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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Martin M. Branner Collection of the "Winnie Winkle" Comic Strip
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0265
Date: 1920-1961
Extent: 8 Cubic feet (20 boxes)
Creator: Branner, Martin M.
Graphic Arts, Division of (NMAH, SI).
Language: English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection was donated by Martin M. Branner, October 1967.

Ownership and Custodial History
This collection was trasferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Graphic Arts, June 7, 1987. Four original pen drawings of the Winnie Winkle strip (also donated by Mr. Branner in 1967) remain in the Division of Graphic Arts.

Related Archival Materials
Original pen drawings by Branner in Graphic Arts collections, NMAH (part of same accession).

Other Finding Aids
Inventory available; contact the Archives Center for more information.

Available Formats
English.

Processing Information
Collection processed by Craig Orr, 1993

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Biographical Note

"Winnie Winkle, the Breadwinner" was a comic strip written and drawn by Martin M. Branner. The main character is Winnie Winkle, "a poor, but pretty working girl, [who] is struggling to support her little family." The concept was an untraditional one at the time of the strip's first appearance in 1920. The strip lasted in daily and Sunday newspapers until 1961.

Scope and Contents

28 scrapbooks containing proofs and newspaper clippings (i.e., reproductions) of the comic strip "Winnie Winkle" from 37 complete years (1920, 1922-45, 1950-61) of daily black-and-white strips and color Sunday editions. Evidently, the clippings from 1946 1949 were lost at some point prior to the acquisition of this collection by the Smithsonian. This material is of significance as the cartoonist's own collection of his work.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Caricatures and cartoons -- 1920-1970
- Cartoon characters -- 1920-1970
- Cartoonists
- Comic books, strips, etc. -- 1920-1970

Types of Materials:
- Clippings -- 20th century
- Comics -- 1920-1970
- Reproductions
- Scrapbooks -- 20th century

Names:
- Graphic Arts, Division of (NMAH, SI).
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