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A Finding Aid to the Herb Kruckman Papers, 1928-1990, in the Archives of American Art.

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Herb Kruckman papers
Date:	1928-1990
Identifier:	AAA.krucherb
Creator:	Kruckman, Herb, 1904-
Extent:	0.5 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Herb Kruckman papers measure 0.5 linear feet and date from 1928-1990. The collection consists of letters, notes and writings, sketchbooks and drawings, printed material, and photographs.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The papers of Herb Kruckman were donated by Herb Kruckman in 1976 and 1979, and by his son, Russell Kruckman, in 1991.

Processing Information

The collection was processed in 1991 by Jean Fitzgerald. A finding aid was created by Caroline Donadio in 2018.

Preferred Citation

Herb Kruckman papers, 1928-1990. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Herb Kruckman (1904-1998) was a cartoonist, author, and illustrator living in New York, N.Y. He studied at the Art Students League, contributed comics to the *New York Evening Graphic*, *New Masses*, and *Art Front* during the 1930s, and exhibited works at ACA Galleries.

Scope and Contents

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There are seventeen letters in total, two of which are from the American literary critic and biographer, Van Wyck Brooks. Notes and writings include a list of gifts to the Butler Institute including "Backyard" by Kruckman and a one page biographical sketch. There are also three sketchbooks and thirty two cartoons for *New Masses* and other New Deal era publications. Printed material consists of clippings, reproductions of art works, primarily from 1936 book, *Hol' Up Yo Head*, exhibition announcements, catalogs, a press release and miscellaneous brochures. Photographs are of artwork.

Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Container Listing

Series 1: Herb Kruckman papers, 1928-1990

0.5 Linear feet (Box 1, OV 2)

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Box 1, Folder 1	Letters, 1943-1979
Box 1, Folder 2	Notes and Writtings, 1970, undated
Box 1, Folder 3-4	Sketchbooks, undated
Box 1, Folder 5	Drawings, circa 1935-1939, undated
Oversize 2	Oversize Drawings, undated
Box 1, Folder 6-12	Clippings, 1928-1990, undated
Box 1, Folder 13	Reproductions of Art Work, undated
Box 1, Folder 14-17	Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1937-1939, 1947-1972, undated
Box 1, Folder 18	Miscellaneous Brochures and Announcements, 1943-1976
Box 1, Folder 19	Photographs of Works of Art, undated

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