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**Sylvia Heller Gurian Papers,  
1967-2002  
Collection: Mss. 2005:10**

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Sylvia Heller Gurian Papers, 1967 – 2002

**Collection Number:** Mss. 2005:10

**Extent:** 3 boxes

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** Gift of Sylvia Gurian, 2005

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## Scope and Contents Note

This collection was created by Sylvia Heller Gurian, Joseph Heller's sister, and consists primarily of clippings, interviews and profiles, and reviews related to Joseph Heller's career. In the mid-1990s, as Heller was writing his memoir of growing up in Brooklyn and his early life, *Now and Then* (1998), he sent draft chapters to Sylvia for comment and correction. These form the second major grouping in the collection, along with two folders of Heller family photographs, primarily of Joseph Heller. This collection also includes a typescript of Erica Heller's unpublished second novel *Blink of an Eye* (1993). Erica Heller, Joseph Heller's daughter, published her first novel, *Splinters* (William Morrow) in 1990.

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## Related Materials

The Joseph Heller Papers at the University of South Carolina.

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## Container List

### Box Folder

- 1 1 Correspondence and general clippings about the Heller family.
- 1 2-3 Photographs (2 folders)

*Now and Then: From Coney Island to Here* (Knopf, 1998).

- 1 4 Chapters 1 and 2, corrected typescript
- 1 5 Chapter 3, corrected typescript
- 1 6 Chapters 5 and 6, corrected typescript
- 1 7-9 Complete corrected typescript (3 folders)
- 1 10 Envelopes from *Now and Then* drafts
  
- 2 1-3 Clippings about Joseph Heller (3 folders)
- 2 4 Magazine articles (folder 1 of 3)
  
- 3 1-2 Magazine articles (folders 2-3 of 3)
- 3 3-4 Obituaries and tributes (2 folders)
- 3 5 Erica Heller. *Blink of an Eye*, typescript, 1993

1 oversized folder containing additional magazine pieces and 1 poster from the Yale Repertory Theater production of Heller's *We Bombed in New Haven* (1967).