

DOLL, CLOTH: “Raggedy Ann”

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	Denise Murphy
Title:	Doll, cloth: “Raggedy Ann”
Dates:	1999
Quantity:	1 doll
Identification:	Folk Art & Artifacts

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Denise Murphy is a self-taught quilter and doll maker, who grew up in Hadley, Saratoga County, New York and moved to Saratoga after her marriage. Her business, Stitches & Time, is attached to her home on Route 29 between Schuylerville and Saratoga Springs. Her dolls are an outgrowth of her desire to supply customers with new crafts – patrons who return yearly for quilts also wanted something new.

Denise Murphy’s doll was featured in the exhibition, *If Only They Could Talk: Dolls, Stories, & the Spirit of Dollmaking*, October – December 2000, guest curated by Nancy Scheemaker for the Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Raggedy Ann is a character created by American writer Johnny Gruelle (1880 – 1938) that appeared in a series of books he wrote and illustrated for young children. Raggedy Ann is a rag doll with red yarn for hair and has a triangle nose. Johnny Gruelle received US Patent D47780 for his Raggedy Ann doll on September 7, 1915. The character was created in 1915 as a doll, and was introduced to the public in the 1918 book *Raggedy Ann Stories*. When a doll was marketed with the book, the concept had great success. A sequel, *Raggedy Andy Stories* (1920), introduced the character of her brother, Raggedy Andy.

INDEX TERMS

Topics:	Dolls Doll makers Folk Art Children’s books
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Places: Hadley, Saratoga, New York
Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York

Important People: Denise Murphy
Johnny Gruelle

Form/Genre: Realia

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS

The doll is made of calico and muslin fabric, stuffed with polyfill, and finished with red yarn hair, buttons and a hand painted face. She is 22 inches long.