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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Fred Nankivel papers
Identifier:	AAA.nankfred
Date:	1899-1973
Extent:	1 Linear foot ((on 2 partial microfilm reels))
Creator:	Nankivel, Fred, 1876-1950
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Material on reel 641 (except art work) donated by Claudine Nankivel Cooke, Fred Nankivel's daughter, 1973. Material on reel 1038 and art work on reel 641 lent for microfilming by Cooke, 1976.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 641 (fr. 1-566) and 1038 (fr. 43-133) available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Painter, illustrator; cartoonist, designer; New York, N.Y. Born in Iowa. Illustrator for Harpers, Puck, Scribners and Judge magazines and the New York Herald. He painted seascapes and landscapes of New England in the "Ashcan School" style. He developed animation for the Edison Moving Picture Company in the early 1900's. Nankivel also was a toy designer, playwright and theatre director.

Scope and Contents

Letters, photographs, printed material, art work, biographical material, writings and a scrapbook.

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REEL 641: Letters of Nankivel and his daughter, Claudine Nankivel Cooke; 12 clippings; 21 manuscripts for films written by Nankivel and 18 poems and songs by his brother, Guy Nankivel; drawings by Nankivel, Claudine Cooke, Peter Newell, Lawrence Wilbur, and Art Young; 66 original comic strips; 22 reproductions of work by Nankivel; and photographs of Nankivel in his studios, Claudine and her book illustrations, and of the Nankivel and Newell families, including Peter Newell.

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REEL 1038: A book of illustrations by Nankivel entitled "Chalk Talk"; a scrapbook containing biographical information, photographs of Nankivel, his family and paintings, scripts and lyrics for Nankivel's "Uncle Mun" movies, sketches, cartoons, watercolors, and letters.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Artists as authors -- New York (State) -- New York
Artists' illustrated books -- New York (State) -- New York
Artists' studios -- New York (State) -- New York -- Photographs
Caricatures and cartoons -- New York (State) -- New York
Illustrated books, Children's
Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- New England

Names:

Cooke, Claudine Nankivel
Newell, Peter, 1862-1924

Occupations:

Cartoonists -- New York (State) -- New York
Illustrators -- New York (State) -- New York
Painters -- New York (State) -- New York