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Furniture History & Design Archival Collection, National/International Literature

Collection # 335

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Abstract

The Furniture Design Archival Collection, **National & International Literature**, is a sibling to the Furniture Design **Book** Collection that is housed in the tower room in the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections Center. This archival collection is unique within the Grand Rapids Public Library Archives, in that it documents national, and to a limited extent international, rather than local and regional historical information. Since most of the content, however, is physically not well accommodated by traditional book shelving, it is housed in acid free boxes, and shelved with the local and Michigan history archival materials. This national literature serves as a reference source to those studying the history of the furniture industry in the United States. Grand Rapids, which is historically known as the “Furniture City”, is a significant part of that heritage. This collection of national furniture industry literature will continue to grow, as new items are acquired and processed. Included at present is a kit of paper furniture models, graphic clippings notebooks, and several trade catalogs from non-Michigan furniture companies.

Collection #: 335

Accession #: Various, including P2003.027c

Donor: xxx

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Size: 1 cubic ft. ; 1.5 linear ft.

Related Collections

Coll. 232, GRPL Furniture Trade Catalog Collection, for catalogs related to the Grand Rapids furniture industry.

Coll. 233, GRPL Furniture Industry Collection, for other printed matter associated with Grand Rapids furniture companies.

See staff for information on other collections associated with the historical Grand Rapids furniture industries.

Furniture Design Archival Collection: Nat./Intl. Literature  
Collection #335

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
1	P2003.027c Ref. Binders	Cubic
2	Milton Bradley cutouts	1" print
3	Histories & Trade catalogs	standard
4	A-J Trade Catalogs 00.[0548]. Transferred from Coll. 232 UP, 3/28/2005 + other accessions.	Cubic
5	K-Z Trade Catalogs 00.[0548].1 Transferred from Coll. 232	Cubic
5.5	Trade Catalogs 3-ringed binders Added 3/28/2007	Cubic
6	Trade catalogs. Oversized Formerly Box [064] of 00.[0548].1, moved from Coll. 232 UP, 3/28/2005	folio clam
7	Trade catalogs. Oversized Formerly Box [065] of 00.[0548].1, moved from Coll. 232 UP, 3/28/2005.	folio clam
8	Trade catalogs.	Slim legal
9	Photographs	slim
10	UP	3" oversized print
11	Trade catalogs. Oversized Added 1/25/2007	folio clam
12	Directories & General publications Added 3/28/2007	standard
13	Misc. oversized Added 3/28/2007	folio clam
14	Scrapbooks from Furniture Room Added 10/4/2007	Gray lidded window label

History

Pending

Scope and Content

Included in this collection are materials which support the historical research and departmental strengths in the area of furniture history and design, but which are typically out of scope in terms of the traditional local, West Michigan regional, and Michigan collecting of the department and the archives in particular.

Due to limitations on funding and space, this collection is not the primary acquisitions focus of the department. But, national and international furniture history & design materials which become available, primarily as gifts or transfers within the library, are housed here when they need archival housing and/or description.

Series

**Series I. Histories.**

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**

The difficulty with housing national furniture trade catalogs in this collection, as compared with the GRPL Furniture Trade

Previous to 2003, national furniture trade literature was not been part of the collecting scope of the GRPL Archives. With in move of the Furniture Trade Book Collection to the department, now called Grand Rapids History & Special Collections Center, national ephemeral literature which had not been previously processed and was problematic for traditional cataloging and book shelving, came to the Archives.

**Series III. Publications and Reference Sources.**

**Series IV. Photos.**

**Series V. Scrapbooks.**

Included here are ephemeral materials documenting or picturing furniture, which are not for the most part Grand Rapids or Michigan furniture. The graphic clippings which may be collected in these scrapbooks may document historical furniture styles, for example, serving as unofficial references for ideas or study.

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Contents

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	x	<b>Series I. Histories.</b> Karges by Hand (Evansville, In.) Web History <a href="http://www.karges.com/kar_hist.html">http://www.karges.com/kar_hist.html</a>

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**

**Alphabetical by full name of Company**

Unless otherwise noted the following trade catalogs are part of a larger set of materials for which the original origin/donors is unknown, 00.[0548]. Many, from evidence found with and written on the items, were once part of the reference materials of Stow Davis, and perhaps were received with accessions from Buzzatti. There is not inventory to confirm this information, however. The remainder of the Buzzatti / Stow Davis accessions remain unprocessed.

- Amerock. American Cabinet Hardware Corp. (Rockford Il. )**  
4 x Catalog of Distinctive Hardware / Amerock. American Cabinet Hardware Corp., Rockford, Ill. General Hardware Catalog no. 650, ca. 1950S"  
Loose leaf binder.  
00.[5235].1 Added 3/28/2007
- Art Metal (Jamestown, N.Y.)**  
4 x We've Conquered Space with the 'mainliner desk'. Art Metal, Jamestown, N.Y. West Coat Printing & Binding Co., Portland, Oregon. [Blotter.]  
4 x Airline Desks / Art Metal Construction Co. AD1773.B  
+ Ad clipping pg. [95]-96 unidentified source.  
4 x Individuality in Desk Design by Art Metal, 1931.  
4 x Mainliner Desks ... for the speedways of business. 1939. AD1765.  
Includes a bird's eye view of the factory complex inside front cover.  
4 x Art Metal Special Purpose Desks. c. 1935. AD 1606.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“B”**

- 4 x **B.J. Gregson, Inc. (Liberty, N.C.)**  
Gregson Office Chairs / B.J. Gregson, Inc., Liberty, N.C.  
+ Net Price List, effective Aug. 15, 1938.
- 4 x **Bassick Sack Division, Stewart-Warner Corp., (Winston Salem, N.C.)**  
Catalogue no. 72, 1972.  
P2007.027.5 Added 3/26/2007  
836 pages of hardware illustrations + unknown pages at the back.
- 4 x **Beckley-Cardy Company (Chicago)**  
School Furniture and Equipment. Catalog no. 16.
- 4 x **Beecher Falls Co. (Beecher Falls, Vermont)**  
The Bedroom Book : illustrating and describing selected designs of sensible  
furniture for the bedroom / Beecher Falls Co., [ca. 1914]  
Accompanied by:  
● Price list  
● Memo dated May 18, 1914.  
P2007.xxx
- x x **Borroughs (?)**  
Borroughs Correct Posture Chair. Form OP 1005. Blotter.
- 4 x **Bright Chair Co., Inc. (New York, N.Y.)**  
Bright Chairs : built for character and strength.  
Cover title.  
“To our Friends in the Office Furniture trade, we offer this, our first catalog”.  
—first printed page.  
+ Price list no. 3, applying to Catalogue 1. Sept. 20, 1937.
- 4 x **Bright Chairs Blue Ribbon Group.**  
Cover has: Bright Chairs : Supplementary edition.  
● Price List, applying to Supplementary Catalogue. n.d.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“B”**

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**Buckstaff (Oshkosh, Wis.)**

Office Furniture / Buskstaff, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

“Buckstaff Bent Frame Construction”.

“4-41-2M”.

- Price List applicable to Office Furniture Catalog. Prices Effective May 1, 1941 / The Buckstaff Co.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“C”**

- 008 xx **Charak Furniture Company**  
Charak : limited editions : replicas from the cabinet shop of Charak, located in Boston, Mass. : Charak Furniture Co. ; Paris : Daniel Jacomet & Cie., n.d.  
Ill. ; 33 cm.  
“Printed in France especially for Charak by Daniel Jacomet & Cie, Paris – New York.”  
Vellum type covers which show signs of water damage, possible mold.  
Formerly 232-16-4
- 4 x **Cincinnati Metalcrafts Inc.**  
Cincinnati Metalcrafts Inc. (2)  
Folder no. 22, Cincinnati Metalcrafts, Incorp. Grillwork, signs, marquees, etc. Flyer. + Bank Fixture Price List, folder no. 22, Cincinnati Metalcrafts. 1993.011?
- 06 OVE **Central Desk Manufacturing Co. (Chicago, Il.)**  
Central Desks : catalog no. 55.  
“Quality Desks for over 50 years”  
+ Price List, effective, Dec. 9, 1940, apply to Catalog no. 55.  
+ Price list, effective Dec. 1, 1941, apply to Catalog no. 55.
- 04 x **Clemco Desk Manufacturing Co. (Chicago, Il.)**  
Dignity and Simplicity : catalog R (AIA File 35-8-41)  
2 copies  
+ Price Lists “S”-3 and “R”-2, Effective Dec. 30, 1940.
- 04 x A Clemco Desk, n.d. (AIA File 35-H-41)  
Includes various flyers for several lines.  
Accompanied by: A Clemco Desk : 89 Line specifications. M-7-3-35-3  
½  
Price Lists “S”-8 and “R”-7. Jan. 5, 1942. (2 copies)
- 04 x **Commercial Furniture Company (Chicago)**  
Price List V, Effective Jan. 16, 1939.  
+ Supplement to Price list “T”, Mar. 5, 1938.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“C”**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 4 | x | <b>Crest Company (Chicago, Il.)</b><br>Portfolio 39. n.d.<br>“Symbol of High Quality”<br>Accompanied by:<br>Net Wholesale Price list of Portfolio no. 39.                                      |
| 4 | x | <b>Curtis (Clinton, Iowa &amp; Chicago)</b><br>1. The New Victory Locker by Curtis, n.d.[ca. 1943]<br>2. Letter. Jan. 19, 1943. to F. Nowak, Grand Rapids from S.S. Cook,<br>Chicago Division. |

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“D”**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 4 | x | <b>DayBrite Lighting Inc. (St. Louis, Mo.)</b><br>Catalog 14. The Complete Line of Flourescent Lighting Fixtures. (AIA File no. 31-F-2)<br>Accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Day-Brite Price list No. 114FL. Jan. 5, 1942.</li><li>● Memo letter. Jan. 4, 1942 from Advertising Manager.</li></ul> |
| 4 | x | <b>Dazor Manufacturing Co. (St. Louis, Mo.)</b><br>Dazor Floating Lamps, fluorescent and incandescent. n.d. Form 501.  |

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“E”**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | x | <b>Engineering Sales Company (Sheboygan, Wis.)</b><br>Esco Productions : equipment for the drafting room. Catalog 2A.<br>Accompanied by:<br>Price List EWP-3. Effective March 15, 1941.                             |
| 4 | x | <b>Excellent Cabinet Works Corp. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)</b><br>Redex : executive Office Furniture : wood storage cabinets, lockers,<br>wardrobes.<br>+ Wholesale Price list, Effective Nov. 1942. (2 copies)<br>(3 items) |

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“F”**

- 4 x **F.H. Lawson Company (Cincinnati, Ohio)**  
Lawson Products for the Office. May 15, 1940.  
Primarily trash cans and foot stools.  
Accompanied by a price list. April 1, 1940. Form #31-A
- 4 x **Faries Manufacturing Co. (Decatur, Il.)**  
New Development in Controlled Fluorescent Lighting / Faries  
Manufacturing Co., Decatur, Il. Flyer.
- 003 xx **Filing Equipment Bureau, Inc.**  
Library furniture. Boston, Mass: Filing Equipment Bureau, Inc., c. 1928.  
ill ; 28 cm.  
Formerly 232-16-11
- 4 x Library Furniture. Feb. / Filing Equipment Bureau, Boston, Mass. n.d.  
Brown paper folder.  
“Ca. 1928” on cover. Source of date information unknown.
- 4 x Background! A Factor of Importance. [single sheet with Reference Alcover  
of Providence Public Library branch image].
- 4 x 23 Blueline sheets illustrating library furniture, ca. 1934 receipt date.
- 4 x **Frederick Post Co. (Chicago)**  
Adjusto : a lot of table for a little space. Drawing Table no. 2264.  
1993.001 Added 10/22/2005

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“G”**

- 4 x **G.J. Aigner Company (Chicago, Il.)**  
AIC presents the Modern Desk pad catalogue, no. 236. c. 1940.  
Cover title: Modern Desk pads and Accessories.  
[Not furniture specific]
- x x **GLM**  
[Unidentified trade publication]  
Has the “GLM” as a logo on the front cover.  
This could be the French publisher, or Grand Ledge Manufacturing, or  
George Little Management which does furniture shows ... or none of these  
options.  
00.[5234].1 Added 3/27/2007  
From the available style (a little possible Art Nouveau in places), a  
guess of the latest publication date of ca. 1910.  
Loose fly leaf has “Oakley V. Weeks, 1934, a local Grand Rapids  
resident, presumed to be the later owner, but perhaps might suggest a later  
publication date.  
Item is in poor condition. The furniture items illustrated are each  
numbered, and the source begins with No. 200, ending with no. 816.  
Illustrates plant stands, tables, chairs, fire screen and room screen frames,  
cabinets, etc. Broadly Victorian.
- 4 x **General Fireproofing (Youngstown, Ohio)**  
Shelving and Storage Equipment. Catalog no. 346.  
4 x Metal Business Equipment. Catalog no. 36B  
4 x Adjustable Aluminum Seating, throughout the office : personalized, Good  
Form. 1940. F-733-3.  
Multi fold flyer, with one page torn loose.  
Accompanied by 2 paged letter:  
Oct. 21, 1940. General Fireproofing Co. letterhead. “Comfortable Seating”
- 4 x **Globe-Wernicke (Cincinnati)**  
Equipment – Furniture. Class no. 26. Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1935.  
4 x The Defender Line : Streamlined wood business equipment.  
+ “Defender” Wood Business Equipment. Consumers’ Price Book no. 104-  
41-1, effective, Sept. 1, 1941.  
4 x Steel Office Equipment. Catalog no. 1441.  
Accompanied by:  
Consumers' price Book no. 1441-1. July 15, 1941.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“G**

- 5.5 x **Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. (Akron, Ohio)**  
"Airfoam Super Cushioning, made only by Goodyear". Catalog of Standard Furniture Cushioning. C. 1955. Book no. 244.  
3-ring binder  
00.[5236].1 Added 3/28/2007
- 4 x **Great Northern Chair Co. (Chicago, Il.)**  
[Great Northern Chair Co.] : Catalog no. 33, 1937.  
+ Price List for Bentwood and Metal Furniture, applying to catalog no. 33, effective Aug. 27, 1937.  
+ Revised Price list for Supplement no. 32 and catalog no. 33, effective Mar. 28, 1938.
- 4 x **Grand Woodworking Company (Chicago, Il.)**  
Ogden Desks. Nos. 1500 and 1600 Island Base Series. Flyer with Stow-Davis Furniture Company attached.  
Accompanied by:  
  - Price List. Ogden Desks for All Office Requirements. Jan. 2, 1942.
  - 2 Printed Trade images.
  - 11 Blueprint trade images.
  - List of Prices on small sheet.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“H”**

- 4 x **Hamilton Manufacturing Co. (Rahway, N.J.)**  
Modern Drafting Furniture by Hamilton. c. 1938.  
Accompanied by:
- Registered Catalog no. 38239. Card.
  - Letter (2 sheets). July 14, 1939. To Stow-Davis on Hamilton letterhead.
- 4 x Hamilton Catalog no. 12 : filing equipment that saves time and tracings ;  
drafting tables that increase output—cover title.  
Or, first page: Modernize Your Drafting Room Now, with Hamilton Drafting  
Room Furniture. 1941. (AIA File No. 35h31)
- 4 x **Hoosier Desk Company (Jasper, In.)**  
[Specifications and trade literature, ca. 1943]  
19 items, including:
- Letter. Hoosier Desk Co. letterhead. May 25, 1943.
  - Wholesale Price list, applying to Catalog no. 50, Nov. 17, 1941.
  - Wholesale Price list, applying to catalog no. 50, Aug. 20, 1941.
  - Wholesale Price list, applying to catalog no. 50, May 25, 1943.
  - Pedestal Typewriter Desks. N.d.
  - Professional Office and Home Desks. [flyer] n.d.
  - Specifications of .... Series [5 flyers with various different series numbers]
  - Specifications of ... Suite [8 flyers with various named suites]

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“I”**

- 04 x **Imperial Desk Company (Evansville, In.)**  
Imperial Desks : catalog no. 42.  
Price list and Telegraph Code, applying to catalog no. 42. ...  
Effective Nov. 25, 1941.
- 04 x Smart Furniture for the Modern Office / by Imperial : [trade lit. packet in red decorative paper cover] 15 items, including:
- Office Furniture Price list and Telegraph Code ... effective Jan. 14, 1936.
  - Form letter on Imperial letterhead. N.d.
  - Form letter, no letterhead or date.
  - Wholesale price list, the Imperial Temperdesk Group. May 15, 1936.
  - Stimulate your summer sales. Dealer's discount 50%. N.d.
  - Use These Mats in your newspaper advertising [flyer] n.d.
  - 9 flyers for various furniture lines by series no.
- 4 x **Indiana Desk Company (Jasper, In.)**  
Desks & Tables of Quality / Indiana Desk Co. (3)  
+ Indiana Desk Company ... presents Two additional series of smart Office Furniture : the 5000 line and the 900 line. 12 pg. Brochure, n.d.
- Wholesale Price List to Dealers only. Effective, Jan. 15, 1936.
- 8 x **Interiors' Imports Co.**  
Palladio. N.Y. : N.Y., 1964.  
2007.012.6 Added 1/25/2007
- 4 x **Invincible Metal Furniture Co. (Mantiwoc, Wis.)**  
Safe! In a safe concealed in your office file. Invincible Metal Furniture Co., Mantiwoc, Wis.
- 4 x Invincible Line. Catalog no. 40. n.d.  
This copy has "John Hood Millar" engraved on the cover.  
Accompanied by: Invincible Steel Equipment. Price List no. 60. Dec. 11, 1933.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“J”**

- 5 x **J.K. Rishel Furniture Co. (Williamsport, Pa.)**  
Office Furniture  
January 15, 1937 price list bound near the back of the catalog.
- 5 x **Jamestown Metal Corporation (Jamestown, N.Y.)**  
Jamestown Products : Steel Desks, Steel Tables, Steel Filing Cabinets ...n.d.
- 5 x **Jamestown Table Company (Jamestown, N.Y.)**  
Desks, Secretaries and Bookcases.  
Accompanied by Price List, Nov. 1, 1938.
- 5 x **Jasper Chair Company (Jasper, In.)**  
Office Chairs : illustrating our newest designs of better chairs for banks,  
libraries, schools and public buildings : catalog no. 25 / Jasper Chair Co.,  
Jasper, In. ; Koenemann Riehl & Co., Evansville, In. (Creative Printers), c.  
1938.  
+ Price List, dated Aug. 29, 1938.  
Has bird's eye view of plant inside last page.  
Has pg. 30, “Repair Diagram” for a wood chair naming the various parts.
- 5 x **Jasper Desk Company (Jasper, In.)**  
Wood Office Desks : typewriter desks, tables and school furniture : catalog  
no. 424 / Jasper Desk Co., Jasper, In.  
“Our 66<sup>th</sup> Year”, 1876-1941.  
+  
● Wholesale Price List applying to Catalo no. 409, Nov. 20, 1941.  
● Wholesale Price list for catalog no. 424, dated Jan. 10, 1942.  
● Former letter/trade flyer. N.d. of letter Jasper Chair Co. letterhead. With  
“The “V” Number” flyer portion, referencing Mar. 1, 1942.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“J”**

- 5 x **Jasper Office Furniture Co. (Jasper, In.)**  
Jackson Desks : catalog no. 407 / Jasper Office Furniture Co., n.d.  
Note in pencil on front cover: Return to ... Stow Davis Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan.  
+  
● Price List, Advance Proof Folder no. 4, Dated May 10, 1939. 3000 series  
● Flyer. New Business Builders! Two new lines ...  
● **Flyer. Look! The New Zephyr Line.**
- 5 x Jackson Desks : Office Desks, fine office furniture : catalog 408 / Jasper Officer Furniture Co.  
Cover title: Jackson Desks : built like a stonewall. [Ca. 1940?]  
Note in pencil on front cover: Return to ... Stow Davis Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Recd. 10/11/1937.  
● Flyer. Big Value ... the 200 Series. ... Prices are effective March 10, 1937.
- 5 x **Johnson Chair Co. (Chicago, Il.)**  
Literature packet including:  
● Folding flyer, n.d.  
● Johnson Victory Chairs sheet  
● The Johnson All-Wood Swivel. Small flyer.  
● Price List for Victory Chairs. Blue. n.d.  
● 1-25-44 single sheet Price list.  
● 10-1-43 single sheet price list.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“K”**

**Karges by Hand (Evansville, In.)**

- 00.[3511].1-3
- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | x | Edwin Karges, Jr, and Jeffrey Karges take pleasure in presenting the Albert & Edwin Collection, commemorating 100 years of art in wood [and other collections] [ca. 1986] |
| 5 | x | The Best in the House. [ca. 1987]   |
| 5 | x | Karges ... a concert of wood and design, 1991.  |

Karpen ... See S. Karen & Bros.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“L”**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | x | <b>Lyon Metal Products, Inc. (Aurora, Il.)</b><br>Wood Engineered for the duration. n.d.<br>Bulletin No. 1708 S.<br>Flyer addressed to Stow Davis Furniture Co. |
|---|---|---|

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“M”**

- 5 x **M.G. West Company (San Francisco, Calif.)**  
West Made Desks. n.d. [flyer]
- 5 x **Marble & Shattuck (Cleveland, Ohio)**  
Fine Office Chairs. Combined Supplement. No. 2 & 3 to Catalog no. 58.
- 5 x Marble & Shattuck Chairs of Quality for every Commercial Requirement.  
Supplement no. 4 to Catalog no. 58.
- 5 x Fine Office Chairs. Combined Catalog of active M & S chairs ... Aug. 1943.  
Accompanied by:  
● Fine Office Chairs. Supplement B1 to Catalog no. 59. n.d.  
● Price List to combined catalog, Sept. 1943. Yellow
- 5 x **Margrace Mills, Inc. ; A.W. Baylis Co. (New York), Sole Selling Agents, Novelite Spreads (bed spreads)**  
Bedroom Interiors : [Novelite Spreads] / Margrace Mills, Inc. ; A.W. Baylis Co., New York Sole selling agents. Illustrations by Lurelle Van Arsdale Guild. 1923.  
Accompanied by ½ sheet memo from A.W. Baylis Co.  
2005.040.5a-b Added 10/8/2004
- 5 x **Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio**  
Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio (4)  
1. Marlite Genuine Wood-Veneers and carstenite panels for creating beautiful interiors. Marsh Wall products, Inc., Dover, Ohio. C. 1939.  
2. Marlite for creating beautiful interios / Marsh Wall products, Inc., Dover, Ohio. AIA File no. 23-L-2. N.d., but has some illustrations similar to above.  
3. Installation instructions for Marsh Wall Products ...8 pg. N.d.  
4. Marlite for creating beautiful commercial and institutional interiors ...  
Has the Hot Shoppe, Washington, D.C., E. Burton Corning, architect, as part of the cover illustration. Diner. Has illustrations for various venues in various cities, with some Detroit connection, but nothing for Grand Rapids.  
1993.011

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“M”**

- 5 x **Milwaukee Chair Company (Milwaukee, Wis.)**  
Milwaukee presents new trends in modern office chairs ... n.d.  
This item has Cleveland Desk Company distribution ID printed on the back cover.
- 5 x Proven Performance speaks for itself ... 1938.  
Publication has numerous illustrations of national organizations using the product, including the City of Saginaw, Michigan.
- 5 x New Series of Milwaukee Chairs ... Supplement no. 1 to Catalog no. 58
- 5 x Milwaukee Finer Chairs : catalog no. 59.  
Accompanied by: Price List no. 86, Nov. 5, 1941.
- 5 x **Murphy Chair Co. (Owensboro, Kentucky)**  
Catalog no. 66, 1938-1939.  
Has price list attached inside front cover.  
Sticker under the price list has: John H. Millar, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- 5 x **Myrtle Desk Co. (High Point, N.C.)**  
Office Furniture, 1900 to 1940 : Catalog no. 41.  
Accompanied by: Price List ... Apr. 1, 1941.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“N”**

- 7 x **Nahon Company (New York, N.Y.)**  
The Nanon Company : Nahon's Reproductions of fine 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
Traditional Furniture, ca. 1950.  
Accompanied by a price list on company letterhead dated Jan. 1950.  
00.[5261].1 Added 4/24/2007
- 5 x **National Cushion Co., N.Y.**  
Foam Whipped Latex Cushioning. Postcard with ad/ill. On backside.  
Addressed to Stow & Davis Furniture Co., 70-112 Front Ave. SW. ... Postal  
stamp 1940 N.Y., N.Y.  
1993.011 Added 10/22/2005
- 5 x **National Desk Company (Herkimer, N.Y.)**  
[Brown paper finder with undated trade literature]  
Accompanied by:  
● Series 76. 1 sheet folded.  
● Series number 59. flyer. 3M-3-36  
● National Price list, Jan. 15, 1936.
- 5 x National Desks. c. 1941.
- 5 x **New England Woodworking Co., (N.Y., N.Y.)**  
Cover for Office Equipment Digest. Sept. 1944, with New England  
Woodworking Co, N.Y., N.Y. Drafting furniture ads on the inside cover.  
1993.011 Added 10/22/2005
- 5 x **Northfield Company (Sheboygan, Wis.)**  
Blue Book of Living Rooms.  
Accompanied by letter of Northfield letterhead, to Ethel Henderson of  
Kalamazoo, Apr. 29, 1924.  
2005.060.7a-b Added 10/8/2005
- 5 x The Davenport with a Secret : the Northfield Co., makers of Good Furniture,  
Sheboygan, Wis. ; Meyer-Rotier, Milwaukee. N.d.  
2005.040.6 Added 10/8/2005
- 5 x **Northwestern Furniture Co.(Milwaukee, Wis.)**  
Northwestern Desks. n.d.  
1 sheet in gray paper folder.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“O”**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | x | <b>O.C.S. Olsen Company (Chicago, Il.)</b><br>Woodcraft Desks : catalogue no. 34. n.d.  |
| 5 | x | Woodcraft Desks : catalogue no. 38. n.d.<br>Accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A New Line of moderately priced ...flyer</li><li>● Revised Price list no. 38C. Jan. 25, 1939.</li></ul> |
| 5 | x | <b>Office Equipment Co. (Louisville, Ky.)</b><br>Let us ... Modernize your office / Office Equipment Co., Louisville, Ky.<br>Folding Flyer.<br>1993.011      Added 10/22/2005                               |

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**“P”**

- 5 x **Paasche Air Brush Company (Chicago, Il.)**  
Paasche Industrial Superior Finishing Equipment. Bulletin H24. n.d.
- 5 x **Parent Metal Products, Inc. (Philadelphia, Pa.)**  
Parent Rigid Folding Table / Parent Metal Products, Inc., Philadelphia,  
Penna. Folding flyer/mailer. Addressed to Grand Rapids Desk Co., Grand  
Rapids, Michigan.  
1993.011 Added 10/22/2005
- 5 x Victory Masonite Shelving. n.d.  
This item addressed to Stow Davis
- 5 x **Peabody Seating Company (North Manchester, In.)**  
Public Seating : catalog no. 35.  
Grand Rapids : Bayne Co., [1935?]  
Accompanied by:  
  - Fine Folding Chairs. Flyer
  - Folding Chair Price List, Aug. 15, 1942.
- 05 x **Peck & Hills**  
Peck & Hills (6) 1993.011  
  1. And Floor Coverings all under one roof ... Alexander Smith & Sons  
Floor coverings. Peck & Hills Furniture Co., Chicago, Il. 1940. folding  
flyer.
  2. A Wonderful Value, Dining and office chair. Peck & Hills, Chicago.  
Small single sheet with ill. Front and back.
  3. Pink mailing order card. Peck & Hills.
  4. Yellow Order blank, unused, Peck & Hills.
  5. Your Discount 60%. Peck & Hills.
  6. Send for copy of Peck & Hills 1941 catalog ... single sheet, gold &  
black.

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**“P”**

**Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)**

5 x

2 flyers

- Flyer. How to Turn Your Porch into a Delightful Sun Room / Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., c. 1941. Has a GR address on the back at 21 Ionia Ave. S.W.
- Flyer. Give you rooms the charm of color ... c. 1940. Pittsburgh Tinted Plate Glass.

1993.011 Added 10/22/2005

**Polar Manufacturing Co. (Philadelphia, Pa.)**

5 x

Practical Office Articles : 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1912-1937. Catalog no. 8  
3 copies.

Two copies include the New Price List, Oct. 1, 1941.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“R”**

**Remington Rand (Buffalo, N.Y.)**

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| 05 | x | Guardsman File Cabinets (3 items, ca. 1942.)<br>1. The Guardsman. LBV 283.<br>2. ...And we can make delivery immediately. LBV 324<br>3. Can you tell which of these files is wood? LBV 293. 7-42.<br>Has memo glued to the front of the item from A.N. Seares. To Jack.   |
| 05 | x | Office Furniture in Steel. 2200 Line Steel Desks.<br>RR-46A-10M-11-36.  |
| 05 | x | Remington Rand Office Machines (2) 1993.011<br>1. Remington Rand presents the only completely electrified fanfold machine. Great illustration of typewriter type devise on back cover. n.d.<br>2. Remington Rand Printing Calculator with automatic division proof multiplication. Model 95101-5. n.d.  |
| 05 | x | Remington Rand Office Furniture / Remington Rand Business Service, Buffalo, New York. Gray paper cover has “Complete Furnishings for every Office” and Logo.  |
| 05 | x | [Remington Rand Office Furniture misc. flyers]<br>1. The Ambassador Suite : distinguished office equipment in crafted furniture steel. RR20 10M 9-30<br>2. Office Furniture : Lyndon Suite. RR34. 5M-6-34<br>3. Greymere Suite. FF 79 ca. 1930's?<br>4. Marlan Office Furniture for General Office Use. FF 75 5-39<br>5. Office Furniture B2000 Line Desks. FF 78. 9-39<br>6. Crestwood Line. N.d.<br>7. Office Furniture, Franklyn Chairs. RR36B. 5M-6-37<br>8. Remington Rand Upholstery Leathers. Includes samples. n.d. |

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“S”**

**S. Karpen & Bros. (Chicago, Il.)**

- 5 x Better Homes : how to furnish them / by Sterling B. McDonald. Art Institute of Chicago. Publ by S. Karpen & Bros. Karpen Furniture, Chicago. 1923. Rogerson Press, Chicago.  
P2005.040.8 Added 10/8/2005  
Note: This item has parts of some pages cut out of the publication.

**Security Steel Equipment Corporation (Avenel, N.J.)**

- 5 x Presenting America's Smartest Desk Administor : a creation of security, c. 1939.

**Seng Co. (Chicago, Il.)**

- 5 x Seng Co. (3)  
1. Songstyle Beds / The Seng Company, Chicago.  
2. Confidential Manufacturers' Prices. Price List of Sengstyle Beds. 2-1-40  
3. Letter. The Seng Company, 1450 North Dayton Strret, Wicker Park Station, Chicago, Mar. 7, 1940. TO: Zandstra Uphg. Co., 114 Lexington Ave., GR.

**Sengbush Self-Closing Inkstand Co. (Milwaukee, Wis.)**

- 5 x Sengbusch Desk Sets. Distributed by Bixby Office Supply Co., GR.  
Circular 19.  
1993.011 Added 10/22/2005

**Shepherd Chair Company (Chicago, Il.)**

- 5 x Comfortaire Posture Chair, n.d.  
5 x A Great new Posture Chair that isn't frozen [flyer]  
+ Letter. July 1, 1942.

**Simmons Co. (Chicago, Il.)**

- 5 x Restful Bedrooms / the Simmons Co., Chicago. Charles Daniel Frey, Advertising, Chicago. N.d.  
Illustrations by F. H. or H.H. Davis?  
Accompanied by form letter from Simmons, n.d.  
2005.040.4a-b Added 10/8/2005

**Smokador Manufacturing Co. (Bloomfield, N.J.)**

- 5 x [Folding flyer, n.d.] + Servador no. 610 List Price \$10.00 ... sheet

- 5.5    x        **Stendig (New York, N.Y.)**  
Stendig. Contract Furniture / Charles W. Stendig. Stendig Incorporated,  
N.Y.. Catalogue no. 64. C. 1964. AIA file no. 28-A + 1967 & 1969 price  
lists & 1970 index  
3-ring binder  
00.[5237].1    Added 3/28/2007
- 5        x        **Stickley & Brandt Chair Co. (Binghamton, N.Y.)**  
Modern Craft Styles / by Chas. Stickley, with a brief history of the Stickley  
& Brandt Chair Company / by Peter A. Copeland. Parchment Press, Turn of  
the Century Editions, 2008.  
This publication includes a reprint of: Modern Craft Styles, created  
and built by Charles Stickley at Shops of the Stickley & Brandt Chair Co.,  
Binghamton, N.Y., [1911].  
2009.008                    Added 1/13/2009
- x        x        **Syracuse Ornamental Company**  
Period Carvings : a cataloging containing one-half size reproductions ...  
Syracuse, N.Y. : Syracuse Ornamental, 1923.  
"Catalog K".  
2007.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
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**“T”**

**Thonet Industries**

- 5 x Acquired by Shelby Williams in 1987.  
Booklet 5912. n.d.  
Descriptive title taken from bottom of last blue page.  
Overview of Thonet designs, primarily chairs, including three illustrations of  
Thonet chairs by Warhold, Gill, and J. Suzuki.  
00.[5191].1 Added 1/23/2007

**Toledo Metal Furniture Co. (Ohio)**

- 5 x Uhl Steel Equipment for Office, Factory & School : Catalog no. 100-A. 5<sup>th</sup>  
ed. March 1930.  
Accompanied by:  
● Price List no. 900. Jan. 20, 1941  
● Letter. Feb. 20, 1941.  
● Acknowledgement mailer card.

**Tomlinson (High Point, North Carolina)**

- 5 x The French Collection. Tomlinson of High Point, North Carolina. With a  
Chicago Merchandise Mart address. Folding mailer addressed to Stow-D  
Davis Furniture Co., 70 Front Ave., S.W.  
1993.011 Added 10/22/2005

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“U”**

- 5      x      **U.S. Blue Print Paper Co.(Chicago, Il.)**  
Dress UP your drafting Room. Hamilton Steelwood, Hamilton  
Manufacturing Co., Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Agent: U.S. Blue Print Paper  
Co., Chicago
- 5      x      **Upson Board. Upson Co. (Lockport, N.Y.)**  
Rediprep : ready-to-us wallboard for better signs and displays. Created by  
Upson Research Laboratories. Upson Board. Upson Co., Lockport, N.Y.  
Local agent: Grand Rapids Lumber Co., Scribner Ave. & GR & I Ry.  
Folded flyer with color selections illustrated.  
3178-10P-CM-40  
1993.011      Added 10/22/2005

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“V”**

5      x      **Vogel-Peterson Co. (Chicago, Il.)**  
Peterson Checkroom & Wardrobe Equipment. n.d. Flyer

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“W”**

- 5 x **W & J. Sloane (N.Y., N.Y.)**  
Executive Office Furniture [loose trade illustration sheets] +  
Price list, Sept. 2, 1941.
- 05 x **W.H. Gunlocke Chair Company (Wayland, N.Y.)**  
A Portfolio of designs by Count Alexis de Sakhonoffsky / W.H. Gunlocke  
Chair Company, Wayland, N.Y. C. 1940  
+ Price Schedule applying to Portfolio of Designs by Count Alexis de  
Sakhonoffsky, 1940.
- 05 x **Gunlocke Chairs ... : Revised Junior Catalog / W.H. Gunlocke Chair Co., c.**  
1941  
2 copies +  
Gunlocke Chairs : price list no. 45, Nov. 24, 1941.
- 5 x **Leather Chairs for comfort. In your office or your home. Designed and**  
**made by the W.H. Gunlocke Chair Co., Wayland, N.Y. Gives a Lansing,**  
**Mich. Stationers as the closest agent. Folding flyer.**
- 5 x **Wallace Supplies Manufacturing Co. (Chicago, Il.)**  
Wallace, manufacturers of the finest modern tubular furniture : Bulletin no.  
33 [1941]  
Date from stamp on cover RE price increases.
- 5 x **Wells Office Furniture Co. (Chicago, Il.)**  
Tilt and Swivel Chairs : catalog no. 222. Dec. 1, 1942.
- 5 x **Catalog no. 555, May 1, 1944.**  
Accompanied by:  
● Tubular Typewrite Stand flyer  
● Letter. Wells letterhead. July 15, 1944. Dear Friend Dealer ...
- 5 x **West Defecting Company (Long Island, N.Y.)**  
The Scope of Sanitation. n.d.  
Form no. 25 1-39  
Accompanied by business card for V.G. Fox of the Detroit Division.

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
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**“W”**

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| 5 | x | <b>Wisconsin Chair Company (Port Washington, Wis.)</b><br>Office Chair Supplement for Catalog “The Wisconsin Chair Company”,<br>June 15, 1942. |
| 5 | x | <b>Wright &amp; Company (Worcester, Mass.)</b><br>Tabulating Accessories : catalog no. 14, Jan. 1943.  |

**Series II. Trade Catalogs**  
**Alphabetical by full name of Company**  
**“Y”**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 5 | x | <b>Yawman and Erbe Mfg. Co. (Rochester, N.Y.)</b><br>Y and E Steel Office Equipment : catalog no. 3805. c. 1935. |
| 5 | x | Y and E Steel Suspension Desks and Tables : catalog no. 3805-1. Section H.<br>n.d.                               |

Accompanied by:  
Special Announcement Bulletin. Nov. 10, 1937.  
Subject: Y and E Steel Suspension Desks. Catalog #3805-1 (section H)

**Series III. Publications & Reference Sources**

- 1        x        3 White 3-ringed binder of misc. ephemera related to furniture:  
1.    Compilation of Arts & Crafts Furniture  
2.    Compilation of Furniture including: Art Deco, Art Nouveau ...  
3.    Compilation of Furniture Categorized by the following styles:  
      Bentwood ... ]  
P2003.027c    1/5/2004
- These items are said to be from the John Widdicomb Co. library, and the creator is presumed to have been an employee for the firm.
- Included are numerous items clipped from furniture trade literature or published sources, though there are few clues to identify the originating source. Also included are copy photographs of furniture representing the style or category, sometimes from publications, sometimes of the actual item of furniture.
- Aktrin Furniture Research. Aktrin Furniture Information Center (High Point, N.C.)
- 12        x        North American Furniture Standard / Sean Fegan. High Point, N.C. : Aktrin, 1997.  
00.[5231].1    Added 3/28/2007
- 2        x        Bradley's Furniture Cut-Outs / designed by Helen M. Fliedner. Springfield, Mass. : Milton Bradley Co., 1921.  
P2004.038.10    Added Oct. 5, 2004
- Sheet I
  - Sheet II
  - One cut sheet
- 12        x        Cane Seats for Chairs / Ruth B. Comstock (Cornell Extension Bulletin 681. Rev. May 1950. Ithaca, N.Y. : New York State College of Home Economics, State Univ. of N.Y. At Cornell Univ.,  
P2007.027.1    Added 3/28/2007
- 3        x        Formby's new guide to proper furniture repair and care / by Homer A. Formby. Olive Branch, Miss. : Formby's Refinishing Products, Inc., c. 1975.  
2007.012.

**Series III. Publications & Reference Sources**

- 12 x Furniture Production (periodical)  
Blue Book Directory issue.  
v. 30, no. 190, Dec. 1967  
00.[5232].1 Added 3/28/2007
- X x L'Oeil.  
Extrait. No. 96, Dec. 1962. Tanger / Knoll International.  
00.[5233].1 Added 3/28/2007
- 3 x Old World Galleries, Ltd. Catalog and Guide. London, England : Old  
World Galleries, n.d.  
Cover title: Beautiful Antique Furniture  
2007.012.5 Added 1/25/2007
- 3 x 3M Company (St. Paul, Minn.)  
Furniture : finishing and refinishing. n.d. [ca. 1960S?]  
Folding flyer A-HFFRB(3120)H  
2007.012.12
- 3 x Veneer Association (Chicago, Il.)  
Educational Series Nos. 1-3  
2007.012.7-9 Added 1/25/2007
- 8 x Periodicals & Periodical clippings  
House & Garden? How to Recognize Period Furniture : refresher course  
in House & Garden's Dictionary of Design : Eighteenth Century Colonial.  
pg. 80. Number I in A Series (2 sheets)  
2007.012.013 Added 1/25/2007

**Series IV Photographs**

- 9      x      Misc. Exhibit or Collection documentation photos.  
Most items from the Collection of F.P. Angle.
1. Hanging wall cupboard of Pine.
  2. Pennsylvania Tulip Chest.
  3. Pennsylvania Cabinet
  4. Typical Pennsylvania Dutch Cupboard
  5. Desk of Walnut. Pennsylvania about 1750-1770.
  6. Unidentified chest with "Elizabeth Landisin 1776" carved on front.
- P2005.025.1-6      Added 3/29/2005
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- 9      x      Store window display of Lammert Furniture (St. Louis, Mo.), including  
the Tulip Chest.  
P2005.025.7      Added 3/29/2005

- 14      x      **Series V. Scrapbooks.**  
Two Generic Historical Furniture Styles Scrapbooks, with clippings from  
unidentified sources.  
Formerly R749Scr16 v.1-2   Furniture Room.  
00.[5301].1-2                Added 10/4/2007