Collection Summary
Title: James M. Cain Papers
Span Dates: 1901-2004
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1925-1978)
ID No.: MSS47399
Creator: Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977
Extent: 32,000 items
Extent: 103 containers
Extent: 41.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm73047399
Summary: Author, journalist, and screenwriter. Correspondence, writings, legal and financial records, family papers, printed matter, and other papers relating primarily to Cain's work as a journalist and to his career as a novelist and Hollywood screenwriter.

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
Angoff, Charles, 1902-1979--Correspondence.
Arlen, Michael, 1895-1956.
Bergman, B. A.--Correspondence.
Boddy, E. Manchester (Elias Manchester)--Correspondence.
Cain, Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka. Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka Cain papers.
Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977.
Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977. Past all dishonor. 1946.
Cairns, Huntington, 1904-1985--Correspondence.
Chandler, Raymond, 1888-1959--Correspondence.
Crawford, Joan, 1908-1977--Correspondence.
Cummings, Constance, 1910- --Correspondence.
Farrell, James T. (James Thomas), 1904-1979--Correspondence.
Faulkner, William, 1897-1962.
Fitzgerald, F. Scott (Francis Scott), 1896-1940.
Gibbs, Wolcott, 1902-1958--Correspondence.
Goetz, Ruth--Correspondence.
Griffith, La Nora--Correspondence.
Hornblow, Arthur, Jr., 1893-1976--Correspondence.
Hume, Paul, 1915-2001--Correspondence.
Kahn, E. J. (Ely Jacques), 1916-1994--Correspondence.
Knopf, Alfred A., 1892-1984--Correspondence.
Knopf, Blanche W., 1894-1966--Correspondence.
Krock, Arthur, 1886- --Correspondence.
Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951.
Lippmann, Walter, 1889-1974--Correspondence.
Madden, David, 1933- --Correspondence.
Malcolm, Gilbert, 1892-1965--Correspondence.
Markey, Morris, 1899-1950--Correspondence.
McWilliams, Carey, 1905-1980--Correspondence.
Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956--Correspondence.
Nathan, Robert, 1894-1985--Correspondence.
Nevins, Allan, 1890-1971--Correspondence.
ÓFaoláin, Seán, 1900-1991--Correspondence.
Oates, Joyce Carol, 1938--Correspondence.
Owens, Hamilton, 1888-1967--Correspondence.
Piper, Alice M. Alice M. Piper papers.
Raphaelson, Dorothy Wegman--Correspondence.
Sammons, Wheeler, 1889-1956--Correspondence.
Sinclair, Robert B., 1905-1970--Correspondence.
Stallings, Laurence, 1894-1968--Correspondence.
Stanwyck, Barbara, 1907-1990--Correspondence.
Swope, Herbert Bayard, 1882-1958--Correspondence.
Vidal, Gore, 1925-2012--Correspondence.
West, Rebecca, 1892-1983--Correspondence.
White, E. B. (Elwyn Brooks), 1899-1985--Correspondence.
White, Katharine Sergeant Angell--Correspondence.
Wilson, Edmund, 1895-1972--Correspondence.
Wolfe, Tom--Correspondence.

**Organizations**
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.--Correspondence.
H.N. Swanson, Inc.--Correspondence.
Harold Ober Associates--Correspondence.
Washington College (Chestertown, Md.)

**Subjects**
American literature.
American newspapers--New York (State)--New York.
American periodicals.
Authors--Societies, etc.
Authorship.
Censorship.
Motion picture plays, American.
Obscenity (Law)
Universities and colleges--Maryland--Chestertown.

**Titles**
*American mercury (New York, N.Y. : 1924)*
*World (New York, N.Y. : 1860-1931)*

**Occupations**
Authors.
Journalists.
Screenwriters.
Provenance

The papers of James M. Cain, author, journalist, and screenwriter, were given to the Library of Congress by Cain and his literary executor, Alice M. Piper, between 1966 and 2002. An addition was given by Bruce Howard and I. Michael Schulman in 1983, and other additions were given by Sonia Faletti, Paul Kilroy, Tim Ormsby, and Lamonta Pierson between 2000 and 2011. Material was also purchased between 1983 and 2004.

Processing History

The collection was arranged and described in 1977 and expanded between 1982 and 2013. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

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Transfers

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Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, James M. Cain Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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1919 Editor-in-chief, *Lorraine Cross*, official newspaper of the Seventy-ninth Division, American Expeditionary Forces
Published with Gilbert Malcolm a history of Headquarters Troop, 79th Division, American Expeditionary Forces
1920 Married Mary Rebekah Clough (divorced 1923)
1923-1924 Professor of journalism, St. John's College, Annapolis, Md.
1924-1931 Editorial writer, *New York World*
1927 Married Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka (divorced 1942)
1930 Published *Our Government*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, a collection of satirical essays that first appeared in the *American Mercury*
1931 Managing editor, *New Yorker*
Moved to Hollywood, Calif.
1931-1948 Magazine writer, syndicated columnist, and scriptwriter for motion picture studios
1934 Published *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1936 Began "Double Indemnity" (published in book form in 1943) as serial in *Liberty*
1937 Published *Serenade*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1941 Published *Mildred Pierce*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1944 Married Aileen Pringle (divorced 1947)
1946 Published *Past All Dishonor*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1947 Married Florence Macbeth (died 1966)
1948 Moved to Hyattsville, Md.
Published *The Moth*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1953 Published *Galatea*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1976 Published *The Institute*. New York: Mason/Charter
1977, Oct. 27 Died, Hyattsville, Md.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of James Mallahan Cain (1892-1977) span the years 1901-2004, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1925-1978. The collection is divided into Parts A, B, and C and includes three small portions, Parts D, E, and F, added in 1993, 1995, and 2013. Parts A and B contain six series each: Family Papers, General Correspondence, Writings, Financial Records, Legal File, and Miscellany. The first two parts are closely related and overlap chronologically. For example, a copy of a Cain letter might be in Part A, while the original of the reply is located in Part B. For the convenience of readers using Part B, therefore, the organization of the two parts is the same. Parts C through F were separate additions to the collection and consist chiefly of correspondence, financial and legal records, and writings that supplement Parts A and B of the collection. Part F also includes correspondence and other papers of Cain's literary executor, Alice M. Piper, documenting her endeavors in that capacity.

Best known today for his hard-bitten "tough guy" novels, Cain was already past forty when he published his first novel, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (1934). It was an instant best-seller. Before that he had trained as an opera singer, but failing, as he said, to make the grade, he drifted briefly into the insurance business, tried several years of college teaching, and then became a journalist in 1919. In Baltimore, where he worked for two city dailies and wrote occasional pieces for the *American Mercury*, Cain met H. L. Mencken. Though sparse for Cain's early years, the letters in the Family Papers and General Correspondence series give valuable information about most aspects of his entry into journalism. The earliest exchange with Mencken in the collection is dated 1930, but the previous decade is represented by the numerous reminiscences that Cain furnished to scholars, friends, and literary acquaintances.

Also in the papers is retrospective evidence of the six years, 1924-1931, Cain spent as editor of the *New York World*. Especially significant is his post-1930s correspondence with and about Walter Lippmann, Arthur Krock, B. A. Bergman, and Herbert Bayard Swope. The paper folded in 1929, and after ten unhappy months as editorial helpmate ("26th Jesus," he
called it) at Harold Ross's New Yorker, Cain left for Hollywood. Writing screenplays, his appointed task, soon disillusioned him, but the salaries were generous and in Southern California he found the time and material to complete his novels. Included in the Writings series are early holographs, typescripts, proofs, and other manuscripts of Cain's many novels, shorter fiction, film scripts, stage plays, and numerous nonfiction pieces. Among the more significant manuscripts are those of his unfinished autobiography and the various drafts of Postman, Past All Dishonor, Mignon, and The Institute.

The richest part of the collection is the General Correspondence series. The letters are longer and more numerous after 1948, when Cain was married to former opera singer Florence Macbeth and moved to Hyattsville, Maryland. Among the correspondents are Charles Angoff, E. Manchester Boddy, Joan Crawford, Ruth Goetz, Allan Nevins, Seán O'Faoláin, Samson Raphaelson and Dorshka (Dorothy Wegman) Raphaelson, Edward G. Robinson, Laurence Stallings, Barbara Stanwyck, Rebecca West, and Katharine Sergeant Angell White and E. B. White. In later years, Cain wrote frequently about the giants of literature he had met -- Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, Sinclair Lewis, and Michael Arlen. Among a younger generation of writers with whom he corresponded were Tom Wolfe (a Cain revivalist), David Madden, Gore Vidal, and Joyce Carol Oates. Also in the collection are the letters of Huntington Cairns, Raymond Chandler, James T. Farrell, Wolcott Gibbs, La Nora Griffith, Arthur Hornblow (1893-1976), Paul Hume, E. J. Kahn, Constance Cummings Levy, Carey McWilliams, Gilbert Malcolm, Morris Markey, Hamilton Owens, Wheeler Sammons, Robert B. Sinclair, and Edmund Wilson.

Another topic reflected in these papers is the business aspect of Cain's more than four decades in the writing trade, as documented in income tax records, royalty statements, and correspondence with publishing concerns and agents such as Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., H. N. Swanson, Inc., and Harold Ober Associates. The correspondence with Knopf (both Alfred and Blanche) is personal as well as professional, chronicling Cain's progress as a writer. In the 1940s he led a controversial fight to protect authors' rights and earnings through a centralized authority that would represent writers in the courts, in contract negotiations, and in congressional legislation. Information on this effort is located throughout the General Correspondence. In the Legal File are documents regarding a law suit against Cain for alleged plagiarism, a case he won, and some material pertaining to obscenity cases that plagued him and other writers of the 1930s and 1940s.

Cain was married four times. There is a substantial amount of correspondence with his second and third wives, Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka and Aileen Pringle, a silent-screen star, but the largest portion of the family papers concerns his fourth wife Florence Macbeth's singing career and the personal and financial papers from her previous marriage. Another topic of importance is Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, where Cain studied and taught and where his father, James William Cain, was president. The elder Cain wrote an unpublished manuscript on the financial history of the United States that his son donated to the Library of Congress as a separate collection.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is composed of sixteen series arranged in six parts:

Part A:
- Family Papers, 1927-1953
- General Correspondence, 1925-1960
- Writings File, circa 1925-1977
- Financial Records, 1934-1960
- Legal File, 1946-1947
- Miscellany, circa 1930-circa 1960

Part B:
- Family Papers, 1901-1977
- General Correspondence, 1920-1978
- Writings File, circa 1925-1977
- Financial Records, 1933-1977
- Legal File, 1933-1977
- Miscellany, circa 1920-1977

Part C:
- Unpublished Writings, circa 1940-1977
Part D:
  • Writings, 1948

Part E:
  • Writings, 1942-1956

Part F:
  • 2013 Addition, 1915-2004
## Description of Series

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<td>Holographs, typescripts, proofs, and other manuscripts of novels, plays, film scripts, short fiction, and nonfiction writings. Arranged according to type of writing and alphabetically by title therein. If known, the published title precedes the working title(s) Cain used. Also includes miscellaneous research material and some printed copies of Cain's shorter works, especially newspaper columns.</td>
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"outsheets," or discarded pages and miscellaneous material such as research notes, interviews, and story ideas.

**Part B: Financial Records, 1933-1977**
Correspondence, bills, receipts, card files of income tax data, and related matter.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

**Part B: Legal File, 1933-1977**
Correspondence, legal briefs, contracts, leases, will and testament, divorce judgments, and miscellaneous material.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**Part B: Miscellany, circa 1920-1977**
Address cards, documents and certificates, medical data, Christmas gift lists, clippings, and miscellaneous printed and near-print matter.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**Part C: Unpublished Writings, circa 1940-1977**
Holographs and typescripts of Cain's unpublished autobiography, a holograph of an article on H. L. Mencken titled "Mr. M," and various holographs and typescripts of unpublished novels.
Arranged according to category of writing and alphabetically by title therein.

**Part D: Writings, 1948**
Typescript drafts of articles and a memorandum concerning *Our Government*.
Arranged alphabetically by title of writing.

**Part E: Writings, 1942-1956**
Typescripts, carbons of typescripts, and a tear sheet of articles, film-scripts, and other writings by Cain and by Henry Myers.
Arranged alphabetically by name of author and therein by title.

**Part F: 2013 Addition, 1915-2004**
Correspondence, family papers, writings (including holographs, typescripts, proofs, and printed versions), contracts; divorce papers, wills, biographical material, bank statements and other financial documents, calling cards, passports, playing cards, an address book, clippings, and printed matter.
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           | Holmes, Henrietta and Judson, 1944  
           | McComas, Rosalie Cain (sister), 1934-1949, undated  
           | Sjöstedt, Sofia, 1939-1943 (mother of second wife)  
           | Subject file,  
           | Cain, James William (father), memoir by James M. Cain, undated |
| BOX 1-6   | **Part A: General Correspondence, 1925-1960**  
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           | *American Mercury*, 1945-1952  
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### Part A: Writings File, circa 1925-1977

Holographs, typescripts, proofs, and other manuscripts of novels, plays, film scripts, short fiction, and nonfiction writings. Arranged according to type of writing and alphabetically by title therein. If known, the published title precedes the working title(s) Cain used. Also includes miscellaneous research material and some printed copies of Cain's shorter works, especially newspaper columns.

| BOX 7 | Novels |
|       | *The Butterfly* (7 folders) |
|       | *Cloud Nine* ("The Purification") (1 folder) |

<p>| BOX 8 | <em>The Enchanted Isle</em> (&quot;The Mink Coat&quot;) |
|       | <em>Galatea</em> (&quot;The Slim Girl&quot;) (3 folders) |</p>
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| BOX 13    | (5 folders)  
|           | *Jealous Woman* (*"The Lady Waiting Upstairs," "The Modern Cinderella," and "Nevada Moon") (2 folders) |
| BOX 14    | (4 folders)  
|           | *Love's Lovely Counterfeit* (2 folders) |
| BOX 15    | (2 folders)  
|           | *The Magician's Wife* (*"Pagliaccio") (2 folders) |
|           | *Mignon* (*"The Silver Mountain" and "The Pie Rat") (4 folders) |
| BOX 16    | (6 folders)  
| BOX 17    | (5 folders)  
| BOX 18    | (9 folders)  
| BOX 19    | (8 folders)  
| BOX 20    | (4 folders)  
| BOX 21    | (5 folders)  
| BOX 22    | (2 folders)  
|           | *Past All Dishonor* (*"Pot of Gold") (6 folders) |
| BOX 23    | (3 folders)  
|           | *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (*"Bar-B-Q"*) |
|           | *Rainbow's End* (5 folders) |
| BOX 24    | (5 folders)  
|           | *Serenade* (*"Sombra y Sol") |
| BOX 25    | (2 folders)  
|           | *Sinful Woman* (*"At the Galloping Domino" and "Sierra Moon") |
|           | Unidentified fragment, pp. 387-396 |
|           | Plays |
|           | "Buggy Ride" |
|           | "Clouds Over the Continent" |
|           | "The Concertmaster" |
|           | "First Mortgage" |
|           | "40 Hommes, 8 Chevaux" |
|           | "The 49'ers" (6 folders) |
| BOX 26    | (3 folders)  
|           | "Give Me One Day" |
|           | "The Guest in 701" |
"Jubilee"
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"The Lifeline"
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"Lone-Star"
"Marble Halls"
(3 folders)
"Petting Party" (revised version by Orrie Lashin)
"The Postman Always Rings Twice"
(2 folders)
"7-11"
Unidentified play in German and English

Film scripts
"Algiers," Pepe le Moko"
(2 folders)
"Beachcomber"
"Build My Gallows High"
(1 folder)

BOX 28
(1 folder)
"Flame of Louisiana" ("Well of Enchantment"), by Drexel W. Truitt
"Golden Venus"
"The Glass Heart"
By Cain
By Marty Holland
"The Governor General"
"The Gypsy Wildcat"

BOX 29
"Hot Bus," with Herman Michelson
"I Know You," by Keith Frings, with breakdown by Cain
"Mister Sugar"
"Money and the Woman," by Robert Presnell, based on Liberty serial by Cain
"The Moon, Their Mistress"
"Pepe le Moko"
(2 folders)
"Serenade," by Elliot Paul, based on Cain's novel

BOX 30
"The Shanghai Gesture," from play by John Colton with the collaboration of Jules Furthman,
Karl Vollmoeller, and Geza Herczeg
"Ten Days of Heaven"
Undated version
1938 version
"The Victoria Docks at 8"
By Cain
By Rufus King, screen treatment by Robertson White
"Wings of the Dove," breakdown by Cain

Short fiction
"Badger Game"
"The Bishop's Hair Shirt"
"Boatride"
"Boogie-Woogie Hour"
"Breakfast at Bombo's"
"The Celebrity"
"Comeback"
"The Contralto"
"Diving Venus"
"Everything But the Truth" ("The Annapolitan")
"The Feud"
"Fruit Flies" ("The Foundation of Life")
"The Game of Skill"
"The Ghost"
"The Girl in the Storm" ("The Storm")
"Guns"
"Hip, Hip, the Hippo"
"Hit and Run"
"Hit, Run, and Repent"
"The Jinniwink"
"Joy Ride to Glory"
"The Minstrel Boy"
"Mistake in Identity"
"Mommy's a Barfly"
"Normal Indemnity"
"The Old Hag"
"Pastorale,"
"Pretty Puma"
"The Renumbered Page"
"Slave Girl"
"Spangles"
"The Star"
"Stick-Up"
"The Trumpeter"
"The Whale, the Cluck, and the Diving Venus"
Unidentified fragments

Nonfiction
Aphorisms written or collected by Cain
"Armageddon: 1952"
"Avis Rara"
"Bonds"

Book reviews
"Camera Obscura"
"The Champion Catch-as-Catch Can Plain and Fancy Word Doubter This Side of Kingdom Come" ("Will You Hold")
"Charles Laughton: A Reminiscence of a Revelation" ("Laughton")
"Christmas Past-'Silent Night 1918" ("The Christmas I Best Remember")
"Close Harmony"
"Coal Baron"
"The Critics"
"The Danger of Treason"
*For Men Only*, introduction
"The Gentle Side of W. C. Fields" ("Fields" and "Correction for the Record")
"The Girl in the Storm" ("The Storm")
"Give Clothes"
"The Holluschickle"
"How to Tell Good Art from Bad"
"I Punditti"
"Job No. 1"
Newspaper columns, 1929-33, undated
"O Say Can You Sing It" ("The Dawn's Early Light," "Our Anthem Is Singable," and "Our Anthem, Right or Wrong")
"Oh les Crepes-Suzettes" ("Les Crepes-Suzettes")
"Preface" (introduction to unidentified anthology of four Cain novels, circa 1940)
"The Raccoon Always Rings Twice" ("Trouble in Paradise, Or It Never Rains But It Pours")
"Remembrances of Kann's Past" ("Kann's: A Memoir")
"Re Sinclair Lewis"
Review of Civil War books
"Sabres and Armor"
"The Sour Note"
"Spaghetti"
"Spirits" ("How to Make a Mint Julep")
"That Which I Should Have Done I Did Not Do" ("Great Expectations of 1976")
"Them Ducks"
"Treason by Any Other Name" ("Treason: An Anachronism?")
"U.S.A.: Round Trip"
"Walter Lippmann Had Style" ("Walter Lippmann: A Memoir")
"What Price Chinchilla?"
"Where the Wild Things Are" ("The Wildlife Preserve")

**BOX 33**

Miscellaneous
Research note cards
Meat ("Magician's Wife")
Red River ("Mignon")

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**BOX 35-37**

Correspondence, bills, receipts, income tax data kept on card files, and other related matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

**BOX 35**

Correspondence and related matter
Bank of America
Bills and receipts
Dean Witter & Co.
Gang and Kopp, Attorneys at Law

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|           | Income tax  
|           | Watkins, David  
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|           | 1944-1952  
| BOX 37    | 1953-1960  
| BOX 38    | **Part A: Legal File, 1946-1947**  
|           | Case file material pertaining to an obscenity suit.  
| BOX 38    | Obscenity suit, Marcel Rodd case, 1946-1947  
|           | (2 folders)  
| BOX 38-43 | **Part A: Miscellany, circa 1930-circa 1960**  
|           | Awards, address cards, clippings, and miscellaneous printed and near-print matter and various mementos.  
|           | Arranged alphabetically by type of material.  
| BOX 38    | Awards and assorted notes, cards, lists, and related matter  
|           | Printed matter  
|           | Clippings  
|           | American Authors’ Authority  
|           | (3 folders)  
| BOX 39    | *The Butterfly*  
|           | (2 folders)  
|           | *Galatea*  
|           | *Mildred Pierce*  
|           | (3 folders)  
|           | *Past All Dishonor*  
|           | (1 folder)  
| BOX 40    | *The Postman Always Rings Twice*  
|           | (4 folders)  
| BOX 41    | *Serenade*  
|           | (4 folders)  
| BOX 42    | "7-11"  
|           | *Sinful Woman*  
| BOX 43    | Unidentified  
|           | (6 folders)  
| BOX 44-50 | **Part B: Family Papers, 1901-1977**  
|           | Correspondence and a small subject file.  
|           | The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of family member and chronologically therein. The subject file is arranged alphabetically by name of family member and thereunder by type of material, including manuscripts, address books, correspondence, notes, lists, questionnaires, research data, certificates, miscellaneous financial matter, legal
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  - Memories of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., by Ned Duval
- Macbeth, Florence
  - Address book and cards
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    - Correspondence, 1946-1950
    - Notes, lists, and miscellany
    - Questionnaires (2 folders)

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      New York Coliseum, Inc., 1932-1938
      Passports and immigration papers
      Royal Institute of British Architects, 1933-1941

BOX 50
   Starlight Amusement Park, 1939-1940
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   Miscellaneous
      Printed matter
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      Clippings
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      Scrapbook

BOX 51-63

Part B: General Correspondence, 1920-1978

Letters sent and received with related matter and enclosures.
Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization and chronologically therein.

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   Angoff, Charles, 1957
   Arlen, Michael, 1967-1971
"B" miscellaneous, 1938-1976, undated
   (4 folders)
   Baker, Carlos, 1963-1964
   Bartholomew, Ed and Sophie, 1955-1975
   Bassler, Robert and Joan, 1959-1977, undated
   Beard, Dita, and family, 1972-1976, undated
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   Bergman, B. A., 1961-1976, undated
   Bernstein, Hazel, 1966-1969, undated

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   Blizzard, Rae, 1953-1975
   Boddy, E. Manchester, 1952-1967
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|           | Cairns, Huntington, 1950-1976  
           | Caitlin, Fulton, 1961-1964  
           | Chamberlain, John E., 1951-1976  
           | Cohen, Ilene, 1971-1973  
           | Cooke, Charles, 1969  
           | Crawford, Joan, 1962-1975  
           | Culligan, Glendy, 1963-1965  
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           | "D" miscellaneous, 1949-1977, undated  
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           | Deck, Robin, 1973-1976  
           | Decker, Karl, regarding Mona Lisa article, 1946-1947  
           | Devlin, Bernadette, 1971-1972  
           | Dial Press, 1961-1976, undated  
           | Donley (R. A.) & Son, 1963-1977  
           | Dunklee, Leona, and family, 1967-1977  
           | "E" miscellaneous, 1947-1977, undated |
| BOX 54    | "F" miscellaneous, 1950-1977, undated  
           | (2 folders)  
           | Family Weekly, 1966-1968  
           | Fan mail, 1952-1977, undated  
           | (2 folders)  
           | Fitzpatrick, Clarke J., 1951-1970, undated  
           | "G" miscellaneous, 1954-1976, undated  
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           | Gibson, Daniel Z. 1952-1974  
           | Goetz, Ruth, 1951-1976, undated  
           | Goodman, Philip, 1930  
           | Griffith, La Nora and William, 1952-1957 |
| BOX 55    | "H" miscellaneous, 1924-1977, undated  
           | (2 folders)  
           | H. N. Swanson, Inc., 1948-1976 See Container 61, Swanson  
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           | Harold Ober Associates See Containers 58-59, Ober  
           | Hayes, Ralph, 1959-1975  
           | Higginbotham, Maurine, 1972-1977, undated  
           | Hornblow, Arthur, Jr., 1966-1976  
           | Hume, Paul, 1951-1974  
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           | Owens, Hamilton and Olga, 1950-1970  
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           | (2 folders)  
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           | *Playboy*, 1963-1978  
           | Posner, Barbara and Don, 1949-1975, undated  
           | "Q-R" miscellaneous, 1948-1977, undated  
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           | Ross, Harold, 1952  
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           | (3 folders)  
           | Sammons, Wheeler (*Who's Who in America*), 1945-1959  
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           | *Saturday Evening Post*, 1946-1967  
           | Schonthal, Ruth, 1967-1977  
           | Schulberg, Budd P., 1959-1969  
| BOX 61    | Sergeant, Winthrop, 1963-1973  
           | Seward, William W., 1950-1975  
           | Silberman, James H., 1962-1964  
           | Sinclair, Robert B. and Heather, 1956-1977  
           | Sirich, Edward and Marjorie, 1951-1963, undated  
           | Spellman, Gladys, 1975-1977  
           | Stallings, Laurence, 1963-1968, undated  
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           | Steiner, George, 1968-1973  
           | Swanson (H. N.) Inc., 1948-1976  
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           | *Time*, 1950-1974  
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William, George H., 1965-1971  
William Morris Agency See Container 58, Morris  
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| BOX 63    | Wood, Lois B., 1951-1952  
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### Part B: Writings File, circa 1925-1977

Holographs, typescripts, proofs, and other manuscripts of novels, plays, film scripts, short fiction, and nonfiction writings. Arranged according to type of writing and alphabetically by title therein. If known, the published title precedes the working title(s) Cain used. Also includes unarranged "outsheets," or discarded pages and miscellaneous material such as research notes, interviews, and story ideas.

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Film scripts
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"Hayworth Story," prospectus
Suggested story line for Jack Benny show
Unidentified fragment regarding "The Great Gatsby," prospectus

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"Blackmail"
"The Circus Girl"
"The Dainty Little Thing"
"Days"
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"Guest Stars"
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"Anecdote"
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  - "Today Show," 1969
- Story and play ideas
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| BOX 73-74 | Note cards |

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Correspondence, bills, receipts, card files of income tax data, and related matter.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

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| BOX 79-80 | Part B: Legal File, 1933-1977  
           | Correspondence, legal briefs, contracts, leases, will and testament, divorce judgments, and miscellaneous material.  
           | Arranged alphabetically by type of material. |
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           | Arranged alphabetically by type of material. |
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Unarranged  
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Holographs and typescripts of Cain's unpublished autobiography, a holograph of an article on H. L. Mencken titled "Mr. M," and various holographs and typescripts of unpublished novels.  
Arranged according to category of writing and alphabetically by title therein. |
| BOX 86    | Autobiography  
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(8 folders) |
| BOX 87    | Nonfiction, "Mr. M"  
Novels  
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Typescript drafts of articles and a memorandum concerning Our Government.  
Arranged alphabetically by title of writing. |
| BOX 93    | "The Annapolitan" ("Everything But the Truth")  
"The Dangers of Treason," 1948  
Our Government, memorandum regarding, undated |
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**BOX 93**

**Part E: Writings, 1942-1956**

Typescripts, carbons of typescripts, and a tear sheet of articles, film-scripts, and other writings by Cain and by Henry Myers.

Arranged alphabetically by name of author and therein by title.

**BOX 93**

By Cain

"Brush-Fire," undated
"The 49'ers," undated
(2 folders)
"Galahad Rides Again," undated
"The Guest in 701," 1956, undated
(3 folders)
"The Modern Cinderella," undated
"Mommy's a Barfly," undated
"Pay-Off Girl," 1952
"Signal Corps Story," 1942

By Myers, Henry, "The Spaghetti Aria," undated

**BOX 94-103**

**Part F: 2013 Addition, 1915-2004**

Correspondence, family papers, writings (including holographs, typescripts, proofs, and printed versions), contracts; divorce papers, wills, biographical material, bank statements and other financial documents, calling cards, passports, playing cards, an address book, clippings, and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein alphabetically or chronologically.

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Correspondence

Alphabetical

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Piper, Alice M., 1975-1995, undated
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William Morris Agency, 1940

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   Captions for an exhibit about Cain, undated
Death of Cain, 1977-1980
   (2 folders)
Kilroy, William P., research file, 1949-1949
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      (3 folders)
   "The Institute"
      (1 folder)
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      (2 folders)
   *Mignon*
   *Past All Dishonor*
      (2 folders)
   *The Postman Always Rings Twice* ("Bar-B-Q")
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   *Rainbow's End*
      (2 folders)
   *The Root of His Evil* ("The Modern Cinderella")
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   *The Baby in the Ice Box and Other Short Fiction* (collection)
   "Coal Black"
   "Death on the Beach"
   "The Guest Stars"
   "Money and the Woman"
   "Pay-Off Girl"
   "Serpent of the Nile"
   "Two O'Clock Blonde"
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