Martin M. Branner Collection of the Winnie Winkle Comic Strip, 1920-1961
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HISTORY

"Winnie Winkle, the Breadwinner" is a comic strip written by Martin M. Branner. The strip is based on 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.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of twenty-eight scrapbooks into which Winnie Winkle strips--cut from newspapers--have been pasted. The clippings cover the entire period from 1920-1945 and from 1950-1961. Evidently, the clippings from 1946-1949 were lost at some point prior to the acquisition of this collection by the Smithsonian.

PROVENANCE

This collection was donated to the Smithsonian by Martin M. Branner in December 1967. The scrapbooks were transferred to the Archives Center from the NMAH Division of Graphic Arts in July 1987. Four original pen drawings of the Winnie Winkle strip (also donated by Mr. Branner in 1967) remain in the Division of Graphic Arts.

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