

Donald Ewin Cooke papers, 1947-1956
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Summary Information

Repository	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
Creator	Cooke, Donald Ewin, 1916-
Title	Donald Ewin Cooke papers
Date [inclusive]	1947-1956
Extent	1.67 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Donald Cooke was a Philadelphia-area children's book author and illustrator and the founder of the Edraydo publishing house. The Donald Ewin Cooke papers include original art for <i>Sorcerer's Apprentice</i> (1947), a character doll and book jacket final art for <i>The Silver Horn of Robin Hood</i> (1956), and the final art by Henry Clarence Pitz for the <i>Valley of Rebellion</i> book jacket.

Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Donald Ewin Cooke papers, circa 1947-1956, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

Biographical/Historical note

Donald Ewin Cooke was born in Philadelphia on August 5, 1916. Other than his time as a correspondent for *Yank* during World War II, Cooke spent his entire life in Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs. He studied at the Philadelphia Museum School of Art (now University of the Arts) and later worked at a number of Philadelphia publishing houses before founding Edraydo (later Haverford House) in 1960.

Cooke primarily wrote history and historical fiction for older children. He illustrated his own books as well as some adaptations, including *Sorcerer's Apprentice* (1947). His illustrations were chiefly pen and ink or watercolor, and Cooke also produced greeting cards and fine art prints. He considered himself an amateur historian and studied American history in order to write books like *The Romance of Capitalism* (1958) and *Marvels of American Industry* (1962). Cooke published more than twenty books, mostly for Winston Publishing or Hammond World Atlas Corporation. He died in Philadelphia on August 17, 1985.

Bibliography:

"Donald Ewin Cooke." *Contemporary Authors Online*. Detroit: Gale, 2003.

Something About the Author, vol. 2.

Scope and Contents note

The Donald Ewin Cooke papers consist of lettering and twelve pen and ink illustrations for *Sorcerer's Apprentice* (1947), a character doll and book jacket final art for *The Silver Horn of Robin Hood* (1956), and the final art by Henry Clarence Pitz for the *Valley of Rebellion* book jacket.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged in three series, alphabetically by title: 1. The Silver Horn of Robin Hood; 2. Sorcerer's Apprentice; and 3. Valley of Rebellion: A Story of America's First Armed Revolt Against British Authority. Within each series, illustrations are arranged in the order in which they appear in the published book.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Donald Ewin Cooke, 1958-1976.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

University of Minnesota: Donald Edwin Cooke Papers, 1955-1956, CLRC-1231.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Character dolls

- Drawings (visual works)
- Illustrations
- Watercolors (paintings)

Personal Name(s)

- Cooke, Donald Ewin, 1916-
- Pitz, Henry Clarence, 1895-1976

Subject(s)

- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century
- Illustrated children's books--20th century
- Illustration of books--20th century
- Robin Hood (Legendary character)

The Silver Horn of Robin Hood

Collection Inventory

The Silver Horn of Robin Hood 1956		
	Object	
Final art for book jacket, pen and ink and watercolor on paper	1	
General note		
Housed with Children's Literature Research Collection original framed artwork.		
	Box	
Character doll of Robin Hood circa 1956	2	
Sorcerer's Apprentice 1947		
	Box	Folder
Final art for end papers, pen and ink on board	1	1
	Object	
Final art for title page and pages 13 and 17, pen and ink on board	2	
General note		
Housed with Children's Literature Research Collection original framed artwork.		
	Box	Folder

Valley of Rebellion: A Story of America's First Armed Revolt Against Briti...

Preliminary lettering for page 2, pen and ink on board	1	2
Final art for pages 3, 7, 14, 15, and 30, pen and ink on board	1	3
Final art for page 5, pen and ink on board	1	4
Final art for page 23, pen and ink on board	1	5
Final art for page 25, pen and ink on board	1	6
Final art for page 27, pen and ink on board	1	7
Final art for page 31, pen and ink on board	1	8
Final art for page 35, pen and ink on board	1	9
Final art for pages 37 and 55, pen and ink on board	1	10
		Object
Final art for pages 43 and 49, pen and ink on board		3
	Box	Folder
Final art for pages 45 and 53, pen and ink on board	1	11
Valley of Rebellion: A Story of America's First Armed Revolt Against British Authority 1955		
	Box	Folder

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Final art for book jacket, gouache on board

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