

Finding Aid to the Gruelle Family Collection, 1888-2008

Summary Information

Title: Gruelle family collection

Creator: Gruelle family (primary)

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Date: 1888-2008 (inclusive); 1910-1940 and 1985-2008 (bulk)

Extent: 16.5 linear feet

Language: All materials are in English unless otherwise indicated.

Abstract: The Gruelle family collection is a compilation of manuscripts, correspondence, drawings, art, photographs, personal materials, and publications from the Gruelle family. The bulk of the materials are from between 1910 and 1940, and then 1985 through 2008.

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Controlled Access Terms

Personal Names

- Gruelle, Johnny, 1880-1938
- Gruelle, Justin C., 1889-1978
- Gruelle, Kim, 1947-
- Gruelle, Myrtle (Swann), 1883-1968
- Gruelle, Richard B., 1851-1914
- Gruelle, Suzanne (Cieklinski), 1917-1996
- Gruelle, Worth, 1912-1997
- Hall, Patricia, 1948-

- Riley, James Whitcomb, 1849-1916
- Wannamaker, Joni Gruelle, 1942-

Corporate Names

- Macmillan, Inc.
- Simon & Schuster, Inc.

Subjects

- Raggedy Andy (Fictitious character)
- Raggedy Ann (Fictitious character)
- Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls
- Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls--Catalogs.
- Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls--Collectors and collecting.

Historical Note

John Barton (“Johnny”) Gruelle was born in Arcola, Illinois, in 1880, to Richard and Alice Gruelle. His father was a self-taught painter, musician, and writer. John and his younger siblings, Prudence and Justin, inherited their father’s artistic talents. John turned his interest in drawing into a career as a political cartoonist for various newspapers in the early 1900s. John married Myrtle Swann, and they soon had three children. In 1911, John won a contest for a permanent position at the *New York Herald*, where he illustrated the comic strip “Mr. Twee Deedle” for nearly eight years. He signed his illustrated works “Johnny Gruelle.”

The legend of Raggedy Ann began in 1914, when John’s daughter Marcella found a faceless rag doll in her grandparents’ attic. John and his wife Myrtle helped to transform the old doll into a more appealing plaything. John wrote short fantasy stories about the doll and her friends to entertain Marcella, who fell ill in 1915. She died the following year. John poured his grief into the creation of more Raggedy Ann stories—this time adding colorful illustrations. John’s coworkers greatly enjoyed his stories and urged him to publish them. In 1918, the P.F. Volland Co. released *Raggedy Ann Stories* to much acclaim. The F.A.O. Schwartz toy store contacted John to request dolls to accompany the books, which were difficult to keep in stock based on demand from customers. Raggedy Andy, Ann’s brother, made his literary debut in 1920. John continued to write at least one Raggedy Ann and Andy story every year until his death in 1938.

Members of the Gruelle family, notably John’s widow Myrtle and son Worth, carried on the legacy of the Raggedy Ann and Andy franchise. Raggedy Ann’s popularity soared in the following decades, with sales of dolls, books, and related merchandise reaching millions of dollars annually. Arcola, Illinois hosted a Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival in 1990, which became a yearly event for two decades. Worth’s daughter (and John’s namesake), Joni, founded the Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum, also in Arcola, in 1999. The museum showcased not only the beloved characters but also other works of John Gruelle. In 2009, the Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum closed, but its collections live on in the holdings at The Strong.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Gruelle family collection contains materials from 1888 through 2008, with the bulk of the material from 1910 to 1940 and then 1985 through 2008. This collection comprises manuscripts, correspondence, artwork, cartoons, newspaper articles, periodicals, printed stories, photographs, genealogical information, and personal materials belonging to and/or created by three generations of Gruelle family members. Though much of the content of this collection is related to Raggedy Ann and Andy, there are other materials which showcase the creativity of the Gruelle family. Additional scope and content information is listed for each series or subseries under the “Contents List” section of this finding aid.

The Gruelle family collection is arranged into nine series, five of which are further divided into subseries. The materials are housed in 22 archival document boxes and five oversized flat folders.

Related Collections

The National Museum of Play at The Strong holds a sizeable collection of items donated by the Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum, formerly located in Arcola, Illinois. The Strong has more than 1,400 objects illustrating the myriad products which featured Raggedy Ann and Andy’s images for nearly a century. Raggedy Ann and Andy have been inducted into, and are on display in, the National Toy Hall of Fame at The Strong.

The Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play at The Strong houses many original Raggedy Ann and Andy story books, also donated by Joni Gruelle Wannamaker.

System of Arrangement

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Contents List

Series I: Manuscript materials, c. 1910-2008

Subseries A: Johnny Gruelle

Scope and Content Note: Unpublished materials written by Johnny Gruelle comprise this subseries. Document types include poems, short stories, dramatic treatments, notes, and a musical score. When possible, date ranges provided by the Gruelle family have been indicated in brackets next to the document title for undated materials.

Box 1

- Folder 1 "Johnny Cricket's Violin," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1913-1919]
- Folder 2 Loose leaf memo book, Johnny Gruelle [c. 1920s-1930s]
- Folder 3 "The Magical Stone of Noom," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1920s]
- Folder 4 "Raggedy Auntie," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1920s]
- Folder 5 "The Adventures of Raggedy Ann and Andy (#454)," Johnny Gruelle [c. mid-1920s]
- Folder 6 Untitled Raggedy Ann and Andy manuscript ["Christmas"], Johnny Gruelle [c. 1925-1929]
- Folder 7 Untitled Raggedy Ann and Andy manuscript ["Little Gates to Nowhere"], Johnny Gruelle [c. 1920s]
- Folder 8 "The Peppies," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1926-1932]
- Folder 9 "The Peppies Christmas," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1926-1932]
- Folder 10 "The Peppies New Year," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1926-1932]
- Folder 11 Untitled dramatic sketch ["Johnny & Mary Mann"], Johnny Gruelle [c. 1926-1932]
- Folder 12 "Katinka & Katunka (Story #14)," Johnny Gruelle, 1928
- Folder 13 "Raggedy Ann-Animated," Johnny Gruelle [c. late 1920s-early 1930s]
- Folder 14 Songs, Johnny Gruelle [c. early 1930s]
- Folder 15 "Raggedy Ann and the Queen," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1930s]
- Folder 16 "The Mijjies (#1)" and "The Mijjies (Frogs)," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1932-1937]
- Folder 17 "Women Are Right/Pages from Grandpa's Notebook," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1932-1937]
- Folder 18 "Audition-Raggedy Ann and Andy," audition script for NBC Radio, [likely] Johnny Gruelle, 1933
- Folder 19 "Elmer/Walrus Hide," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1934]
- Folder 20 "Raggedy Ann's Kindness," Johnny Gruelle [c. 1935]
- Folder 21 "Adventure Dreams," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 22 "Dwarfies Number One," "Dwarfies Number Two," and "Dwarfies Number Three," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 23 "Hunches for Raggedy Ann Drawings," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 24 "Idea for Mary Pickford - Raggedy Ann," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 25 "The Ittybittys (No. 1)," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 26 "The Ittybittys (No. 1)," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 27 "The Ittybittys (No. 2)," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 28 "Lovey Loo" binder contents, Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 29 Manuscript fragments of short stories by Johnny Gruelle, n.d.

- Folder 30 "Mark Larkin - M.P.," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 31 "No Publicity," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 32 Poems, Johnny Gruelle, n.d.

Box 2

- Folder 1 "Polly Peters and the Wish-Wish Man," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 2 "Raggedy Ann and the Golden Ring," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 3 "Raggedy Ann Show," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 4 "The Romance of King Arthur," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 5 "The Sandman," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 6 "Santa Claus," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 7 "Tapioca," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 8 "Til we meet oh gentle mother," musical score by Johnny Gruelle and John B. Proetz, n.d.
 Folder 9 "The Twik Twik," Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 10 Untitled manuscript ["Boliver"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 11 Untitled dramatic treatment ["Dark Knight"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 12 Untitled dramatic treatment ["Lovey Lou"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 13 Untitled dramatic treatment ["Lovey Lou/Winnie the Witch"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 14 Untitled short story ["Orfie and Tinky"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 15 Untitled short story ["The Ricebirds"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 16 Untitled dramatic treatment ["Scarecrow"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.

Subseries B: Myrtle Gruelle

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains unpublished materials written by Myrtle Gruelle. Document types include memoirs, lectures, essays, and manuscripts for Raggedy Ann and Andy stories.

Box 2

- Folder 17 Untitled memoirs, Myrtle Gruelle [c. 1938]
 Folder 18 "Madonna and Child" lecture, Myrtle Gruelle, 1947
 Folder 19 "I Am But One," journal by Myrtle Gruelle (reproduction), original 1948
 Folder 20 "Raggedy Ann and Andy" speech, Myrtle Gruelle, 1950
 Folder 21 Untitled short story ["Granddaughter's Story"], Myrtle Gruelle [c. 1951]
 Folder 22 "Dear Sister Bertha," Myrtle Gruelle, 1954
 Folder 23 Untitled memoirs, Myrtle Gruelle [c. 1960s]
 Folder 24 "The All-Seeing Eye," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 25 "Home" lecture, Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 26 Inspirational essays, Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 27 "It Is All Ours/The Golden Light," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 28 "James Whitcomb Riley," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 29 "The Laughing Spring," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 30 "Marcella," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 31 "Meditation," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 32 "Raggedy Ann and Andy Meet Alma Lee," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
 Folder 33 "Raggedy Ann Visits the Twinkle Star," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.

- Folder 34 "The Story of Johnny Gruelle - rough draft," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 35 "Suppose Book" and untitled poem, Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 36 "Tapioca," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 37 "A Thought for the Day," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 38 "A Valley of Love," Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 39 Untitled manuscript ["Elfie Elf"], Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 40 Untitled manuscript ["Marcella/Belindy"], Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 41 Untitled manuscript ["The Merry-Go-Round"], Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 42 Untitled Raggedy Ann manuscript, Myrtle Gruelle, n.d.

Subseries C: Other Gruelle family members

Scope and Content Note: This subseries includes unpublished materials written by Worth, Justin, and Prudence Gruelle. Document types include essays, poems, and draft book manuscripts.

Box 3

- Folder 1 "The Strength of a Word," Myrtle and Worth Gruelle, 1948, 1951
- Folder 2 "Heely and Coppy," Worth Gruelle [c. 1945]
- Folder 3 "Country Lass," Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 4 "Jimmy Crow and the Owls," Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 5 "Norleen," Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 6 "Raggedy Ann's Wish," Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 7 "The Singing Thread," Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 8 "Tapioca," Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 9 Untitled poem, Justin Gruelle [c. 1934-1935]
- Folder 10 "Myrtle Swann Gruelle," Prudence Gruelle, n.d.

Subseries D: Miscellaneous manuscripts

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds unpublished materials presumably sent to and compiled by the Gruelle family. Document types include essays, memoirs, poems, and an obituary. Of note are the essays written by Patricia Hall, a close family friend and Johnny Gruelle biographer.

Box 3

- Folder 11 "Singing Hearts and Magical Wishes: Worth Gruelle," Patricia Hall, *Rags*, Vol. 4, No. 1, August 1991
- Folder 12 Worth Gruelle - topical essays, Patricia Hall, 1997 and n.d.
- Folder 13 Johnny Gruelle obituary, author unknown [c. 1938]
- Folder 14 "Sunday Morning Prayer of Appreciation (for Myrtle)," Don Dickerman, 1958
- Folder 15 "The History of Raggedy Ann and Andy," author(s) unknown, 1984-1985
- Folder 16 "Raggedy Ann: The World's Most Famous Rag Doll," author unknown [c. 1988]
- Folder 17 "Ginny and Raggedy Ann Visit the Roycroft Inn," Carolyn Jump and Melanie Gorog, 1997
- Folder 18 "The Dancing Raggedy Ann Doll," Ann Burke, 1998
- Folder 19 "Raggedy Ann and Andy," Erin Helms [c. 2007]
- Folder 20 "Bless This House," Elizabeth Barr Hass, n.d.
- Folder 21 "Merry Christmas," author unknown, n.d.
- Folder 22 Packet of poems, author unknown, n.d.

- Folder 23 "The Raggedy Ann Man," author unknown, n.d.
 Folder 24 "A Soul's Soliloquy," author unknown, n.d.
 Folder 25 "Raggedy Ann and Her Little Brother Raggedy Andy," Walter R. Rye, Sr., n.d.
 Folder 26 Untitled Johnny Gruelle histories, unknown and Joni Gruelle Wannamaker, n.d.

Series II: Correspondence, 1913-2008

Subseries A: Personal correspondence

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains the correspondence of members of the Gruelle family, close friends, fans, and Gruelle biographers. Also, sympathy cards and other letters of a personal nature are housed within this grouping. In Folder 8, Patricia Hall's papers reveal a carefully researched chronology of Johnny Gruelle's life, with annotations provided by Worth Gruelle in 1988.

Box 4

- Folder 1 Personal correspondence - Barbara Barth, 1989-1991
 Folder 2 Personal correspondence - Sue Cloak, 1987-1991
 Folder 3 Personal correspondence - Susan Ann Garrison, 1990-1991
 Folder 4 Personal correspondence - Johnny Gruelle, 1913-1938
 Folder 5 Personal correspondence - Justin Gruelle, 1973-1977
 Folder 6 Personal correspondence - Myrtle Gruelle, 1913-1951
 Folder 7 Personal correspondence - Worth Gruelle, 1940-1996
 Folder 8 Personal correspondence - Patricia Hall, 1988-1998
 Folder 9 Personal correspondence - Judy Newton and Jane Eckert, 1983-1984
 Folder 10 Personal correspondence - Lynnita Sommer, 1982-1991
 Folder 11 Personal correspondence - Andrew Tabbat, 1979-1989
 Folder 12 Personal correspondence - Joni Gruelle Wannamaker, 1986-2008
 Folder 13 Personal correspondence - Jennifer Weil, 1988-1996
 Folder 14 Personal correspondence - general fan mail, 1966-2003

Box 5

- Folder 1 Personal correspondence - miscellaneous, 1944-1980s
 Folder 2 Personal correspondence - sympathy cards re: Suzanne Gruelle, 1996

Subseries B: Business correspondence

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds correspondence between the Gruelles and various companies involved with the marketing and production of Raggedy Ann and Andy-related materials. Of interest are Macmillan's "Raggedy Rule Book" for licensed products, various notes and corrections on character appearance by Worth Gruelle, and cease-and-desist letters for unlicensed vendors.

Box 5

- Folder 3 Business correspondence - Applause, Inc., 1982-1996
 Folder 4 Business correspondence - Arnold R. Bolka Public Relations/New Market Enterprises, Inc., 1974, 1991
 Folder 5 Business correspondence - Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., 1960-1985
 Folder 6 Business correspondence - Ernst, Cane, Gitlin, & Winick, 1984

- Folder 7 Business correspondence - Hasbro, Inc./Playskool, 1983-2000
- Folder 8 Business correspondence - House of Nisbet, Ltd., 1988

Box 6

- Folder 1 Business correspondence - International Management Group, 1986
- Folder 2 Business correspondence - Knickerbocker Toy Co., Inc., 1972-1982
- Folder 3 Business correspondence - Macmillan, Inc., 1985-1991
- Folder 4 Business correspondence - Nannie's Shelter for Wayward Raggedies, 1998-2003
- Folder 5 Business correspondence - Simon & Schuster/United Media Licensing, 1999-2005
- Folder 6 Business correspondence - Stanley-Fizer Associates, Inc., 1981
- Folder 7 Business correspondence - Wickes, Riddell, Bloomer, Jacobi, & McGuire, 1968
- Folder 8 Business correspondence - miscellaneous businesses, 1975-2001

Series III: Graphic materials, c. 1890-1998

Subseries A: Original artwork

Scope and Content Note: Within this subseries are original illustrations and sketches by various members of the Gruelle family. (Several large drawings are located on an oversized shelf.)

Box 6

- Folder 9 Untitled pencil drawing ["Egyptian drawing"], Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 10 "Merry Christmas" pen and ink drawing, Kim Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 11 Raggedy Ann and Andy drawings, Joni Gruelle Wannamaker, 1997-1998
- Folder 12 Untitled Raggedy Ann with hearts drawing, artist unknown, n.d.

Box 7

- Folder 1 Untitled pencil drawings, Worth Gruelle, 1916
- Folder 2 Aquabee Layout Bond sketch pad, Worth Gruelle [1980s]
- Folder 3 Raggedy Ann and Andy doll specifications, Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 4 Raggedy Ann illustration with proverb, Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 5 "The Last Great Company" logo, Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 6 "Marcella and Raggedy Ann" pen and ink drawing, Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 7 Various Christmas card illustrations, Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 8 Miscellaneous drawings and character sketches, Worth Gruelle [1970s-1980s]
- Folder 15 Scrapbook to Worth Gruelle from Evergreen Elementary School, Mountlake Terrace, Washington, 1971

Oversized

- Folder 1 Large Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy drawing, likely Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 2 "Raggedy Ann and the Golden Ring" book cover art, Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 3 "Heely and Copy" book cover art, Worth Gruelle, 1945

Subseries B: Proofs and other printed materials

Scope and Content Note: This subseries includes illustrated proofs, newspaper proverbs, Raggedy Ann and Andy sketches, copies of patents, and other published materials created or owned by members of the Gruelle family. Of note are photographs and transparencies of Justin Gruelle's famous mural "Early Birds" (also called the "History of Aviation" mural), which was displayed at the Smithsonian Institution for several decades.

Box 6

- Folder 13 "All About Mother Goose" and "All About Little Red Riding Hood" color illustration proofs, originally by Johnny Gruelle [c. 1890s-1910]
- Folder 14 Raggedy Ann and Andy characters, originally by Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 15 Raggedy Ann newspaper proverbs, originally by Johnny Gruelle, 1935-1938
- Folder 16 Various Raggedy Ann and Andy color page proofs, originally by Johnny Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 17 Johnny Gruelle doll patents (photocopies), originally 1915-1921
- Folder 18 Howard Pyle illustrations, color page proofs, n.d.

Box 7

- Folder 9 Richard B. Gruelle drawings (photocopies), originally 1885 and n.d.
- Folder 10 Johnny Gruelle printed illustrations, n.d.
- Folder 11 Various proofs by Johnny Gruelle, 1918-1930s; one proof by Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Folder 12 Musical scores illustrated by Justin Gruelle, 1912, 1932
- Folder 13 Transparencies and photographs of Justin Gruelle artwork
- Folder 14 "History of Aviation/Early Birds" mural sketches, 5 panels (A-E) by Justin Gruelle, photocopies and keys, c. 1957

Subseries C: Johnny Gruelle binders

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains eight three-ring binders featuring photocopies of Johnny Gruelle's illustrations and cartoons for various newspapers (mainly in Indiana) during the early 1900s. Jacqueline Daffron, owner of Nannie's Shelter for Wayward Raggedies in Monticello, Kentucky, copied these pages from microfilm in 2003 and donated the binders to the Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum. Daffron's original binder names are listed.

Box 8

- Binder 1 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume One/Book One: *The Indianapolis Sun*, Highlights from 1902
- Binder 2 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume One/Book Two: *The Indianapolis Sun* Newspaper, Highlights from January-December 1902
- Binder 3 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume One: June 18, 1903 to August 27, 1903
- Binder 4 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume One/Book Two: June 18, 1903 to August 27, 1903
- Binder 5 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume One/Book Three: August 28, 1903-October 20, 1903

- Binder 6 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume One/Book Four: October 21, 1903-November 27, 1903
- Binder 7 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume One/Book Five: November 28, 1903-December 31, 1903
- Binder 8 Graphic Arts Representing the Works of: John Barton Gruelle ...
Volume Two/Book One: Highlights from January 1st-March 14, 1904

Series IV: Personal materials, 1912-2006

Scope and Content Note: This series houses personal notes and memorabilia created and collected by members of the Gruelle family. The baby books of both Worth and Joni Gruelle hold notes and photographs as well.

Patricia Hall, historian and Gruelle family friend, photocopied the original Justin Gruelle scrapbooks in 1990 for Worth and Suzanne Gruelle. These scrapbooks contain memoirs, family history, sketches, photographs, newspaper clippings, notes, and other artwork. (The originals reside with descendants of Justin Gruelle.) For additional genealogical information, see Series V.

Box 9

- Folder 1 Personal materials - Myrtle Gruelle, 1963 and n.d.
- Folder 2 Personal materials - Worth Gruelle, 1912-1991 and n.d.
- Folder 3 T.O.S.C.E./Roaring '20s Car Club, meeting minutes, Worth Gruelle, 1956-1963
- Folder 4 Personal materials - Suzanne (Cieklinski) Gruelle, 1917-1947
- Folder 5 Personal materials - Joni Gruelle Wannamaker, 1942-2006
- Folder 6 Personal materials - Ginger Gruelle, 2001
- Folder 7 Personal materials - Terri V. Gruelle, 2002

Box 10

- Object 1 Worth Gruelle baby book, 1912-1915
- Object 2 Address book, Worth Gruelle, 1986
- Object 3 Raggedy Ann Awards notebook, Worth Gruelle, n.d.
- Object 4 Joni Gruelle baby book, 1942
- Object 5 Justin Gruelle Family Scrapbook #1, copied 1990 [originally compiled c. 1930s-1960s]
- Object 6 Justin Gruelle Family Scrapbook #2, copied 1990 [originally compiled c. 1930s-1960s]
- Folder 1 Golden Anniversary Award to Worth Gruelle from Quarter Century Wireless Association, 1973
- Folder 2 Worth and Kim Gruelle Christmas Seals Award, 1968

Series V: Genealogical materials, 1972-2002

Scope and Content Note: This series holds a variety of family historical information compiled by members of the Gruelle family from 1978 through the early 2000s. Details on the Grouvelle/Gruwell/Grewell/Gruelle family names are included here, along with an electronic GEDCOM family tree file on a diskette. For more information on the Richard Gruelle branch of the family, see also the Justin Gruelle Family Scrapbooks under Series IV.

Box 11

- Folder 1 Genealogical materials - Gruwell family history [c. 1994]
- Folder 2 Genealogical materials - Gruelle-Cieklinski line [c. 1984]
- Folder 3 Genealogical materials - Gruelle family, 1976-1984
- Folder 4 Genealogical materials - Grewell family history [c. 1998]
- Folder 5 Genealogical materials - Gruwell genealogy [c. 1998]
- Folder 6 Genealogical materials - Gruelle-Shelton line [c. 1972]
- Folder 7 Genealogical materials - Ohio Grewell Descendant Report, 1998
- Folder 8 Genealogical materials - Descendants of Henri François Grouvelle, 1998
- Folder 9 Genealogical materials - Various Gruelle family notes and information [c. 1998-1999]
- Folder 10 Genealogical materials - Gruelle family in Kentucky, n.d.
- Folder 11 Genealogical materials - Gruwell family [c. 1998]
- Folder 12 Genealogical materials - Gruwell family information and correspondence, 1992
- Folder 13 Genealogical materials - Gruwell family in Kentucky, 1998
- Folder 14 Genealogical materials - Gruelle family in Illinois [c. 1992]
- Folder 15 Genealogical materials - Various Gruelle family notes, info, and GEDCOM disk, 1992-1998
- Folder 16 Genealogical materials - Various Gruelle family notes and information [c. 2002 and n.d.]

Series VI: Raggedy Ann and Andy events, 1976-2008**Subseries A: Museum exhibits**

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains museum brochures, publicity, and newspaper articles on exhibits featuring Gruelle family members or Raggedy Ann and Andy, from 1985 through 1994. (Information on exhibits from the now-closed Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum can be found in Series VII.)

Box 12

- Folder 1 Indiana State Museum, "Indiana Paintings of the Hoosier Group," featuring Richard Gruelle, 1985
- Folder 2 Oakland [California] Museum, "America's Playmate: Raggedy Ann at 70," 1989
- Folder 3 Indiana State Museum, "Magical Hearts," 1990
- Folder 4 Brevard [Florida] Museum, "A Visit with Raggedy Ann and Andy," 1991
- Folder 5 Evansville [Indiana] Museum of Arts and Science, "Richard Gruelle (1851-1914): Remembering an Artist," 1994

Subseries B: Special events

Scope and Content Note: This subseries houses programs, special edition newspapers, publicity, flyers, brochures, and other materials relating to special events focusing on Raggedy Ann and Andy. Information on the Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival, which took place annually in Arcola, Illinois, from 1990 through 2008, is also included here.

Box 12

- Folder 6 "Raggedy Ann and Andy: A Musical Adventure" film, 1976
- Folder 7 "Home In Indiana" antique show, 1985
- Folder 8 White House Easter Egg Roll, 1985
- Folder 9 Raggedy Ann and Andy musicals, New York City and Moscow, 1986
- Folder 10 Coral Gables [Florida] Library, "Raggedy's Return," 1989
- Folder 11 Florida Space Coast Doll Club Show, Melbourne, Florida, 1989-1998
- Folder 12 Southern Belles Doll Club, "Ragtime Luncheon," 1998
- Folder 13 Raggedy Ann and Andy doll contest, 2001
- Folder 14 Indiana Historical Society, Raggedy Ann and Andy Tea Party, 2002
- Folder 15 Indiana Historical Society, Raggedy Ann and Andy Breakfast, 2004
- Folder 16 Miscellaneous events, 1985-2005
- Folder 17 Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival, Arcola, Illinois, 1990-2008

Subseries C: Special projects

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds materials about projects relating to Raggedy Ann and Andy and other Johnny Gruelle characters. The "Save the Raggedys" folder contains correspondence, a petition, and newspaper articles detailing the revisions to the appearance of Raggedy Ann by Macmillan in 1987.

Box 13

- Folder 1 Raggedy Ann and Andy 10 Meter Award, 1980
- Folder 2 Raggedy Ann and Andy Scholarship Fund, 1986
- Folder 3 Karen Fox/Adventures in Caring Foundation, 1987-1993
- Folder 4 "Save the Raggedys" campaign, 1987
- Folder 5 House of Nisbet, "Little Brown Bear Doll," 1988
- Folder 6 Marcella Doll, Wendy Lawton, 1988

Series VII: Publications, 1910-2008**Subseries A: News clippings**

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains published newspaper articles about the Gruelle family and Raggedy Ann and Andy. Details on the annual Raggedy Ann and Andy Festivals (1990-2008) and the Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum are held in this subseries.

Box 13

- Folder 7 Johnny and Myrtle Gruelle-related newspaper articles, 1910-1990
- Folder 8 Worth Gruelle-related newspaper articles, 1955-1992
- Folder 9 Joni Gruelle Wannamaker-related newspaper articles, 1956-2008
- Folder 10 Various Gruelle family-related newspaper articles, 1934-2005
- Folder 11 General Raggedy Ann and Andy-related newspaper articles, 1964-2006

Box 14

- Folder 1 Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival/Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum, articles, 1990-2008
- Folder 2 Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival/Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum, articles, 1990-2008
- Folder 3 Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival/Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum, articles, 1990-2008
- Folder 4 Miscellaneous Raggedy Ann and Andy-related newspaper articles, 1966-2005
- Folder 5 Photocopied articles on Gruelle family and/or Raggedy Ann and Andy, 1930-2002

Oversized

- Folder 4 Oversized laminated news article on Worth Gruelle, 1963

Subseries B: Cartoons

Scope and Content Note: This subseries includes printed cartoons by both Johnny Gruelle and his son Worth Gruelle. While some feature Raggedy Ann and Andy, many of the cartoons held in this group depict friends and acquaintances of the Gruelle family, as well as newspaper illustrations.

Box 15

- Folder 1 Cartoons, Johnny Gruelle and Worth Gruelle, 1911-1945 and n.d.

Oversized

- Folder 5 Oversized color newspaper sheets, Johnny Gruelle cartoons, 1911, 1930, 1932, and 1940

- "Mr. Twee Deedle," *New York Herald*, February 26, 1911
- "Brutus," *New York Herald Tribune*, April 20, 1930
- "Brutus," *New York Herald Tribune*, March 20, 1932
- "Raggedy Ann and Andy," *Miami Herald*, November 3, 1940

Subseries C: Advertisements

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds sample advertisements and proof sheets for Raggedy Ann and Andy-related books and items, as well as other product advertisements which show Raggedy Ann or Andy. Also included here are materials for The Last Great Co., a store formerly owned by Kim Gruelle in North Carolina.

Box 15

- Folder 2 Advertisements, 1936-2006 and n.d.

Oversized

- Folder 4 "Classic Raggedy Ann and Andy Gift Center" cardboard display piece, n.d.

Subseries D: Johnny Gruelle Stories

Scope and Content Note: This subseries houses original issues of Johnny Gruelle's illustrated stories for children, published in *Women's World* magazine during the 1920s.

Box 15

Folder 3

Johnny Gruelle Stories, 1921-1929

- "The Pirate and the Golden Pennies," *Woman's World*, February 1921
- "The Dwarfies," *Good Housekeeping*, March 1921
- "The Cruise of the Rickety-Robin," *Woman's World*, January 1922
- "A Wild Night on the Rickety-Robin," *Woman's World*, March 1923
- "Playing Tag in the Air," *Woman's World*, May 1924
- "Peter and Prue in the Bunny Burrow," *Woman's World*, June 1924
- "The Lumpgum's Revenge," *Woman's World*, July 1924
- "A Contrarycuss and a Magic Broth," *Woman's World*, September 1924
- "The Prince and Princess of Tum," *Woman's World*, November 1924. (2 copies)
- "Jan and Janette," *Woman's World*, October 1928
- "The Surrender of Mr. Tunkey," *Woman's World*, November 1928
- "Some Adventures with Magic," *Woman's World*, July 1929.
- "Rags Finds the Real Magician," *Woman's World*, September 1929
- "The Ice Cream Mud Puddle," *Woman's World*, n.d.

Subseries E: Periodicals

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains magazines (both complete issues and excerpted articles) featuring stories written/illustrated by Johnny Gruelle or relating to members of the Gruelle family and the Raggedy Ann and Andy characters. Also included in this subseries are newsletters created for Raggedy Ann and Andy collectors.

Box 16

Periodicals, 1919-1963

- *College Humor*, September 1929; April 1930; March 1931
- *Judge*, August 23, 1919; July 10, 1920
- *Physical Culture*, March 1919
- *Woman's World*, February 1926; October 1928; August 1931
- *Better Homes and Gardens*, February 1963

Box 17

Periodicals, 1964-2008

- *Americana*, "Still Smiling at Seventy-Five," December 1990
- *The Cloth Doll*, Spring 1997 (2 copies); May 2000
- *Collectibles: Flea Market Finds*, Fall 1998
- *Collectors' Showcase*, January/February 1999
- *Connecticut*, "Raggedy Ann," December 1992

- *Contemporary Doll Collector*, February/March 1997; “Raggedy Ann: An Advertising Icon,” April/May 2008
- *Country Living Collecting*, 2005
- *Country Sampler*, “Amish Getaway,” April/May 2000; “From Raggedy to Riches,” June/July 2001
- *Discovering Southern Kentucky*, February 1998
- *Doll Castle News*, “Raggedys, Raggedys, Raggedys,” November & December 1997; May & June 2008
- *Doll News*, “Club Notes,” Winter 1998
- *Doll Reader*, September 1992; January 1999
- *Doll World*, April 1987; February 1994 (2 copies); August 2000
- *Dollmaker*, 1991
- *Dolls*, July 2004
- *Family Motor Coaching*, April 2004
- *Good Old Days*, April 2006
- *Guideposts*, January 1993 (2 copies)
- *Ideals*, Vol. 48, No. 8, December 1991
- *Illinois Magazine*, “The Raggedy Ann Man,” November-December 1986
- *The Living Museum: Illinois State Museum*, Vol. 51, No. 1, 1989
- *The Lockerbie Letter*, September 1997; October 1997; February 1998; March 1998; April 1998; May 1998; June/July 1998; August 1998
- *The Maryland Bar Journal*, May/June 2003
- *Museum Magazine*, May/June 1981
- *The Museum of California* [The Oakland Museum], January/February 1989
- *Museums & More*, Spring 2003
- *Parade*, “Raggedy Ann’s 50th Birthday,” November 29, 1964
- *Smithsonian*, “This Month in History,” September 2005
- *Table Rock Sentinel*, November/December 1991
- *Toy Shop*, July 8, 2005; October 14, 2005; March 31, 2006
- *Toybox*, Vol. 1, No. 3, Winter 1992
- *Toyfest ‘97*, August 1997
- *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*, Vol. 2, No. 4, Fall 1990 (2 copies)
- *Warman’s Today’s Collector*, May 1998; October 1998; November 1998
- *Yankee*, January 1996

Box 18

- Folder 1 Newsletters - “Country Heart. I Love You,” 1998, 2004 [in Japanese]
- Folder 2 Newsletters - “Happy Hearts,” Carolyn O’Brien, 1998
- Folder 3 Newsletters - “Heart Connection,” Love Yourself Foundation, 1993
- Folder 4 Newsletters - “Heart to Heart/For the Heart’s Sake,” The Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum, 1999-2005

- Folder 5 Newsletters - "Raggedy Ann/Raggedy Ann & Andy News/The Raggedy News," Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1978-1984
- Folder 6 Newsletters - "A Special message from Raggedy Ann and Andy," International Management Group, 1988
- Folder 7 Newsletters - "RAGS," 1988-1996
- Folder 8 Newsletters - "RAGS," 1996-2001
- Folder 9 Newsletters - "RAGS," 2002-2004
- Folder 10 Newsletters - "RAGS," 2005-2010

Subseries F: Catalogs

Scope and Content Note: This subseries includes toy catalogs and advertisements for Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and accessories. Catalogs are from companies such as Applause, Inc., The Danbury Mint, Dollmasters, Hasbro, The Toy Shoppe, and more. This subseries also holds two Japanese-language Raggedy Ann and Andy special edition catalogs by Gakken Interior Mook.

For additional toy catalogs, see the extensive collection of trade catalogs in the Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play at The Strong.

Box 19

- Folder 1 Catalogs and advertisements, 1975-2006
- Folder 2 Catalogs and advertisements, 1975-2006
- Folder 3 Catalogs - Gakken Interior Mook, 1998, 2002 [in Japanese]

Subseries G: Travel guides

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds assorted visitors' guides to Illinois, focusing on Arcola and the Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum.

Box 19

- Folder 4 Travel guides/brochures, Illinois, 1986-2003

Subseries H: Miscellaneous publications

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains a variety of publications showcasing Raggedy Ann and Andy or members of the Gruelle family. Documents here include pediatric hospital brochures, United States postage stamps, bookmarks, and photocopied pages from Raggedy Ann books.

Box 20

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous publications, 1924-2001 and n.d.

Series VIII: Photographs, 1888-2000

Scope and Content Note: Within this series are photographs of Gruelle family members, museum exhibits, festivals, Raggedy Ann and Andy-related events and products, and more. Photograph types include cartes-de-visite, cabinet cards, postcards, photo negatives, proof sheets, prints, and a tintype. Materials of interest include a photograph of President John F. Kennedy and his daughter Caroline, who is holding a large Raggedy Ann doll; images of Johnny Gruelle drawings; and photos of rare Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls.

Box 20

- Folder 2 Photographs - Gruelle-Swann family photos, c. 1888-2000 and n.d.
- Folder 3 Photographs - Gruelle-Swann family photos, 1888-2000 and n.d.
- Folder 4 Photographs - Joni and Tom Wannamaker [c. 2000]
- Folder 5 Photographs - Indiana State Museum, Gruelle family exhibit, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1990

Box 21

- Folder 1 Photographs - First Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival, Arcola, Illinois, 1991
- Folder 2 Photographs - Raggedy Ann and Andy Events, 1990-1991, 1998-1999, and n.d.
- Folder 3 Photographs - Raggedy Ann and Andy memorabilia, c. 1960s-2000
- Folder 4 Photographs - Miscellaneous, c. 1940s, 1974, 1990, 1998, and n.d.
- Envelope 1 35mm black and white film negative strip, n.d.

Oversized

- Folder 4 Suzanne [Cieklinski] Gruelle, Hospital of St. Raphael, Class of 1939, nursing school class photograph
- Folder 4 Laminated photograph collage of Worth Gruelle

Series IX: Miscellaneous materials

Scope and Content Note: This series includes ephemera and miscellaneous printed items from the Gruelle family, such as decorated fabrics, printed paper bags, and a license plate formerly belonging to Worth Gruelle.

Box 22

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous printed information, n.d.
- Object 1 Printed paper napkin, Raggedy Ann and Andy printed illustrations, n.d.
- Object 2 Florida license plate (W4ZG), 1997
- Objects 3-6 Paper shopping bags with Raggedy Ann and Andy printed illustrations [includes "Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival in Japan" and "Gatlinburg Craftsmen's Fair"]
- Object 7 Canvas fabric child's apron, hand-painted Raggedy Ann and Andy illustration, n.d.
- Objects 8-9 White cotton fabric fragments, hand-drawn Raggedy Ann and Andy illustrations, n.d.
- Object 10 Blue cotton fabric fragments, hand-painted birds and flowers, signed "W. Gruelle," n.d.

Revision Note

“Extent” under Summary Information section was updated to reflect revision to “linear feet.”