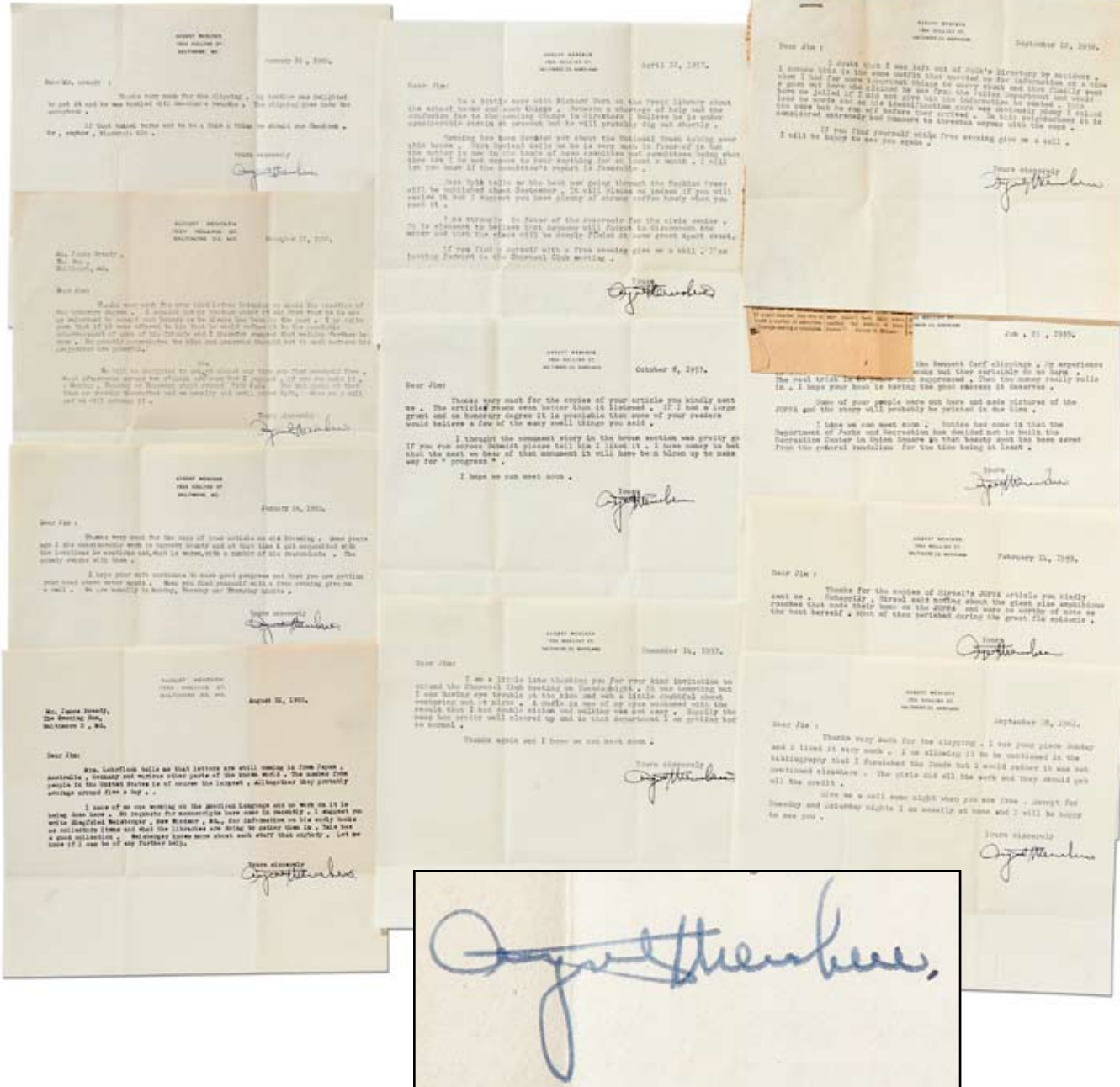


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Small Archive of Eleven Typed Letters Signed

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Eleven Typed Letters Signed from August Mencken to James Brady, a columnist at The Baltimore Sun. Old folds from mailing, near fine; one letter has a clipping stapled on the rear. Each letter is on his Hollins Street, Baltimore letterhead. The letters date from 1952-1961. Most are relatively brief, the first couple invite Brady over for drinks with himself and H.L.: "...night around 7:30 P.M. The bar opens at that time or shortly thereafter and we usually sit until 9:30." Also discussing the possibility of an honorary degree for H.L.: "I am quite sure if that if it were offered to him he would refuse it... He greatly appreciates the kind and generous thought but in such matters his prejudices are powerful." Also "Go a little easy with Richard Hart at the Pratt Library ... I believe he is under considerable strain at present but he will probably dig out of it." Also: "Nothing yet has been decided about the National Trust taking over this house." Other topics include books by both August and Brady, meetings of the Charcoal Club, various locations in and around Baltimore's neighborhoods, and an altercation: "This lead to words and as his identification card was obviously phony I called the cops but he ran off before they arrived. In this neighborhood it is considered extremely bad manners to call the cops." Mencken was the younger brother of H.L. Mencken, and an author in his own right. An interesting and chatty correspondence.

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