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Summary Information

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Content Description

Martin Branner began his career in vaudeville, partnered with his wife, Edith Fabbrini, ca. 1906. They were dancers, but Martin was also an artist, and got occasional jobs illustrating advertisements in the magazine *Variety*. After his service in World War I, he became a professional cartoonist, first with the strip "Looie the Lawyer" and then with his best-known creation, "Winnie Winkle," a strip he drew for forty-two years, and which continued with other artists after his departure. He worked with several assistants, one of whom was the French cartoonist Robert Velter who, as Rob-Vel, created the immensely popular *Spirou*.

Branner had a wide-ranging circle of friends, both in comics and in Hollywood, and his papers reflect many of these connections.

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