

Bill Mauldin Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Bill Mauldin Papers

Span Dates: 1941-1970

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Creator: Mauldin, Bill, 1921-2003

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Summary: Cartoonist. Correspondence, writings and other material relating to Mauldin's career as a cartoonist, his work on behalf of the American Veterans Committee, and his interest in civil aviation.

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

Buchwald, Art--Correspondence.

Caniff, Milton Arthur, 1907-1988--Correspondence.

Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1926-2022.

Fitzpatrick, Daniel Robert, 1891-1969--Correspondence.

Kahn, E. J. (Ely Jacques), 1916-1994--Correspondence.

Lang, Will (William John), 1914-1968--Correspondence.

Manning, Reg, 1905-1986--Correspondence.

Mauldin family--Correspondence.

Mauldin family.

Mauldin, Bill, 1921-2003.

Mauldin, Bill, 1921-2003. Back home. 1947.

Mauldin, Bill, 1921-2003. Bill Mauldin in Korea. 1952.

Mauldin, Bill, 1921-2003. Sort of saga. 1949.

Mauldin, Bill, 1921-2003. Up front. 1945.

Mauldin, Natalie, 1924-1971--Correspondence.

Mitgang, Herbert--Correspondence.

Monroney, A. S. Mike (Almer Stillwell Mike), 1902-1980--Correspondence.

Oliphant, Pat, 1935- --Correspondence.

Perkins, Maxwell E. (Maxwell Evarts), 1884-1947--Correspondence.

Pyle, Ernie, 1900-1945--Correspondence.

White, William Lindsay, 1900-1973--Correspondence.

Organizations

American Veterans Committee.

United States. Army--Military life.

Wide World Lecture Bureau--Correspondence.

Subjects

Aeronautics, Commercial.

American wit and humor, Pictorial.

Caricatures and cartoons.

Korean War, 1950-1953--Caricatures and cartoons.

Political campaigns--New York (State)

Political cartoons.

Soldiers--Caricatures and cartoons.
Veterans--United States--Societies, etc.
World War, 1939-1945--Caricatures and cartoons.
World War, 1939-1945.

Places

New York (State)--Politics and government--1951-
United States--Politics and government--20th century.

Occupations

Cartoonists.

Provenance

The papers of Bill Mauldin, cartoonist, were given to the Library of Congress by Mauldin from 1967 to 1969.

Processing History

The papers of Bill Mauldin were arranged and described in 1974 and 1976. The collection was expanded and revised in 2012.

Transfers

Cartoons and other drawings have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Bill Mauldin papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Bill Mauldin is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Bill Mauldin 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.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1921, Oct. 29	Born, Mountain Park, N. Mex.
1939	Studied at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, Chicago, Ill.
1940-1945	Served with United States Army
1941	Published <i>Star Spangled Banner</i> . San Antonio, Tex.: Universal Press
1942	Married Norma Jean Humphries (divorced 1946)

1943	Published <i>Sicily Sketch Book</i> . Palermo
1944	Published <i>Mud, Mules, and Mountains</i> . [Naples, Italy]
1945	Published <i>This Damn Tree Leaks</i> [Naples, Italy?] Published <i>Up Front</i> . New York: H. Holt Awarded Pulitzer Prize for cartoon
1947	Married Natalie Sarah Evans (died 1971) Published <i>Back Home</i> . New York: W. Sloan Associates
1949	Published <i>A Sort of a Saga</i> . New York: Sloane Associates
1950	Acted in the movies "Teresa" and "The Red Badge of Courage"
1951	Published <i>Bill Mauldin's Army</i> . New York: Sloane
1952	Published <i>Bill Mauldin in Korea</i> . New York: W. W. Norton
1956	Ran unsuccessfully for Congress from New York
1958-1962	Editorial cartoonist, <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>
1959	Awarded Pulitzer Prize for cartoon
1961	Published <i>What's Got Your Back Up?</i> New York: Harper
1962-1991	Editorial cartoonist, <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i>
1965	Published <i>I've Decided I Want My Seat Back</i> . New York: Harper & Row
1971	Published <i>The Brass Ring</i> . New York: W. W. Norton
1972	Married Christine Lund
2003, Jan. 22	Died, Newport Beach, Calif.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Henry Mauldin (1921-2003) span the years 1941-1970 and consist of family papers, general correspondence, a speech, article, and book file, and miscellany. The collection is organized into four series: [Family Papers](#); [General Correspondence](#); [Speech, Article, and Book File](#); and [Miscellany](#).

The [Family Papers](#) are made up primarily of letters received from various family members, with few copies of Mauldin's replies except for an extensive series of letters he wrote to his wife, Natalie, in 1953 from England, where he was covering the coronation of Elizabeth II for *Life* magazine, and from France and Italy, which he visited later during the same trip.

The [General Correspondence](#) contains letters sent and received by Mauldin, 1943-1970. There are many letters from admirers of his work asking for originals or copies of cartoons, and letters expressing the writers' empathy with Mauldin's World War II cartoon figures, Willie and Joe. Other correspondence contains requests for Mauldin to speak before organizations and educational institutions, and correspondence with the Wide World Lecture Bureau indicates his frequent activity in this field. Mauldin's rise to fame as a cartoonist and author is revealed in his files relating to the *Army Times*, United Feature Syndicate, and his two principal literary agents, Ann Watkins, Inc., and the William Morris Agency. Other correspondence concerns his interest in civil aviation and his work on behalf of the American Veterans Committee, of which he was national chairman from 1953 to 1954. Prominent correspondents include Art Buchwald, Milton Arthur Caniff, Daniel Robert Fitzpatrick, E. J. Kahn (1916-1994), Will Lang, Reg Manning, Hebert Mitgang, A. S. Mike Monroney, Pat Oliphant, Maxwell E. Perkins, Ernie Pyle, and William Lindsay White.

A [Speech, Article, and Book File](#) contains the manuscripts of Mauldin's books in various forms and includes the original manuscripts of *Up Front*, *Back Home*, the autobiographical *A Sort of a Saga*, and *Bill Mauldin in Korea*. Among the speeches is the eulogy delivered by Mauldin at the funeral of Will Lang and many of the talks he gave on the development of his career as a cartoonist. There are also articles by Mauldin, a television script, and some advertising copy.

The [Miscellany](#) series includes biographical information, financial and legal papers, and material relating to Mauldin's political campaign of 1956 as the Democratic candidate in the 28th Congressional District of New York state.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- Family Papers, 1944-1968
- General Correspondence, 1943-1970
- Speech, Article, and Book File, 1941-1965
- Miscellany, 1944-1968

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1	<p><u>Family Papers, 1944-1968</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received by family members. Alphabetically arranged by name of person.</p>
BOX 2-7	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1943-1970</u></p> <p>Letters received and copies of letters sent. Alphabetically arranged by name of correspondent.</p>
BOX 8-14	<p><u>Speech, Article, and Book File, 1941-1965</u></p> <p>Drafts, galleys, and printed copies of Mauldin's speeches, articles, books, a television script, and advertising copy, including some related correspondence. There are a few writings by other authors, some of which have been annotated by Mauldin.</p>
BOX 15-18	<p><u>Miscellany, 1944-1968</u></p> <p>Biographical information, financial and legal papers, and papers relating to Mauldin's political campaign of 1956. Arranged by type of material.</p>

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BOX 1	Family Papers, 1944-1968 Letters sent and received by family members. Alphabetically arranged by name of person.
BOX 1	Curtis, Edith Mauldin
BOX 1	Loomis, Richard P.
BOX 1	Mauldin, Andrew
BOX 1	Mauldin, Bruce P.
BOX 1	Mauldin, David E.
BOX 1	Mauldin, Emily
BOX 1	Mauldin, Ethel
BOX 1	Mauldin, John S.
BOX 1	Mauldin, Nana
BOX 1	Mauldin, Natalie Evans
BOX 1	Mauldin, Nathaniel W.
BOX 1	Mauldin, Norma Jean
BOX 1	Mauldin, Sidney (brother)
BOX 1	Mauldin, Sidney A. (father)
BOX 1	Mauldin, Timothy
BOX 1	Unidentified
BOX 2-7	General Correspondence, 1943-1970 Letters received and copies of letters sent. Alphabetically arranged by name of correspondent.
BOX 2	Ackley, Gardner
BOX 2	Adams, Eva
BOX 2	Aldrich, Withrop W.
BOX 2	American Veterans Committee
BOX 2	Antin, Charles
BOX 2	<i>Army Times</i>
BOX 2	Aronson, Henry M.
BOX 2	"A" miscellaneous
BOX 2	Bolling, Richard
BOX 2	Bradley, Omar N.
BOX 2	Brinegar, David F.
BOX 2	Buchwald, Art
BOX 2	Bynner, Witter
BOX 2	"B" miscellaneous
BOX 2	Caniff, Milton A.
BOX 2	Carlin, George P.
BOX 2	Chamberlain, Edwin W.

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Container	Contents
BOX 2	Chase, Stuart
BOX 2	Chicago Sun-Times
BOX 2	Clark, Mark W.
BOX 2	"Ca-CI" miscellaneous
BOX 3	"Co-Cu" miscellaneous
BOX 3	Dean, Arthur H.
BOX 3	Douglas, William O.
BOX 3	"D" miscellaneous
BOX 3	Ellison, Jerome
BOX 3	"E" miscellaneous
BOX 3	Field, Marshall
BOX 3	Fitzpatrick, Daniel R.
BOX 3	"F" miscellaneous
BOX 3	Garfield, John
BOX 3	Geraghty, James
BOX 3	Goldwater, Barry
BOX 3	"G" miscellaneous
BOX 3	Hall, Robert M.
BOX 3	Hardy, Jerome S.
BOX 3	Hargrove, Marlon
BOX 3	Harper & Brothers
BOX 3	Haynie, Hugh
BOX 3	Hersey, John
BOX 3	Hilton, Conrad N.
BOX 3	Holt (Henry) and Co.
BOX 3	"H" miscellaneous
BOX 4	"I" miscellaneous
BOX 4	Jarrell, Randell
BOX 4	Johnson, Lyndon B.
BOX 4	"J" miscellaneous
BOX 4	Kahn, Ely J., Jr.
BOX 4	Kenny, Nicholas N.
BOX 4	Kerner, Otto
BOX 4	Key, William S.
BOX 4	Keyes, Geoffrey
BOX 4	Knauth, Percy
BOX 4	Knopf, Alfred, Jr.
BOX 4	"K" miscellaneous
BOX 4	Lamont, Corliss
BOX 4	Landers, Ann
BOX 4	Lang, Will
BOX 4	Library of Congress
BOX 4	<i>Life magazine</i>
BOX 4	"L" miscellaneous
BOX 4	McCain, John S., Jr.
BOX 4	McNamara, Robert S.

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Container	Contents
BOX 4	"Mc" miscellaneous
BOX 4	Manning, Gordon
BOX 4	Manning, Reginald
BOX 4	Martin, Ralph G.
BOX 4	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures
BOX 4	Mitgang, Herbert
BOX 5	Monroney, Mike
BOX 5	Morris (William) Agency
BOX 5	Morton, Thruston B.
BOX 5	Motley, Arthur H.
BOX 5	"M" miscellaneous
BOX 5	Norton (W. W.) & Co.
BOX 5	"N" miscellaneous
BOX 5	O'Brien, Lawrence F.
BOX 5	Oliphant, Patrick B.
BOX 5	"O" miscellaneous
BOX 5	Park, Chan Hyun
BOX 5	Patterson, Eugene
BOX 5	Percy, Charles H.
BOX 5	Perkins, Maxwell E.
BOX 5	Phoenix Union High Schools
BOX 5	Pulitzer, Joseph, Jr.
BOX 5	Pulitzer, Michael E.
BOX 5	Pyle, Ernie (Ernest T.)
BOX 5	"P" miscellaneous
BOX 6	"Q" miscellaneous
BOX 6	Reagan, Ronald
BOX 6	Reid, Helen Rogers
BOX 6	<i>Reporter</i>
BOX 6	Roosevelt, Eleanor
BOX 6	Ross, Harold W.
BOX 6	Ryder, Melvin
BOX 6	"R" miscellaneous
BOX 6	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>
BOX 6	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
BOX 6	<i>Saturday Review</i>
BOX 6	Schlesinger, Arthur (1917-2007)
BOX 6	Schulz, Robert L.
BOX 6	Shriver, Sargent
BOX 6	Sloane (William) Associates
BOX 6	<i>Sports Illustrated</i>
BOX 6	<i>Stars and Stripes</i>
BOX 6	Stevenson, Adlai E.
BOX 6	Swenson, Eric P.
BOX 6	Symington, Stuart
BOX 6	"S" miscellaneous

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Container	Contents
BOX 6	Thomas, Norman
BOX 6	Tregaskis, Richard
BOX 6	Truscott, Lucian K., Jr.
BOX 6	Udall, Stewart
BOX 6	United Feature Syndicate
BOX 6	"U" miscellaneous
BOX 7	"V" miscellaneous
BOX 7	Waring, Fred
BOX 7	Watkins (Ann) Inc.
BOX 7	Welch, Joseph N.
BOX 7	White, Egbert
BOX 7	White, William L.
BOX 7	Whitney, John Hay
BOX 7	Wide World Lecture Bureau
BOX 7	Winship, Thomas
BOX 7	Wood, Meredith
BOX 7	"W" miscellaneous
BOX 7	Young, Stephen M.
BOX 7	"Y" miscellaneous
BOX 7	Zinnemann, Fred
BOX 7	"Z" miscellaneous
BOX 7	Unidentified
BOX 8-14	Speech, Article, and Book File, 1941-1965 Drafts, galleys, and printed copies of Mauldin's speeches, articles, books, a television script, and advertising copy, including some related correspondence. There are a few writings by other authors, some of which have been annotated by Mauldin.
BOX 8	Speeches
BOX 8	Will Lang funeral
BOX 8	New York Herald Tribune Forum, 1945
BOX 8	Planned Parenthood
BOX 8	Untitled and undated
BOX 8	Articles
BOX 8	"Bill Mauldin Asks Today's Teen-Agers What Gives?"
BOX 8	"Crazy Like an Eagle"
BOX 8	"Europe on Less Than \$28, 411"
BOX 8	"The Fraudulent Repairmen"
BOX 8	"Hair of the Rabbit"
BOX 9	"Innocents Aloft"
BOX 9	"The Manpower Problem in the Air Force"
BOX 9	"Notes on KP and/or the Egghead"
BOX 9	Untitled articles
BOX 9	Television, "Sam Bean"
BOX 9	Advertising copy, untitled and undated
BOX 10	Books
BOX 10	<i>Back Home</i>

Speech, Article, and Book File, 1941-1965

Container

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BOX 10	<i>Bill Mauldin in Korea</i>
BOX 11	<i>I've Decided I Want My Seat Back</i>
BOX 11	<i>Mud, Miles, and Mountains</i> (business papers only)
BOX 11	<i>Sicily Sketch Book</i> (business papers only)
BOX 11	<i>A Sort of a Saga</i>
BOX 12	<i>A Sort of a Saga</i>
BOX 13	<i>A Sort of a Saga</i>
BOX 13	<i>Star Spangled Banner, 1944</i>
BOX 13	<i>Up Front</i>
BOX 14	<i>Up Front</i>
BOX 14	<i>Up High</i>
BOX 14	Material by writers other than Mauldin
BOX 14	"Dairy of a Roman G. I.," television script by Walter Wager
BOX 14	"Teresa," movie script by Stewart Stern and Alfred Hayes
BOX 14	"Up Front," movie script by John Lardner and Ring Lardner, Jr.
BOX 15-18	Miscellany, 1944-1968 Biographical information, financial and legal papers, and papers relating to Mauldin's political campaign of 1956. Arranged by type of material.
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BOX 17	Financial and legal papers
BOX 17	Political campaign of 1956
BOX 17	General: membership cards, telephone lists, etc.
BOX 18	Scrapbook relating to Mauldin's political campaign of 1956