

## Edmund G. "Ted" Miller Papers, 1926-1971

### Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 8
<b>Creator:</b>	Miller, Edmund G., 1918-2008
<b>Title:</b>	Edmund G. "Ted" Miller Papers, 1926-1971
<b>Dates:</b>	1926-1971
<b>Size:</b>	1.417 linear feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Edmund "Ted" Miller was a cartoonist, artist, and weatherman. He created a comic strip called "The Diary of Snubs Our Dog" for the <i>Christian Science Monitor</i> . Later he would become a weatherman for WHDH-TV & WCVB-TV for twenty-two years.

### Biographical Sketch

Edmund "Ted" Miller was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 19 February 1918. His father was Ralph G. Miller and his mother was Hellen A. (Sargent) Miller. Ted had two siblings Julian S. Miller, and his twin sister Janice de Moulpied.

He attended school in Haverhill and graduated from Haverhill High School in 1935. During World War II he served four years in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an intelligence specialist before his discharge as a Master Sergeant in 1945. Around this time his cartoons first started to appear. The earliest ones appeared in the Army publication, *Stars and Stripes*.

Miller married Elizabeth P. "Betty" (Peel) Miller (1918-2009). Betty and Ted had been members of The North Church Players in Haverhill. The two of them moved from Long Island, New York, to 224 Main Street, West Newbury, Massachusetts in 1946. They had three children: Grant Miller, Susan Miller, and Marilyn Miller Megan.

He continued to work as an artist doing work for the New England Telephone Yellow Pages, and for seven years drew and wrote a comic strip "The Diary of Snubs Our Dog" for the *Christian Science Monitor*.

In the 1950s he appeared for many years on Eileen Kneeland's TV show *Lady of the Bookshelf*. When the local television station Channel 5 (WHDH-TV) started on 26 November 1957, Ted began a twenty-year career as the weatherman and incorporated his famous seagulls "Barney" and "Leonardo" into his program at WHDH (1957-1972) and later WCVB-TV (1972-present). As an in-court artist he covered the inquest following the death of Mary Jo Kopechne (1940-1969) who was in the car with Senator Edward Kennedy when he crashed his car at Chappaquiddick Island.

He died on 1 January 2008, at his home in Amesbury, Massachusetts.

## Scope and Content Note

This collection provides a general overview of the activities and interests of Edmund G. Miller, an accountant in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Included in the materials original comic panels, various histories and correspondence with Bob Montana.

## Arrangement

Series 1: Biographical Information, 1989, undated

Series 2: Comic Book Panels, undated

Series 3: Photographs, undated

Series 4: Correspondence, 1926-1954

Series 5: Newspaper Clippings, 1941, 1971, undated

## Administrative Information

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<b>Custodial History:</b>	Much of the material was acquired from creator. The Haverhill Public Library also collected materials from the creator.
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**Related Material:** Bob Montana Collection, 1938-1994, HG2.8  
**Separated Material:** None.  
**Conservation Notes:** Newspaper clippings have been photocopied on archival quality paper to preserve their recorded information.  
**Subjects:** Capp, Al, 1909-1979  
 Comic book artist  
 Comic books, strips, etc.  
 Fisher, Ham, 1900-1955  
 Haverhill Art Guild  
 Miller, Edmund G., 1918-2008  
 Montana, Bob, 1920-1975

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Biographical Information, 1989, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
"Memories of the Haverhill Art Guild," 1989	1	1
Ted Miller & How He Got That Way, undated	1	2

### Series 2: Comic Book Panels, undated

Ted Miller Comic Book Panels	1	3
Comic Book Panels, 1955	2 (oversize)	

### Series 3: Photographs, undated

Ted Miller Photos, undated	1	4
Ted Miller with "Bamsy"	1	5
Ted Miller doing the Weather, undated	1	6

### Series 4: Correspondence, 1926-1954, undated

Ted Miller Letter to His Dad, 1926	1	7
Letters from Al Capp, 1937, 1954, undated	1	8

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Letter from Ham Fisher, 1938	1	9
Letters from Bob Montana (Photocopies), undated	1	10
Letters from Bob Montana (RESTRICTED), 1954, undated	1	11
<b>Series 5: Newspaper Clippings, 1941, 1971, undated</b>		
Ted Miller Newspaper Clipping, 1949	1	12
Article about Ted Miller as Weatherman, 1971	1	13
Article on Ted Miller, undated	1	14