

Ayn Rand

A Register of Her Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Ayn Rand

Span Dates: 1933-1976

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1933-1959)

ID No.: MSS81073

Creator: Rand, Ayn

Extent: 150 items ; 29 containers ; 10.8 linear feet ; 19 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress

Abstract: Author and philosopher. Drafts, galleys, and proofs of her four novels, and miscellaneous items.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Rand, Ayn

Rand, Ayn. Anthem (1938)

Rand, Ayn. Atlas Shrugged (1957)

Rand, Ayn. The Ayn Rand Letter.

Rand, Ayn. The Fountainhead (1943)

Rand, Ayn. We the Living (1936)

Rand, Ayn, ed. The Objectivist.

United States. Supreme Court

Subjects:

Economics

Inflation (Finance)

Objectivism (Philosophy)

Watergate Affair, 1972-1974

Occupations:

Authors

Philosophers

Administrative Information

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.

Processing History:

The papers of Ayn Rand were arranged and described in 1995. The register was revised in 2000 and in 2002.

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Copyright in the unpublished writings of Ayn Rand in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is controlled by Leonard Peikoff for the estate of Ayn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

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
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. 570 pp.)
1938	Published novel, <i>Anthem</i> (London: Cassell. 147 pp.)
1940	<i>The Unconquered</i> (play), produced on Broadway
1943	Published novel, <i>The Fountainhead</i> (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill. 754 pp.)
1944-1949	Screenwriter
1957	Published novel, <i>Atlas Shrugged</i> (New York: Random House. 1,168 pp.)
1961	Published <i>For the New Intellectual: the Philosophy of Ayn Rand</i> (New York: Random House. 242 pp.)
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. 309 pp.)
1966	Published <i>Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal</i> (New York: New American Library. 309 pp.)
1967	Published <i>Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology</i> (New York: Objectivist, Inc. 77 pp.)
1969	Published <i>The Romantic Manifesto: A Philosophy of Literature</i> (New York: World Publishing Co. 201 pp.)
1971	Published <i>The New Left: The Anti-Industrial Revolution</i> (New American Library. 204 pp.)
1971-1976	Editor, <i>The Ayn Rand Letter</i>

1982 Published *Philosophy, Who Needs It* (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill. 276 pp.)

1982, Mar. 8 Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ayn Rand (1905-1982) span the years ca. 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*.

The small number of items among the remainder of the papers, organized as "[Miscellany](#)," include 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* were replaced in the manuscript of this novel in the collection.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in two series:

- [Novels, ca. 1933-ca. 1968](#),
- [Miscellany, 1970-1976, n.d.](#)

Description of Series

Container

BOX 1-28
REEL 1-18

Series

Novels, ca. 1933-ca. 1968, n.d.

Drafts, galleys, and proofs of her four novels.
Arranged alphabetically by title.

BOX 29
REEL 19

Miscellany, 1970-1976, n.d.

Typescripts, newsletters, galleys, and administrative materials from *Ayn Rand Letter* and *The Objectivist*, two photographs, and one letter.
Arranged alphabetically.

Container List

Microfilm edition available. Shelf no. 16,372.

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

Novels, ca. 1933-ca. 1968, n.d.

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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)
BOX 8 REEL 4-5	Chapters 16-19, 1950 (9 folders)
BOX 9 REEL 5-6	Chapter 20, 1950 (3 folders)
BOX 10 REEL 6-7	Part 3 Chapters 1-2, 1951-1952 (9 folders) 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) Part 1 Chapters 1-12, n.d. (11 folders)
BOX 13 REEL 8-9	Chapters 13-20, n.d. (8 folders)
BOX 14 REEL 9-10	Part 2 Chapters 1-2, n.d. (2 folders) Chapters 3-9, n.d. (7 folders)
BOX 15 REEL 10-11	Third Part 1 Chapters 1-4, n.d. (3 folders) Chapters 5-10, n.d. (6 folders)
BOX 16 REEL 11	Part 2 Chapters 1-6, n.d. (6 folders) Chapters 7-10, n.d. (3 folders)

Novels, ca. 1933-ca. 1968, n.d.

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	Part 3
	Chapters 1-8, n.d.
	(8 folders)
BOX 17	Chapters 9-10, n.d.
REEL 12	
	Galley
	Part 1, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Part 2, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Part 3, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Miscellany, 1957-ca.1967, n.d.
BOX 18	<i>Fountainhead</i>
REEL 12-13	
	Drafts
	First
	Part 1, 1938, n.d.
	(10 folders)
	Page 1 not available on the microfilm edition
	Part 2
	Chapters 1-7, 1939-1941
	(3 folders)
BOX 19	Chapters 8-14, 1941-1942
REEL 13	
	(4 folders)
	Part 3, 1942
	(5 folders)
	Part 4
	Chapters 1-8, 1942
	(4 folders)
BOX 20	Chapters 9-20, 1942
REEL 14	
	(6 folders)
BOX 21	Second (incomplete)
REEL 14-15	
	Part 2, chapters 7-15, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Part 3, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Part 4, n.d.
	(3 folders)
	Third
	Part 1
	Chapters 1-14, n.d.
	(4 folders)
BOX 22	Chapter 15, n.d.
REEL 15-16	

Novels, ca. 1933-ca. 1968, n.d.

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	Part 2, n.d. (4 folders)
	Part 3, n.d. (3 folders)
	Part 4, n.d. (4 folders)
	Retyped sheets, n.d.
BOX 23 REEL 16	Galleys
	First, 1943 (7 folders)
BOX 24	Second, 1943 (7 folders)
BOX 25 REEL 16-17	Third galley, ca. 1968 (7 folders)
BOX 26 REEL 17	<i>We The Living</i>
	Drafts
	First
	Part 1, ca.1933 (9 folders)
	Part 2
	Chapters 1-6, ca. 1933 (3 folders)
BOX 27 REEL 18	Chapters 7-17, ca. 1933 (6 folders)
	Loose pages, ca. 1933
BOX 28	Second, n.d. (9 folders)
BOX 29 REEL 19	Miscellany, 1970-1976, n.d.
	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>Ayn Rand Letter</i>
	Administrative material, 1971-1976, n.d.
	Typescripts and publications, 1971-1976 (6 folders)
	Linn, June B., letter to, 1965
	<i>The Objectivist</i> galleys, 1970-1971
	Photographs, n.d.