

Guide to the International Syndicate Records

GEN MSS 1425



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 1425

CREATOR: International Syndicate

TITLE: International Syndicate records

DATES: circa 1904-1963

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 226.17 linear feet (151 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The International Syndicate records, which span from 1904 to 1963, contain business records, artwork, printing plates, and other papers by or related to the business dealings of the International Syndicate. The records document the company's output, along with business dealings between newspapers, independent contractors, and International Syndicate. Artwork and printing mats make up the largest portion of the collection and are primarily comprised of crossword puzzles and children's page elements.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Rulon-Miller Books on the Jockey Hollow Fund, 2017.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

International Syndicate

International Syndicate was a Baltimore-based publishing concern that operated from 1910-1961. The company produced feature materials for newspapers, including crossword puzzles and content for children's pages.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into six series: I. Artwork, 1904-1955. II. Children's page materials, 1910-1961. III. Crossword puzzles, 1910-1962. IV. Metal printing plates, 1914-1942. V. Business records, 1904-1963. VI. Scrapbooks, 1904-1941.

Collection Contents

Series I: Artwork, 1904-1955

61.67 linear feet (45 boxes)

Contains original and reproduced artwork, including drawings and puzzles, used in the production of International Syndicate content.

Materials within this series maintain the original physical organization found at time of acquisition with the exception of some oversized materials.

b. 1	Drawings English	circa 1922
b. 2	Drawings English	circa 1910-1930
b. 3	Drawings English	circa 1908
b. 4	Drawings English	1911-1933
b. 5	Drawings English	1911-1933
b. 6	Drawings English	1908-1928
b. 6	Drawings English	1908-1928
b. 7	Drawings English	1920-1923
b. 8	Drawings English	1924-1927
b. 9	Drawings English	1936-1942
b. 10	Drawings English	1909-1924
b. 11	Drawings English	1909-1910
b. 12	Drawings English	1934-1939
b. 13	Drawings English	1935-1937
b. 14	Drawings English	circa 1914
b. 15	Drawings English	undated

b. 16	Drawings English	undated
b. 17	Drawings and puzzles English	circa 1912
b. 18	Drawings and puzzles English	circa 1924
b. 19	Drawings and puzzles English	circa 1909
b. 20	Drawings and puzzles English	circa 1930
b. 21	Drawings and puzzles English	1911-1926
b. 22	Drawings and puzzles English	1910-1939
b. 23	Drawings and puzzles English	1906-1940
b. 24	Drawings and puzzles English	1908-1935
b. 25	Drawings and puzzles English	1920-1933
b. 26	Drawings and puzzles English	undated
b. 27	Drawings and puzzles English	1913-1930
b. 28	Children's puzzles and games English	1909-1949
b. 29	Children's puzzles and games English	circa 1920-1926
b. 30	Children's puzzles and games English	circa 1923-1955
b. 31	Drawings and artwork for children's pages English	circa 1914-1923
b. 32	Drawings and artwork for children's pages English	1909-1937
b. 33	Drawings and artwork for children's pages English	1912-1938
b. 34	Artwork English	1927-1942
b. 35	Artwork English	1928-1939

b. 36	Artwork English	1936
b. 37	Artwork English	1942-1955
b. 38	Artwork English	1904-1914
b. 39	Artwork English	undated
b. 40	Artwork English	undated
b. 41	Picture reference file English	circa 1913-1929
b. 42	Picture reference file English	1926
b. 43	Copy cuts, original drawings, and proofs English	undated
b. 44	Copy cuts, original drawings, and proofs English	undated
b. 141	Useful bird citizens	undated

Series II: Children's page materials, 1910-1962*30.67 linear feet (26 boxes)*

Contains drawings, puzzles, and typescripts used in the production of International Syndicate "Children's Page" printing plates and mats. Also contains printed page proofs of completed "Children's Page" layouts.

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b. 45	Junior puzzle folders English	1926-1927
b. 46	Junior puzzle folders English	1928-1930
b. 47	Junior puzzle folders English	1931-1935
b. 48	Junior puzzle folders English	1936-1939
b. 49	Junior puzzle folders English	1939-1941
b. 50	Dot puzzles--original drawings #1-1320 English	1926-1933
b. 51	Dot puzzles--original drawings #1321-2039 English	undated
b. 52	Dot puzzles English	1938-1943
b. 53	Junior puzzle folders English	1934-1943
b. 54	Junior puzzle folders and dot puzzles English	1928-1942
b. 55	Puzzles English	1922
b. 56	Junior puzzles English	1955-1962
b. 57	Dot puzzles English	1926-1945
b. 58	Weekly children's page proofs English	1910-1916
b. 59	Weekly children's page proofs English	1916-1918
b. 60	Weekly children's page proofs English	1920-1923
b. 61	Weekly children's page proofs English	1923-1943

b. 62	Weekly children's page proofs English	1925-1933
b. 63	Weekly children's page proofs English	1933-1936
b. 64	Weekly children's page proofs English	1937-1941
b. 65	Weekly children's page proofs English	1942
b. 66	Children's daily crossword English	1910-1917
b. 67	Children's daily crossword English	1911-1920
b. 68	Children's daily crossword English	1925
b. 69	Typescripts English	1955-1961
b. 70	Children's puzzles English	1920-1925

Series III: Crossword puzzles, 1919–1962*28.58 linear feet (27 boxes)*

Contains printing mats and plates for crossword puzzles and solutions, original crossword puzzle designs and templates, and printed crossword puzzle proofs.

Materials within this series maintain the original physical organization found at time of acquisition with the exception of some oversized materials.

b. 71	Puzzles English	1925-1928
b. 72	Puzzles English	1928-1938
b. 73	Puzzles English	1938-1941
b. 74	Puzzles and ephemera English	1941-1942
b. 75	Puzzle pages English	1919-1926
b. 76	Crossword puzzle solutions English	1946-1953
b. 77	Crossword puzzle solutions English	1946-1956
b. 78	Crossword puzzles and mats English	1925-1926
b. 79	Crossword puzzles and mats English	1926-1936
b. 80	Crossword puzzles and mats English	1936-1940
b. 81	Crossword puzzles, mats, and solutions English	1943-1944
b. 82	Crossword puzzles, mats, and solutions English	1944-1945
b. 83	Crossword puzzles, mats, and solutions English	1945-1946
b. 84	Crossword puzzles and mats English	1941-1950
b. 85	Paper mats and printing plates English	circa 1935-1962
b. 86	Crossword templates English	1923-1934
b. 87	Crossword templates English	1924-1935

b. 88	Crossword templates English	1925-1932
b. 89	Crossword templates English	1926-1939
b. 90	Crossword templates English	1927-1940
b. 91	Crossword templates English	1928-1940
b. 92	Crossword templates English	1928-1940
b. 93	Crossword templates English	1929-1942
b. 94	Crossword templates English	1931-1932
b. 95	Crossword templates English	1931-1936
b. 96	Crossword templates English	1936-1939
b. 97	Crossword templates English	1941-1942

Series IV: Printing plates, 1914-1956*11.92 linear feet (11 boxes)*

Contains metal printing plates for children's page elements produced by International Syndicate.

Boxes 100-110: Materials restricted due to weight and fragility. Consult Access Services for further information.

Materials within this series maintain the original physical organization found at time of acquisition.

b. 98	Children's page cuts English	1914-1931
b. 99	Children's page cuts English	1917-1930
b. 100	Children's page cuts English	1921-1932
b. 101	Children's page cuts English	1928-1933
b. 102	Children's page cuts English	1919-1939
b. 103	Plates English	1914-1929
b. 104	Plates English	1914-1940
b. 105	Plates English	1914-1942
b. 106	Plates English	1928-1940
b. 107	Plates English	1941-1942
b. 108	Plates English	1956

Series V: Business records, 1904-1963*13.25 linear feet (11 boxes)*

Contains documentation related to the business dealings of International Syndicate including ledgers, correspondence, and printing samples.

Materials within this series are organized by content type, then chronologically within that grouping.

b. 109	Ledgers	1904-1962
b. 110	Ledgers English	1914-1959
b. 111	Ledgers English	1918-1955
b. 112	Ledgers English	1926-1963
b. 113	Ledger English	1928-1952
b. 114	Ledger and business papers English	1945-1961
b. 115	Ledger English	1960-1963
b. 116	Business papers, correspondence, and proofs English	1904-1962
b. 117	Business papers, correspondence, and proofs English	1919-1963
b. 118	Business papers, correspondence, and proofs English	1925-1948
b. 119	Business papers, correspondence, and proofs English	1929-1962

Series VI: Scrapbooks, 1904-1941*80.08 linear feet (31 boxes)*

Scrapbooks contain print samples and page proofs of puzzles and articles created by artists and writers working for International Syndicate.

Boxes 120-140, 142-151: Restricted fragile material. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

b. 120 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (7 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's daily picture puzzle service including items for Sunny Side of Life, special feature page, women's page, fashion page, war service, children's page, public interest, and comic service.	1904-1905
b. 121 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (12 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's comic service including items from the daily and weekly puzzle service, puzzles, people of note, children's page, weekly feature page, daily comic service, and fashion page.	1906-1907
b. 122 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (9 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's comic service including items from the fashion page, children's page, holiday cartoons, weather reports, courses of balloons in international race, Special Feature page, home circle page, daily fashion service, people of note, and the daily and weekly puzzle picture services.	1907-1908
b. 123 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (13 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the children's page, columns on advertising, daily puzzle service, Christmas cartoon, weather reports, comic service, daily fashion, daily puzzle picture service, fashion page, and hints for motorists.	1905-1916
b. 124 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (10 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including maxims of merit, Mother Goose dot puzzles, review of the year cartoon, comic service items, Tanner daily puzzles, weekly children's pages, weekly fashion pages, weekly feature pages, and weekly puzzle series.	1905-1916
b. 125 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (10 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including the children's page, comic service, daily and weekly puzzle picture service items, special feature page, and weather reports.	1908-1909
b. 126 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (9 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the comic service, children's page, special feature page, home circle page, daily comic service, daily cartoon service, daily puzzle picture service, and weekly puzzle series.	1909

b. 127 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (12 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page, special feature page, daily comic service, daily puzzle picture service, Tanner daily puzzles, and daily and weekly puzzle series.	1909–1910
b. 128 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (7 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the comic service, weekly comic page, and children's page.	1909–1910
b. 129 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (7 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the "page of fun," weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, weekly feature page, and the "Showem" feature.	1911
b. 130 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (17 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly comic page, weekly home circle page, daily comic service, daily cartoon service, daily portrait service, heart and home talks, Tanner daily puzzles, daily line fashions, embroidery patterns, weekly puzzles, weather reports, and daily baseball service.	1911
b. 131 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (5 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, and daily puzzles.	1911–1912
b. 132 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (10 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the daily and weekly comic pages, weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, weekly feature page, and weekly home circle page.	1912–1913
b. 133 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (11 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the daily fashions, Barbara Boyd columns, daily portrait service, daily line fashions, Tanner daily puzzles, Wellman's Komik Kolum, a foot of fun, embroidery patterns, weather reports, and Christmas-specific clippings.	1912–1913
b. 134 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (12 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, weekly feature page, embroidery patterns, Tanner daily puzzles, weather reports, daily puzzles, and weekly comic page.	1912–1932

b. 135 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (12 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly comic page, weekly children's page, weekly feature page, weekly home circle page, "Our daily laugh" page, daily "komik kinks" page, "Scoop, the cub reporter" page, daily puzzles, embroidery patterns, weather reports, and holiday cartoons.	1914-1915
b. 136 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (12 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page, weekly feature page, advertising service, useful bird citizens, holiday cartoons, Tanner daily puzzles, camera news, daily puzzle service, jangling jingles, little nature talks, little talks on trees, helps for the home nurse, want-ad boosters, review of the year, and many others.	1916-1925
b. 137 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (9 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page, weekly feature page, advertising service, useful bird citizens, holiday cartoons, Tanner daily puzzles, camera news, daily puzzle service, jangling jingles, little nature talks, little talks on trees, helps for the home nurse, want-ad boosters, review of the year, and many others.	1916-1925
b. 138 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (6 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, daily puzzle service, review of the year, advertisements, and crossword puzzles	1922
b. 139 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (17 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, children's daily crossword puzzle story, crossword puzzles, junior puzzles, easy tricks, daily puzzle service, review of the year, and Christmas picture.	1912-1940
b. 140 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (8 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, crossword puzzles, weekly house plans, great outdoors, down the garden path, review of the year, and Christmas picture.	1927-1928
b. 142 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (5 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly fashion page, weekly children's page, smiles page, and crossword puzzles.	1928-1930
b. 143 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (7 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly house plans page, who's who page, Christmas picture, and review of the year.	1928-1929

b. 144 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (8 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page and others.	1926-1932
b. 145 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (10 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the smiles page, crosswords, weekly house plans page, junior puzzles, football training talks page, review of the year, and Christmas picture.	1923-1932
b. 146 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (10 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page, crossword puzzles, and Jig-Saw Jr. puzzles.	1933-1935
b. 147 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (8 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page, crossword puzzles, weekly children's page, review of the year, and Tanner daily puzzles.	1915-1935
b. 148 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (7 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page, crossword puzzles, and others.	1935-1937
b. 149 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (10 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the crossword puzzles, weekly children's page, junior puzzles, and review of the year page.	1935-1938
b. 150 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (10 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the crossword puzzles, junior puzzles, weekly children's page, smiles page, and review of the year page.	1938-1941
b. 151 (Oversize)	Scrapbook (8 folders) Contains clippings from International Syndicate's clipping service including items from the weekly children's page, crossword puzzles, smiles page, junior puzzles, and Noozie feature.	1938-1940

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Children's literature -- United States
Children's periodicals -- United States
Crossword puzzles -- United States
Newspaper publishing -- United States
Newspapers -- United States
Publishers and publishing -- Maryland

Genres / Formats

Drawings (visual works)
Printing plates

Corporate Body

International Syndicate