1970-1976 Typescripts, newsletters, galleys, and administrative materials from <i>Ayn Rand Letter</i> and <i>The Objectivist</i> , two photographs, and one letter. Arranged alphabetically.
BOX 29 REEL 19	<i>The Ayn Rand Letter</i> Administrative material, 1971-1976, undated Typescripts and publications, 1971-1976 (6 folders) Linn, June B., letter to, 1965 <i>The Objectivist</i> galleys, 1970-1971 Photographs, undated
BOX 30-31 not filmed	Addition, 1971-1974 Handwritten drafts of essays written for <i>The Ayn Rand Letter</i> . Arranged chronologically.
BOX 30	Essays, <i>The Ayn Rand Letter</i> Index, n.d. 1971, Sept.-1973, Feb. (10 folders)
BOX 31	1973, Mar.-1974, Dec. (11 folders)