

**The Filson Historical Society**

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Drawings, 1943-1958, undated**

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**Size of Collection:**

794 items (14 wrapped packages)

**Location Number:**

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**Scope and Content Note**

This collection is comprised of the drawings and cartoons of Edwin Finch, an artist for the *Courier-Journal* in the mid-twentieth century. Included in the collection are 113 of Finch's original political cartoons dating from the height of the Second World War. Drawn in charcoal, these cartoons highlight both foreign and domestic concerns during World War II, with many poking fun at the Nazis and their leader Adolf Hitler. Also among Finch's cartoons are a few original watercolors of the comic strip "Sergeant Cinch," which feature the misadventures of a bumbling military sergeant. In addition to cartoons, Finch also illustrated a series that appeared regularly in the *Courier-Journal* magazine section. Called "Kentuckiana All Over," the series featured amusing anecdotes from local history accompanied by Finch's watercolors. The Filson has 457 issues of this series.

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**Biographical Note**

Edwin Finch was born in 1895 in Norwood, Ohio near Cincinnati. As a young man, he enlisted in the military and served during World War I, attaining the rank of sergeant. In the late 1930s, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky where he worked as an artist for the *Courier-Journal*.

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**Folder List**

- Package 1: 50 miscellaneous cartoons, (primarily watercolors), 1949, undated
- Package 2: 38 miscellaneous cartoons (primarily watercolors), undated
- Package 3: 27 miscellaneous cartoons (watercolors), undated
- Package 4: 56 political cartoons (charcoal), 1943-1944
- Package 5: 57 political cartoons (charcoal), 1943-1944
- Package 6: 21 pictures of individual people (primarily pen and ink), 1949-1954, undated
- Package 7: 7 installments of the comic strip "Sergeant Cinch" (watercolors), undated
- Package 8: 35 drawings of miscellaneous scenes and groups of people; 1 picture of Phoenix Hill (watercolors, pen and ink sketches), 1949-1957, undated
- Package 9: 45 drawings of miscellaneous scenes and groups of people (watercolors, pen and ink sketches), 1950-1954, undated
- Package 10: 57 drawings of "Kentuckiana All Over" (watercolors), 1956, undated
- Package 11: 100 drawings of "Kentuckiana All Over" (watercolors), 1951-1953, undated
- Package 12: 100 drawings of "Kentuckiana All Over" (watercolors), 1954, undated
- Package 13: 100 drawings of "Kentuckiana All Over" (watercolors), 1957-1958, undated
- Package 14: 100 drawings of "Kentuckiana All Over" (watercolors), ca. 1950s