

Collection Number

BA MSS 226

B-195.74 – B-197.74

Title

Leo Hershfield Cartoon Collection

Access

By appointment during regular business hours, email research@baseballhall.org.

Biography

Leo Hershfield, 1904-1979, was a prominent illustrator and a courtroom artist for NBC News. He was referred to as the “Dean of Courtroom Artists” since he was the first modern artist to sketch for TV news in the 1950s and covered 147 trials. In the 1930s, he worked for the *Chattanooga Times* and *The New York Times*. In the 1940s and 1950s, he illustrated for *Reader’s Digest*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, and Kiplinger’s *Changing Times*. In the 1950s and 1960s, he created vivid political cartoons as cover art for the *Democratic Digest*. His artwork was used in more than 55 books. He worked with pencil, pen and ink, watercolor, block printing, wood carving, metal sculpture and photography.

Conservation Note

Illustrations in Folders 1 – 7, and folders 12-13, were conserved with a grant from the Yawkey Foundation 2011 at the North East Document Conservation Center in 2012.

Content List

Folders 1 – 7 are illustrations, B-196.74, used in the book, “Three men on third”, by Ira L. Smith and H. Allen Smith, c. 1951.

Folder 1 These are all approximately 8.5” x 11” sketches on tracing paper.

- Girl at bat
- Feud between sheriff and deputy
- Silent John lost his toothpick
- Scores of players have had their teeth knocked out
- Bearded House of David ball player vs. imposter
- Bob Hope kisses pitcher Bob Feller
- New York Dept of Sanitation

- Sports writer finds falsy
- Lobster man
- Boston Braves Maranville gets 'hidden ball' dessert
- Detroiter battling gnats with a bat
- John McGraw and King George V
- Robbie and the grapefruit
- Ali Pasha Salaamed buried in the ball park during game
- Doghouse, copy A and B
- Three men on third
- Man hit with baseball
- Cloud of dust
- Sent to the showers
- Ump in Georgia Florida League finds toad in ball bag
- Bill Shakespeare in baseball uniform
- Three runners on base

Folder 2 The Winston Plan

On cardboard

Folder 3 Race between Hans Lobert and cow pony

1 on cardboard, 1 on tracing paper

Folder 4 Thirty-four umpires boo stands at night game in Dallas

1 on cardboard, 1 on tracing paper

Folder 5 He was caught midway to second

1 on cardboard, 1 on tracing paper

Folder 6 Britisher sees first game

On cardboard

Folder 7 Wind up of pitcher in 1883

1 on cardboard, 1 on tracing paper

Folders 8 – 11 are illustrations, B-197.74, used in the book "Low and Inside", by Ira L. Smith and H. Allen Smith, c. 1949

Folder 8 a- Batter, catcher, umpire; design of book cover

Folder 9 b- Outfielder catches ball over wall

Folder 10 c- Player arguing with umpire

Folder 11 d- Runner flips over infielder

Folder 12 Sultan O' Swat, B-195.74, appeared in print, April 8, 1933

Folder 13 The little family by Lois Lenski, c. 1932, c.1960, B-196.74

Not an original illustration