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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Rare Book and Manuscript Library |
| Creator: | Brand, Millen, 1906-1980 |
| Title: | Millen Brand papers |
| ID: | 4079473 |
| ID: | MS#0145 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1919-1976 |
| Physical Description: | 40 linear feet 95 boxes |
| Language of the Material: | English . |
| Abstract: | This collection contains correspondence, journals, manuscripts, documents, memorabilia, and printed materials relating to writer Millen Brand. |

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Millen Brand papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Author, poet, Hollywood screenwriter, editor at Crown Publishers, Inc., teacher of writing at New York University. Brand was active in the Left during the 1930s and in the Civil Rights movement.

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Scope and Content

Personal and literary correspondence, journals from 1919 to 1976, manuscripts of Brand's novels, poems, articles and other writings, documents, memorabilia, and printed materials. Novels by Brand include *THE OUTWARD ROOM* (1937), a novel about mental illness; *THE HEROES* (1939), a novel about veterans' hospitals; *ALBERT SEARS* (1947), a novel about racial intolerance; *THE SNAKE PIT* (1948), a screenplay about mental illness, *SOME LOVE, SOME HUNGER* (1955), a novel about Puerto Ricans in New York; *SAVAGE SLEEP* (1965), a novel about the use of shock treatment; *DRY SUMMER IN PROVENCE* (1966), poems about the South of France; *FIELDS OF PEACE* (1970), poems; *LOCAL LIVES* (1975), poems about Mennonites of Pennsylvania; and *PEACE MARCH* (1980), poems. Correspondents include Nancy Cunard, Lion Feuchtwanger, Ernest Hemingway, Rockwell Kent, Harriet Monroe, Joyce Carol Oates, Kenneth Patchen, Diego Rivera, Jules Romains, May Sarton, Louis Untermeyer, Thornton Wilder, Colin Wilson, and Darryl F. Zanuck.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three series.

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Administrative Information

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Restrictions on Access

The following boxes are located off-site: Boxes 1-89. You will need to request this material from the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Restrictions on Access

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Alternate Form Available

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Brand, Millen. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1954. Accession number--M-54.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Brand letters to Lillian Gilkes: Source of acquisition--Gilkes, Lillian. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1961. Accession number--M-1961.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Millen Brand, 1954-1976.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Lillian Gilkes, 1961.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 04/12/1989.

Processing Information

Brand letters to Lillian Gilkes Cataloged, trans. from Gen Ms Coll HR 08/11/1995.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared.
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Controlled Access Headings

- English language -- Study and teaching
- College teachers -- Political activity -- New York (State) -- New York
- Civil rights -- United States
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1933-1953
- Journals
- Poems
- College teachers
- Poets, American
- Authors, American
- Editors
- Screenwriters
- Cunard, Nancy, 1896-1965
- Feuchtwanger, Lion, 1884-1958
- Hemingway, Ernest, 1899-1961
- Kent, Rockwell, 1882-1971
- Monroe, Harriet, 1860-1936
- Oates, Joyce Carol, 1938-
- Patchen, Kenneth, 1911-1972
- Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957
- Romaine, Jules, 1885-1972
- Sartre, Jean-Paul, 1912-1980
- Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977
- Wilder, Thornton, 1897-1975
- Wilson, Colin, 1894-1978
- Zanuck, Darryl Francis, 1902-1979

Collection Inventory

| Series I: Catalogued Correspondence | |
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| Title/Description | Instances |
| A-D | |
| Abbe, George Bancroft | box A |
| Alajalov, Constantin | box A |
| Algren, Nelson | box A |
| Anderson, Eleanor C. (Mrs Sherwood) | box A |
| Anderson, Margaret | box A |
| Anthony, Katharine Susan | box A |
| Baldwin, Faith | box A |
| Bazin, Herve | box A |
| Benoit-Levy, Jean | box A |
| Bernstein, Aline Frankau | box A |
| Bessie, Alvah Cecil | box A |
| Bishop, Jim | box A |
| Bliven^ Bruce | box A |
| Bourjaily, Vance | box A |
| Boyle, Kay | box A |
| Brewster, Dorothy | box A |
| Brown, Leonard | box A |
| Budenz, Louis Francis | box A |
| Bukowski, Charles | box A |
| Burke, Kenneth Duva | box A |
| Burnett, Whit | box A |
| Butcher, Fanny | box A |
| Bynner, Witter | box A |
| Caidwell, Erskine | box A |
| Calisher, Hortense | box A |
| Cardona-Hine, Alvaro | box A |

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| Carruth, Hayden | box A |
| Christowe, Stoyan | box A |
| Chute, Marchette Gaylord | box A |
| Ciardi, John | box A |
| Cohen, Abbot S. | box A |
| Conroy, Jack | box A |
| Cooper, Gladys | box A |
| Corey, Paul | box A |
| Cournos, John | box A |
| Cowley, Malcolm | box A |
| Cunard, Nancy Clara | box A |
| Davidson, Jo | box A |
| Davis, Harry | box A |
| de Havilland, Olivia Mary | box A |
| DeJong, David Cornel | box A |
| Deutsch, Babette | box A |
| De Vries, Peter | box A |
| Du Bois, William Edward Burghardt | box A |
| Du Von, Jay | box A |
| E-K | |
| Endore, Guy | box B |
| Fast, Howard | box B |
| Fearing, Kenneth | box B |
| Feuchtwanger, Lion | box B |
| Fisher, Dorothy Canfield | box B |
| Fitts, Dudley | box B |
| Foley, Martha | box B |
| Frank, Waldo David | box B |
| Geismar, Maxwell | box B |
| Goyen, William | box B |
| Gregory, Horace Victor | box B |
| Hammett, Dashiell | box B |

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| Hansen, Harry | box B |
| Harrison, Jay | box B |
| Hellman, Lillian | box B |
| Hemingway, Ernest | box B |
| Hentoff, Nathan Irving | box B |
| Herlihy, James Leo | box B |
| Hersholt, Jean | box B |
| Hodnett, Edward | box B |
| Hoffman, Malvina | box B |
| Holmes, John | box B |
| Hughes, Langston | box B |
| Humphries, Rolfe | box B |
| Javits, Jacob Koppel | box B |
| Johns, Orrick | box B |
| Johns, Richard | box B |
| Kent, Rockwell | box B |
| Kerr, Harrison | box B |
| Kingsley, Sidney | box B |
| Knight, Eric | box B |
| Koch, Edward I. | box B |
| Komroff, Manuel | box B |
| Kozlenko, William | box B |
| Kreymborg, Alfred | box B |
| Kuhlman, Fred | box B |
| Kunitz, Joshua | box B |
| Kunitz, Stanley J. et al. | box B |
| L | |
| La Farge, Oliver Hazard Perry | box C |
| Lamont, Corliss | box C |
| Latham, Harold Strong | box C |
| Laurents, Arthur | box C |
| Leach, Henry Goddard | box C |

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| Levertov, Denise | box C |
| Lindsay, Howard | box C |
| Lowenstein-Wertheim-Freudenberg, Hubertus zu | box C |
| Loveman, Amy | box C |
| Lowenfels, Lillian Apotheker (Mrs Walter) | box C |
| Lowenfels, Walter | box C |
| M-R | |
| McCarthy, Joseph Raymond | box D |
| McConnell, Francis John | box D |
| McGrath, Thomas | box D |
| Macleod, Norman Wicklund | box D |
| McWilliams, Carey | box D |
| Maltz, Albert | box D |
| Manch, Joseph Rodman | box D |
| Mangione, Jerre Gerlando | box D |
| Menninger, Karl August | box D |
| Meredith, Burgess | box D |
| Merriam, Harold G. | box D |
| Monroe, Harriet | box D |
| Moore, Marianne Craig | box D |
| Nearing, Scott & Helen K. Nearing | box D |
| Neel, Alice | box D |
| Norman, Dorothy Stecher | box D |
| Oates, Joyce Carol | box D |
| Orlovitz, Gil | box D |
| Paley, Grace Goodside | box D |
| Patchen, Kenneth | box D |
| Paul, Elliot Harold | box D |
| Percy, Charles Harting | box D |
| Pittala, Berenice | box D |
| Prescott, Orville | box D |
| Quinn, Kerker | box D |

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|------------------------------|-------|
| Quintanilla, Luis | box D |
| Randall, Margaret | box D |
| Rexroth, Kenneth | box D |
| Rice, Elmer L. et al. | box D |
| Rivera, Diego | box D |
| Romains, Jules | box D |
| Rood, John | box D |
| Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt | box D |
| Rosten, Norman | box D |
| Rushmore, Howard | box D |
| Rustin, Bayard | box D |
| S-V | |
| Sandoz, Marl Susette | box E |
| Sarton, May | box E |
| Savage, Augusta | box E |
| Schneider, Isidor | box E |
| Schuster, Max Lincoln | box E |
| Seaver, Edwin | box E |
| Shapiro, Karl | box E |
| Shearer, Norma | box E |
| Sherby, John M. | box E |
| Simon, Richard Leo | box E |
| Soyer, Moses | box E |
| Soyer, Raphael | box E |
| Stafford, Jean | box E |
| Stead, Christina Ellen | box E |
| Steig, William | box E |
| Stern, Philip Van Doren | box E |
| Stoll, J. Louis | box E |
| Stout, Rex Todhunter | box E |
| Thomas, Lowell | box E |
| Thompson, Ralph | box E |

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| Tully, Jim | box E |
| Untermeyer, Louis | box E |
| Van Doren, Mark | box E |
| Voorhis, Jerry | box E |
| W-Z | |
| Webb, Jon Edgar | box F |
| Weidman, Jerome | box F |
| Wexley, John | box F |
| Wheelock, John Hall | box F |
| Wilder, Thornton Niven | box F |
| Wilhelm, Gale | box F |
| Williams, Jonathan | box F |
| Wilson, Colin Henry | box F |
| Winter, Ella | box F |
| Wirth, Nicholas | box F |
| Woodman, Lawrence C. | box F |
| Wright, Richard | box F |
| Young, Agatha | box F |
| Zabel, Morton Dauwen | box F |
| Zanuck, Darryl Francis | box F |
| Zara, Louis | box F |

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Series II: Uncatalogued Correspondence

| Title/Description | Instances |
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| 1939-1940 | box 3 |
| 1940-1941 | box 4 |
| 1941-1943 | box 5 |
| 1943-1945 | box 6 |
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| 1947-1948 | box 8 |
| 1949-1950 | box 9 |
| 1950-1951 | box 10 |
| 1952 | box 11 |
| 1953-1954 | box 12 |
| 1954-1955 | box 13 |
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| 1961 | box 19 |
| 1962 | box 20 |
| 1963 | box 21 |
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| 1965 | box 23 |
| 1966 | box 24 |
| 1967 | box 25 |
| 1968 | box 26 |
| 1968-1969 | box 27 |
| 1969 | box 28 |
| 1970 | box 29 |
| 1970 | box 30 |
| 1971 | box 31 |
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| 1972 | box 33 |
| 1973 | box 34 |
| 1973-1974 | box 35 |
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Crown Publishers, Inc. (1963-1975)

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| A-Bo | box 39 |
| Br-E | box 40 |
| F-K | box 41 |
| Maj-P | box 42 |
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Series III: Papers

| Title/Description | Instances |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Manuscripts | |
| Novels | |
| <i>Albert Sears</i> (drafts) | box 46-47 |
| copy-edited draft, Galley proofs, outline, reviews, source materials, etc. | box 48 |
| <i>The Great Summer The Heroes Laura The Outward Room Seven Times Waking</i> | box 49 |
| <i>Savage Sleep</i> (drafts, etc.) | box 50 |
| <i>Savage Sleep</i> (drafts, etc.) | box 51 |
| <i>Savage Sleep</i> (drafts, etc.) | box 52 |
| <i>Savage Sleep</i> (drafts, etc.) | box 53 |
| <i>Some Love, Some Hunger</i> (drafts) | box 54-56 |
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| Poems | |
| "Dry Summer in Provence" | box 57 |
| "Local Lives" (drafts) | box 58-66 |
| [Contents & notes in Box 58] | box 58 |
| Individual Poems & early drafts | box 67 |
| Individual Poems & early drafts | box 68 |
| Individual Poems & early drafts | box 69 |
| Individual Poems & early drafts | box 70 |
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| A-M | box 71 |
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| Textbook | |
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