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the "Winnie Winkle" Comic Strip

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## Collection Overview

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

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Martin M. Branner, October 1967.

### Provenance

This collection was transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Graphic Arts (now Division of Work and Industry), 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 form part of same accession in Graphic Arts collections (now Division of Work and Industry).

### Available Formats

English.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Craig Orr, 1993

### Preferred Citation

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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 goil, [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.

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## 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.

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## 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
- Comic books, strips, etc. -- 1920-1970

Types of Materials:

- Clippings -- 20th century
- Comics -- 1920-1970
- Reproductions
- Scrapbooks -- 20th century

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Graphic Arts

Occupations:

- Cartoonists

## Container Listing

Box 1	<a href="#">Winnie Winkle Comic Strip, 1920-1922</a>
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Box 2	<a href="#">Winnie Winkle Comic Strip, 1923</a>
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Box 3	<a href="#">Winnie Winkle Comic Strip, 1924</a>
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Box 4	<a href="#">Winnie Winkle Comic Strip, 1925</a>
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