

# Guide to the Hardie Gramatky Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1567

**CREATOR:** Gramatky, Hardie, 1907-1979

**TITLE:** Hardie Gramatky papers

**DATES:** 1864-2014

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 106.2 linear feet (103 containers)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection documents the life and career of illustrator, author, and painter, Hardie Gramatky (1907-1979). Materials in the collection include correspondence, photographs, personal papers, and materials related to Gramatky's career as a children's book author and illustrator.

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

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Linda Gramatky Smith on the Jockey Hollow Fund, 2015. Gift of Linda Gramatky Smith, 2017.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Boxes 24, 57-59, 93 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Hardie Gramatky (1907-1979) was an American illustrator, painter, and author. He was best known for writing and illustrating children's books, the most famous of which was *Little Toot*. As a painter, Gramatky gained recognition as a watercolorist, and his works are part of the permanent collections of many American art museums.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Material within this collection has been organized by acquisition reflecting the fact that the collection has been acquired in increments over time. Researchers should note that material within each acquisition overlaps with/or relates to material found in other acquisitions. Researchers should also note that similar

material can be arranged differently in each acquisition, depending on how the material was organized when it was received by the library.

## Collection Contents

### December 2015 Acquisition

	Correspondence	
	Personal correspondence	1932–1978
	Correspondence is arranged by year.	
b. 1	Personal correspondence	1932–1953
b. 2	Personal correspondence	1953–1972
b. 3	Personal correspondence	1973–1978
	Business/personal correspondence	1938–1987
	Correspondence is grouped by year, but not arranged chronologically within years.	
b. 4	Business/personal correspondence	1938–1954
b. 5	Business/personal correspondence	1955–1965
b. 6	Business/personal correspondence	1966–1974
b. 7	Business/personal correspondence, condolence letters addressed to Dorothea Gramatky, lists of contributions in honor of Gramatky's death	1974–1979
b. 8	Condolence letters addressed to Dorothea Gramatky, children's letters from school author talks	1979–1987
b. 9	Children's letters from school author talks	1972–1986
	Business correspondence	1939–1988
	Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent, then chronologically.	
b. 10	A-S	1939–1984
b. 95	Oversized A-S	circa 1939
b. 11	T-Z	1957–1988
	Personal papers	1884–2008
	Materials related to Gramatky family	1864–1992
b. 12	Artwork by, and photographs of, Gramatky ancestors (11x14)	1864, undated
b. 13	Autograph book and other printed material owned by, and related to, Gramatky family	1884–1972
b. 14	Materials related to Gramatky family genealogy, loose photographs from 1920s photo album A package of loose photographs from early family photo album were removed and placed in this box 12.	1887–1992

## Personal papers (continued)

b. 16	Materials relating to Hardie Gramatky's education, special letters, biographical data, obits and memorial service ephemera	1890–2008
b. 15	"School Memories," Dallas High School scrapbook	1915
b. 17	Photograph album Loose photographs in self-contained package removed from album and placed in Box 14.	circa 1920s
b. 18	"Adventures and Travels of the Dauntless Three," scrapbook	1936–1941
	Address books, business cards, calendars, diaries, ledgers, notebooks, and passports	1937-1996, undated
b. 19	Address books, business card, calendars, diaries, ledgers, passports, and notebooks	1937–1980
b. 20	Address books, calendars, diaries, ledgers, passports, and notebooks, materials related to trip to Russia and Georgia	1980-1996, undated
b. 21	Address books, calendars, loose notes	undated
b. 22	Notes, speeches, New York University course notes, author publicity files	1945–1981
b. 23	Trips	1961–1977
b. 24 (cold storage)	TV appearance in Jacksonville, Florida film reel Restricted fragile material in cold storage. This item may not be requested. Reference copies may be available: consult Access Services. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1971 November
b. 98	Enclosed letter with Jacksonville television appearance reel and Barton Film Company packing slip	1971 November 23
b. 25	Trip to Europe: France England, Ireland scrapbook	1976
	Photographs	circa 1900-1980
b. 26	Photographs of Hardie, Dorothea, and Linda Gramatky	1900–1980
b. 39	Oversized photographs of Hardie, Dorothea, and their dog, Punkie, Hardie's first studio and murals	undated
b. 62 (Oversize)	Oversized photograph of Hardie, Dorothea, and their dog, Punkie	undated
	Materials relating to Hardie Gramatky's art and writing career	1920–2006
	Scrapbooks	1920-circa 1977
b. 27	Hardie early art career scrapbook featuring <i>Little Toot</i>	1920–1946
b. 28	Early comic strip scrapbook	1924–1927
b. 29	Gramatky magazine tearsheet scrapbook	1937–1941
b. 30	Writing and art career scrapbook	1938–1980
b. 31	Early writing career scrapbook	1940–1941

## Materials relating to Hardie Gramatky's art and writing career &gt; Scrapbooks (continued)

b. 32	"Noted Artists Do Portraits of Wounded Fighting Men," Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys California scrapbook	1944
b. 33	<i>Little Toot on the Thames</i> scrapbook	1964
b. 34	<i>Little Toot on the Grand Canal</i> scrapbook	1968
b. 35	<i>Happy Christmas</i> scrapbook	1970
b. 36	<i>Little Toot on the Mississippi</i> scrapbook	1973
b. 37	Art and writing career scrapbook featuring Bosti school visit	1976
b. 38	Art career scrapbook	circa 1977
	Tearsheets, proofs, sketches, book ideas, and show materials	1937-2006, undated
b. 39	Ahambra show material, <i>Junior Time</i> covers	1929-1979
b. 40	Fortune Magazine	1937-1939
b. 41	Children's book tearsheets, <i>Loopy</i> folded and gathered proof	circa 1941-1979
b. 42	Gramatky mounted tearsheets, <i>Reader's Digest</i> covers, exhibition catalogs	1953-1973, undated
b. 43	Extras, including stories never heard before	1954-2006, undated
b. 44	Extras, including stories never heard before	undated
b. 45	Tearsheets, <i>Little Toot</i> bound proofs with notes by Dorothea Gramatky	1992, undated
b. 46	Tearsheets	undated
b. 47	Mounted tearsheets	undated
b. 48	Mounted tearsheets	undated
b. 49	Mounted tearsheets	undated
b. 50	Mounted tearsheets	undated
b. 51	Mounted tearsheets	undated
b. 52	Children's book tearsheets, <i>Little Toot</i> sketches, bookmark proofs	undated
b. 53	<i>Little Toot</i> proofs and posters, <i>Nikos and the Sea God</i> color progressive proofs	undated
b. 54	<i>Little Toot and the Lochness Monsters</i> dummy and proofs	undated
b. 55	<i>Ellsworth Elephant</i> original art	undated
b. 56	Children's book ideas: original sketch ideas for <i>Little Toot</i> , "French dog story," and <i>Creeper</i>	undated

## Toys and memorabilia



## Materials relating to Hardie Gramatky's art and writing career &gt; Toys and memorabilia (continued)

b. 96-97	<i>Little Toot</i> Playthings set	1962
b. 99	<i>Ellsworth Elephant</i> board game	
b. 101	<i>Little Toot</i> and cast iron toys	
b. 100	6 etched printing blocks	
Audiovisual materials		
b. 57	Audiovisual material related to <i>Little Toot</i> Restricted fragile material. This item may not be requested. Reference copies may be available: consult Access Services. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1992-1995, undated
b. 58 (Record album storage)	<i>Little Toot</i> vinyl records <i>18 Phonograph Records</i> Restricted fragile material. This item may not be requested. Reference copies may be available: consult Access Services. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	
b. 59 (Record album storage)	<i>Little Toot</i> vinyl records <i>8 Phonograph Records</i> Restricted fragile material. This item may not be requested. Reference copies may be available: consult Access Services. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	
b. 60	Weston Woods filmstrip text editions of <i>Little Toot</i>	
Born digital materials		
b. 61	Born digital materials Restricted fragile material. This item may not be requested. Reference copies may be available: consult Access Services. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	
Notes, awards, publicity, and other artwork related materials		1924-1977
b. 62 (Oversize)	Early artwork, school talk materials, Alhambra reunion	1924-1926, undated
b. 63	Photographs and early examples of Hardie's work	circa 1940-circa 1960
b. 94	Publicity clippings, tearsheets, bookmarks, notes	circa 1941-circa 1971
b. 95	Oversized publicity materials and biographies	1989-2011, undated
b. 64	Art awards, children's literature workshop and book fair programs	1941-1979, undated
b. 65	Art notes, publicity, sketches, Air Force art materials	1945-1981
b. 66	Art notes, publicity, sketches, Air Force art materials	1948-1979

## Materials relating to Hardie Gramatky's art and writing career &gt; Notes, awards, publicity, and other artwork related materials (continued)

b. 67	Art awards, artwork of others, <i>Little Toot</i> painting, <i>Little Toot on the Grand Canal</i> party guest log	1948-1968, undated
b. 102	Art awards and ribbons, United States Air Force Art Program patches and pin, and Hardie Gramatky nameplate with <i>Little Toot</i> design.	
b. 68	Calendars illustrated by Gramatky	1965-1977
b. 103	Suncatchers, miniature figurines, and small metal toys in tugboat and train designs, accompanied by an etched glass egg	
b. 98	Materials removed from Gramatky printed materials <i>2 Folders</i>	
Artwork of others		
b. 69	Letters and artwork from children from school talks, Linda Gramatky early artwork	
Dorothea (Doppy) Cooke Gramatky materials		1932-1983
Correspondence		1979-1983
Correspondence is arranged by year. A few letters from 1979, addressed to Hardie Gramatky, are enclosed.		
b. 70	Correspondence	1979-1981
b. 71	Correspondence	1982-1983
b. 72	Correspondence	1983
Materials related to magazine and children's book illustrations		circa 1932-1942, undated
b. 73	Tearsheet scrapbook	circa 1932-1942
b. 74	Tearsheets, catalogs	undated
b. 75	Tearsheets, sketches, covers	undated
Gramatky Gallery files		1941-2009
Business correspondence		1973-2009
These files contain correspondence, agreements, and brochures from institutions and corporations with information or materials created by, or related to, Hardie Gramatky's works.		
b. 76	A-C	1988-2009
b. 77	C-G	1985-2008
b. 78	G-L	1977-2008
b. 79	L-N	1985-2009
b. 80	N-P	1979-2008
b. 81	P-S	1985-2009

## Gramatky Gallery files &gt; Business correspondence (continued)

b. 82	S-W	1973-2008
b. 83	W	1990-2007
b. 84	W-Z	1989-2004
	School talks	1941-2007, undated
b. 85	Children's letters and artwork, Gramatky-designed Christmas cards and magazine tear sheets	1941, undated
b. 86	Children's letters and artwork	1987-1994
b. 87	Children's letters and artwork	1987-2004
b. 88	Children's letters and artwork	1988-2003
b. 89	Publicity newspaper articles and photographs	1945-2007
	<i>Little Toot</i> files and book proofs after 1979	
b. 90	<i>Little Toot</i> interior mechanics and spreads, proofs, folded and gathered proof	1998-2006

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b. 91	Correspondence, tax returns, notebooks, slides, travel logs, photographs	1940–2014
b. 92	Photograph of Hardie, Dorothea, and Linda, and <i>Little Toot</i> Leukemia Art Auction poster	undated
b. 59 (Record album storage)	<i>Little Toot</i> vinyl records <i>4 Phonograph Records</i>  Restricted fragile material. This item may not be requested. Reference copies may be available: consult Access Services. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	
b. 93	<i>Little Toot</i> audiocassettes  Restricted fragile material. This item may not be requested. Reference copies may be available: consult Access Services. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	

## **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, American -- 20th Century  
Children's literature -- Illustrations  
Scrapbooks

### **Occupations**

Painters -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Genres / Formats**

Audiovisual materials  
Born digital  
Photographs

### **Names**

Gramatky, Dorothea Cooke  
Gramatky, Hardie, 1907-1979