

Collection #
SC 3519

**KARL MALDEN
NOTE AND PHOTOGRAPH, 20 JANUARY 1994**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Karl Malden (1912–2009) was born in Chicago, Illinois, as Mladen George Sekulovich to a Czech-born mother and a Serbian-born father. The family later moved to Gary, where he attended Emerson High School in 1931. After working for three years in a steel mill, he enrolled at Arkansas State Teachers College and later attended the Goodman Theater Dramatic School. In December 1938, he married Mona Greenberg (b. 1917). They remained married the rest of their lives.

Malden was primarily engaged in the theatre in his early career, appearing in such productions as *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *All My Sons*. After serving in the military, he began his acting career in motion pictures with such credits as *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *On the Waterfront*, *Fear Strikes Out*, *Birdman of Alcatraz*, *Gypsy*, *How the West Was Won*, and *Patton*. In the 1970s, he branched out into television, starring as Detective Mike Stone in *The Streets of San Francisco*.

Karl Malden died in 2009 in Los Angeles, California, at the age of ninety-seven.

Sources:

IMDb web site (www.imdb.com/name/nm0001500/bio), accessed October, 2018

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The items in this collection are a handwritten note, and an autographed photograph of Karl Malden. The note extols the value of reading and learning. It formerly hung in the Kokomo Public Library before being acquired by the Indiana Historical Society in 2018.

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Handwritten note by Karl Malden, 20 January 1994

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