James M. Cain Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: James M. Cain Papers Span Dates: 1901-1978 Bulk Dates: (bulk 1925-1978)

ID No.: MSS47399

Creator: Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977 Extent: 30,000 items; 94 containers; 36 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: 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 Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Angoff, Charles, 1902-1979--Correspondence.

Arlen, Michael, 1895-1956.

Bergman, B. A.--Correspondence.

Boddy, E. Manchester (Elias Manchester)--Correspondence.

Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977.

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.

Hemingway, Ernest, 1899-1961.

Hornblow, Arthur, 1893-1976--Correspondence.

Hume, Paul, 1915-2001--Correspondence.

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

O'Faoláin, Seán, 1900-1991--Correspondence.

Oates, Joyce Carol, 1938---Correspondence.

Owens, Hamilton, 1888-1967--Correspondence.

Raphaelson, Dorothy Wegman--Correspondence.

Raphaelson, Samson, 1896-1983--Correspondence.

Robinson, Edward G., 1893-1973--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---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 mercury (New York, N.Y.: 1924)

American newspapers--New York (State)--New York.

American periodicals.

Authors--Societies, etc.

Authorship.

Censorship.

Motion picture plays, American.

New York world.

Obscenity (Law)

Universities and colleges--Maryland--Chestertown.

Related Names

Cain, Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka. Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka Cain papers.

Cain, Florence Macbeth, 1891-1966. Florence Macbeth Cain papers.

Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977. Institute. 1976.

Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977. Mignon. 1962.

Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977. Past all dishonor. 1946.

Cain, James M. (James Mallahan), 1892-1977. Postman always rings twice. 1934.

Pringle, Aileen, b. 1895. Aileen Pringle papers.

Occupations

Authors.

Journalists.

Screenwriters.

Administrative Information

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 1986. An addition

was given by Bruce Howard and I. Michael Schulman in 1983, and other material was purchased in 1983 and 1991.

Processing History:

The collection was processed in 1977 and expanded between 1982 and 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Additional Guides:

A description of the James M. Cain Papers was published in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division*, 1983, pp. 26-29.

Transfers:

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Access and Restrictions:

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1892, July 1	Born, Annapolis, Md.
1910	A.B., Washington College, Chestertown, Md.
1917	M.A., Washington College, Chestertown, Md.
1917-1918	Reporter, Baltimore American
1918-1919	Served with Headquarters Troop, 79th Division, American Expeditionary Forces
1918-1923	Reporter, Baltimore Sun
1919	Editor-in-chief, <i>Lorraine Cross</i> , 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 <i>Our Government</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf, a collection of satirical essays that first appeared in the <i>American Mercury</i>
1931	Managing editor, <i>New Yorker</i> Moved to Hollywood, Calif.
1931-1948	Magazine writer, syndicated columnist, and scriptwriter for motion picture studios
1934	Published <i>The Postman Always Rings Twice</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1936	Began "Double Indemnity" (published in book form in 1943) as serial in <i>Liberty</i>
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 <i>The Moth.</i> New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1953	Published <i>Galatea</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1962	Published <i>Mignon</i> . New York: Dial Press
1965	Published <i>The Magician's Wife.</i> New York: Dial Press
1976	Published <i>The Institute</i> . 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 1901-1978, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1925-1978. The collection is divided into Parts, A, B, and C and includes two small portions, Parts D and E, added in 1993 and 1995. 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 E were separate additions to the collection and consist entirely of writings.

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 fifteen series arranged in four 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:

• <u>Unpublished writings, circa 1940-1977</u>

Part D:

• <u>Writings</u>, 1948

Part E:

• Writings, 1942-1956

Description of Series

Container Series

BOX 1 Part A: Family Papers, 1927-1953

Correspondence and a small subject file.

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of family member and chronologically therein. The subject file is arranged by name of family member and contains, in this part, a manuscript about Cain's father.

BOX 1-6 Part A: General Correspondence, 1925-1960

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

BOX 7-34 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 35-37 Part A: Financial Records, 1934-1960

Correspondence, bills, receipts, income tax data kept on card files, and other related matter.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

BOX 38 Part A: Legal File, 1946-1947

Case file material pertaining to an obscenity suit.

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 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 files, and other printed and near-print material. Most of the papers in the subject file belonged to or concern Cain's fourth wife, Florence Macbeth.

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.

BOX 63-74 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.

BOX 75-79 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.

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.

BOX 81-85 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.

BOX 86-92 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.

BOX 93 Part D: Writings, 1948

Typescript drafts of articles and a memorandum concerning *Our Government*.

Arranged alphabetically by title of writing.

BOX 94 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.

Container List

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BOX 1	Part A: Family Papers, 1927-1953
	Correspondence and a small subject file.
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вох 1	Correspondence, 1927-1953, undated
	Cain, Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka (second wife), 1927-1944, undated
	Cain, Genevieve (sister), 1941-1951, undated
	Cain, Mrs. James W. (mother), 1943-1953, undated
	Cain, Virginia (sister), 1941-1943
	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
вох 1-6	Part A: General Correspondence, 1925-1960
	Letters sent and received with related matter and enclosures.
	Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization and chronologically therein.
вох 1	"A" miscellaneous, 1934-1952
	American Authors' Authority, 1946-1947
	American Mercury, 1945-1952
	Angoff, Charles, 1934-1947
	"B" miscellaneous, 1934-1954, undated
BOX 2	Bassler, Robert and Joan, 1942-1948
	Bergman, B. A., 1934-1946
	Blizzard, Rae, 1946
	Boddy, E. Manchester, 1942-1948
	"C" miscellaneous, 1934-1960, undated
	Cairns, Huntington, 1950-1951
	Catlin, Fulton, 1938
	Chandler, Raymond, 1944
	Clothier, William J., 1945
	Crawford, Joan, 1946
	"D-E" miscellaneous, 1934-1937, undated (2 folders)
	Erkko, Eero, 1941-1946
	"F" miscellaneous, 1934-1955, undated
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	Farrell, James T., 1942-1943

"G" miscellaneous, 1934-1955, undated

Gibbs, Wolcott, 1934-1944

Goetz, Ruth, 1936-1949, undated

Goodman, Philip, undated

Griffith, La Nora, 1948-1950

"H" miscellaneous, 1933-1950, undated

H. N. Swanson, Inc., 1942-1959 See Container 5, Swanson

Harold Ober Associates, 1943-1959 See Container 4, Ober

Hayes, Ralph, 1936-1947

Hopkins, Harry Powell, 1934-1952

Hunt, Rockwell D., 1939-1945

BOX 3 "I-K" miscellaneous, 1934-1951, undated

(2 folders)

Knopf, Alfred A. and Blanche W., 1929-1952, undated

(4 folders)

Krock, Arthur, 1934-1947

"L" miscellaneous, 1934-1959, undated

Lardner, John, 1959

Laurence, Vincent, 1943

BOX 4 Lippmann, Walter, 1933-1947

Los Angeles Times, 1934-1947, undated

"M" miscellaneous, 1930-1954, undated

(2 folders)

Malcolm, Gilbert, 1937-1949

Markey, Morris, 1942-1951, undated

Mencken, H. L., 1934-1950

Mignon, Francois, 1950-1951

Moley, Raymond, 1944-1947

Morris (William) Agency, 1938-1944

Morrow (William) & Co., 1934-1944

Myers, Henry, 1934-1942

"N" miscellaneous, 1934-1959, undated

Nathan, Robert and Janet, 1944-1947, undated

Nevins, Allan, 1948

New York Times Book Review, 1950

Newsweek, 1946

"O" miscellaneous, 1934-1950, undated

Ober (Harold) Associates, 1943-1959

BOX 5 O'Faoláin, Seán, 1939-1942

Owens, Hamilton and Olga, 1934-1951, undated

"P" miscellaneous, 1932-1955

Palmer, Paul, 1927-1945

"Q-R" miscellaneous, 1934-1950, undated

Raphaelson, Samson and Dorshka (Dorothy Wegman), 1934-1951

Rathbone, Robert, 1941-1948

Roberts, George, 1948-1949

Robinson, Edward G., 1944

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Ross, Harold, 1937-1951
                     Ruby, Harry, 1944-1950
                     "S" miscellaneous, 1925-1955, undated
                    Sammons, Wheeler, 1947-1950
                     Saturday Evening Post, 1947
                    Screen Writers' Guild, 1938-1953, undated
                    Sergeant, Winthrop, 1949
                    Seward, William W., 1950
                    Sinclair, Robert B., 1944-1951
                    Sirich, Edward and Marjorie, 1934-1949, undated
                    Stallings, Laurence, 1944-1946
                    Stanwyck, Barbara, 1944-1960
                    Swanson (H. N.) Inc., 1942-1959
                    Swope, Herbert Bayard, 1936-1946
BOX 6
                     "T" miscellaneous, 1933-1955, undated
                    Targ, William, 1943-1947, undated
                     Time, 1944
                     "U-W" miscellaneous, 1934-1954, undated
                      (4 folders)
                    Wald, Jerry, 1944-1947
                    Washington College, Chestertown, Md., 1942-1959, undated
                     West, Rebecca, 1945
                    White, E. B. and Katharine Sergeant Angell, 1941-1944, undated
                     Who's Who in America, 1939-1945
                    William Morris Agency, 1938-1944 <u>See Container 4, Morris</u>
                    William Morrow & Co., 1934-1944 See Container 4, Morrow
                    Wilson, Carey, 1944-1947, undated
                     Writers' War Board, 1942-1946
                     Unidentified, 1934-1955, undated
BOX 7-34
                   Part A: Writings File, circa 1925-1977
                    Holographs, typescripts, proofs, and other manuscripts of novels, plays, film
                       scripts, short fiction, and nonfiction writings.
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                       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.
вох 7
                    Novels
                      The Butterfly
                        (7 folders)
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Cloud Nine ("The Purification")

Galatea ("The Slim Girl")

The Enchanted Isle ("The Mink Coat")

(1 folder)

(1 folder)

(3 folders)

BOX 8

Container	Contents
Doy 0	(2 (-11)
BOX 9	(3 folders) The Institute
pov 10	(2 folders)
BOX 10	(5 folders)
BOX 11 BOX 12	(7 folders) (8 folders)
BOX 12 BOX 13	(5 folders)
BOX 13	Jealous Woman ("The Lady Waiting Upstairs," "The Modern Cinderella," and "Nevada Moon")
	(2 folders)
BOX 14	(4 folders)
BUX 14	
	Love's Lovely Counterfeit
BOX 15	(2 folders) The Magician's Wife ("Pagliagois")
BOX 13	The Magician's Wife ("Pagliaccio")
	(2 folders)
	Mignon ("The Silver Mountain" and "The Pie Rat")
Doy 10	(4 folders)
BOX 16	(6 folders)
BOX 17	(5 folders)
BOX 18	(9 folders)
BOX 19	(8 folders)
BOX 20	(4 folders) The Moth
BOX 21	
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BOX 22	(2 folders)
	Past All Dishonor ("Pot of Gold")
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BOX 23	The Postman Always Rings Twice ("Bar-B-Q'")
	(3 folders)
	Rainbow's End
0.4	(5 folders)
BOX 24	(5 folders)
	Serenade ("Sombra y Sol")
BOX 25	Sinful Woman ("At the Galloping Domino" and "Sierra Moon")
	(2 folders)
	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"

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"Jubilee"
                         (2 folders)
                       "The Lifeline"
                         (2 folders)
BOX 27
                         (2 folders)
                       "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"
                       "Hot Bus," with Herman Michelson
BOX 29
                       "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
вох 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"
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"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

BOX 32 "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")

BOX 31

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"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
                       "Preface to the 50th Anniversary Edition, Who's Who in America
                       "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")
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                        Red River ("Mignon")
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                     Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.
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вох 38	Obscenity suit, Marcel Rodd case, 1946-1947 (2 folders)
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вох 39	The Butterfly (2 folders) Galatea Mildred Pierce (3 folders) Past All Dishonor
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	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 files, and other printed and near-print material. Most of the
	papers in the subject file belonged to or concern Cain's fourth wife,
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BOX 44	Correspondence
	Cain, Elina Sjöstedt Tyszecka (second wife), 1946-1974, undated
	Cain, Genevieve (sister), 1945-1951
	Cain, Mrs. James William (mother), 1945-1953
	Cain, Virginia (sister), 1943-1953
	Girvin, Lois, 1956-1976, undated
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	Subject file
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	Lecture on the Bible as literature
	Memories of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., by Ned Duval
	Macbeth, Florence Address book and cards
	Concert history compiled by Cain
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	Financial and legal

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	Atwater Kent estate
	Bills and receipts
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O'Faoláin, Seán and Julia, 1977

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Schonthal, Ruth, 1967-1977

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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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	Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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