

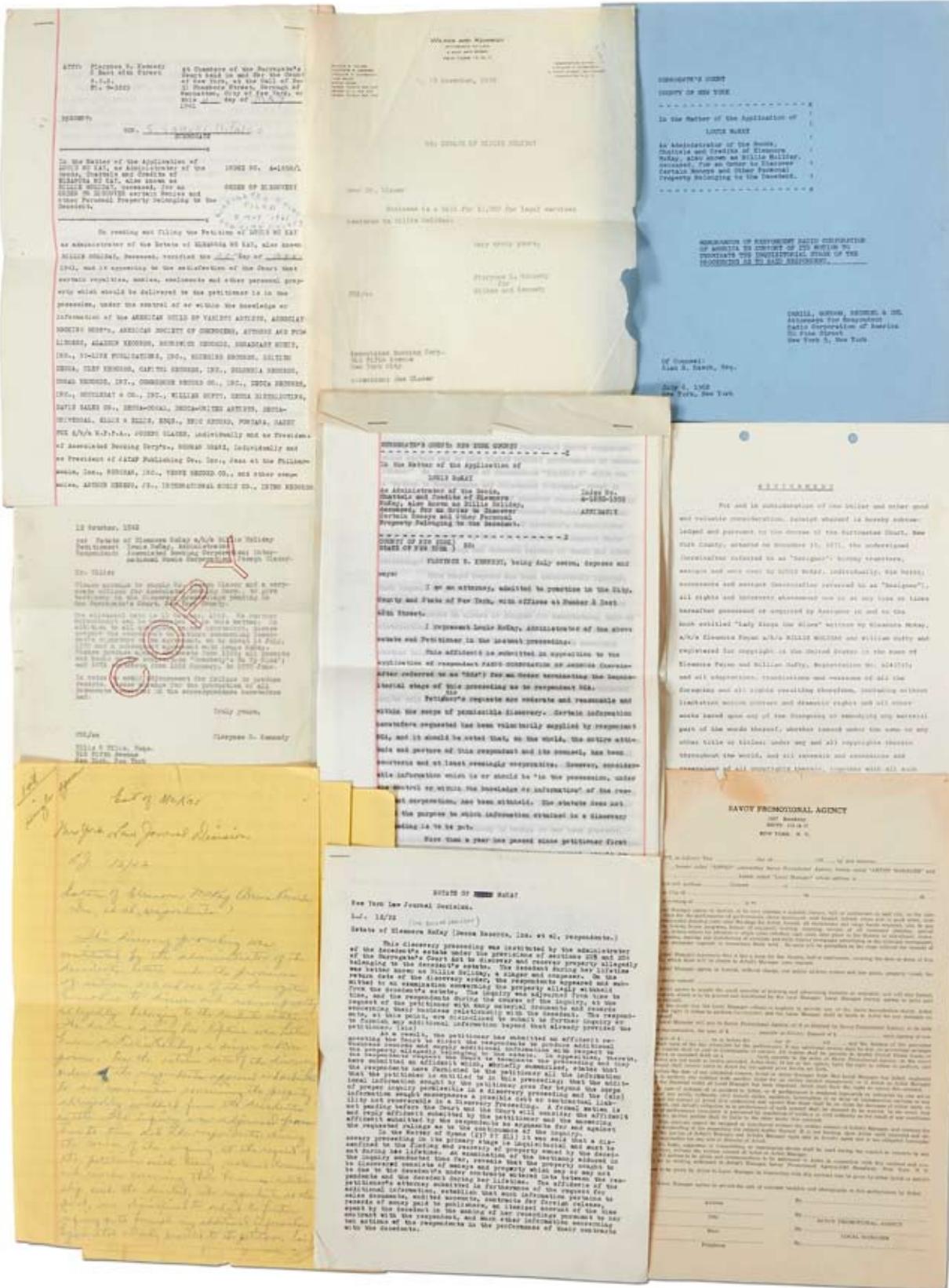
BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

112 Nicholson Rd, Gloucester City, NJ 08030 (856) 456-8008 betweenthecovers.com

Billie Holiday

[Archive]: Material Relating to Attempts by Her Estate to Collect Money from RCA and Other Entities

1959-1962



A small collection of five legal documents relating to monies possibly due to the estate of Eleanor McKay, better known as Billie Holiday, following her death between 1959 and 1962.

Towards the end of her life Holiday was beset by legal troubles, ranging from arrests for drug possession to royalty battles. The year before her death she only received \$11 in royalty revenue and relied solely on club concerts for her income. The archive displays the battle that her last husband, Louis McKay, reputedly a Mafia enforcer, went through in order to attempt to attain the rights to her work as well as back payments. This collection begins

in 1959 shortly after Holiday's death with a carbon copy of a one sentence letter submitting a \$1000 bill for legal service to the estate dated November 18, 1959. The final piece is a seven page affidavit of the Estate's Lawyer in Opposition to a RCA Motion dated September 6, 1962.

An assemblage of material connected with the first lady of jazz, Billie Holiday, detailing one aspect of the tragedy of her notorious life.

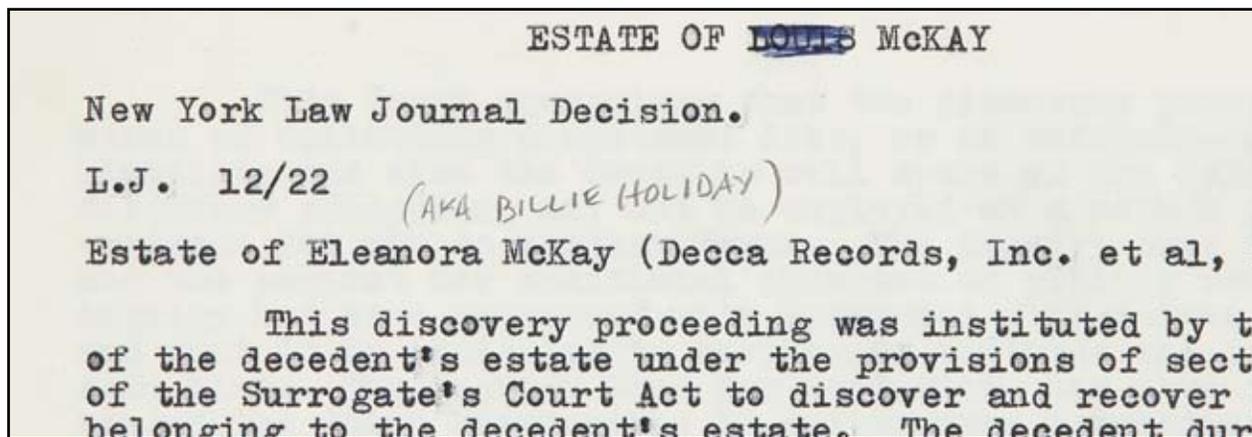
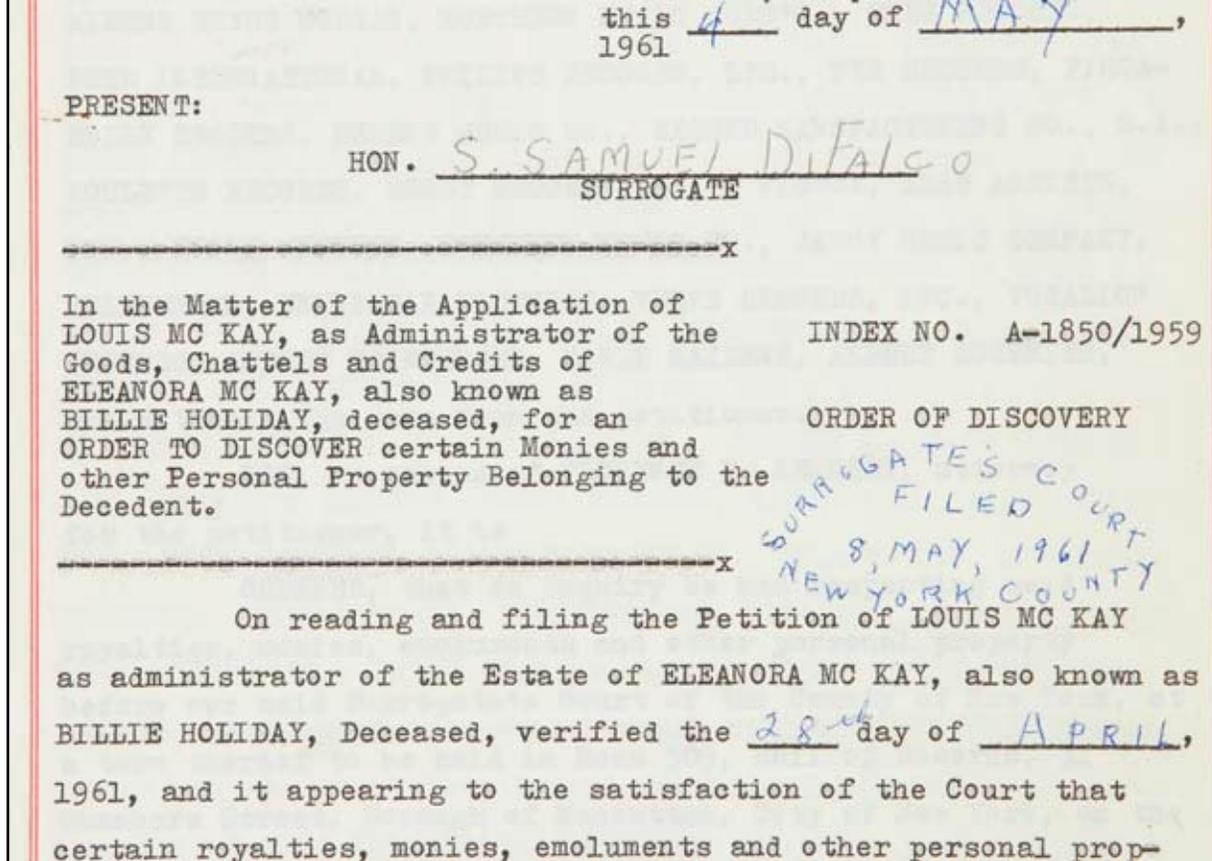
List:

Carbon copy of a one sentence letter submitting a \$1000 bill for legal service to the estate dated November 18, 1959.

A photocopy of a two page legal document whereby Louis McKay, Administrator of the Estate conveys ownership to himself of all rights to the book title, *Lady Sings the Blues*.

Copy of an Order of Discovery, three pages, issued by a New York Surrogate Court dated May 4, 1961. Nine page Memorandum of RCA in support of its motion to terminate the Inquisitorial Stage of the Proceedings dated July 6, 1962.

Seven page Affidavit of the Estate's Lawyer in Opposition to RCA Motion dated September 6, 1962. [BTC#400173]



SURROGATE'S COURT
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

----- X
In the Matter of the Application of :
 LOUIS McKAY :
As Administrator of the Goods, :
Chattels and Credits of Eleanora :
McKay, also known as Billie Holiday, :
deceased, for an Order to Discover :
Certain Moneys and Other Personal :
Property Belonging to the Decedent. :
----- X

MEMORANDUM OF RESPONDENT RADIO CORPORATION
OF AMERICA IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO
TERMINATE THE INQUISITORIAL STAGE OF THE
PROCEEDING AS TO SAID RESPONDENT.

CAHILL, GORDON, REINDEL & OHL
Attorneys for Respondent
Radio Corporation of America
80 Pine Street
New York 5, New York

Of Counsel:
Alan S. Rasch, Esq.

July 6, 1962
New York, New York