

Grand Rapids History and Special Collections

Archives

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finding Aid for

Collection # 233

Grand Rapids Public Library Furniture Industry Collection

October 2009 version

Abstract

The Grand Rapids Public Library Furniture Industry Collection is a devised collection that brings together miscellaneous small & unknown accessions related to the Grand Rapids furniture industry, in general and as related to specific companies. Included are furniture periodicals & other publications from the Grand Rapids furniture companies, or by others about and for the industry. Graphics including photos or original drawings, graphic clippings, and ephemera, as well as various other formats, may be found in this collection, but are not limited to this collection. There is a small section for non-Grand Rapids furniture references at the end of the collection, which is limited to information on or from other Michigan furniture companies not in the Grand Rapids area. This collection is not yet fully processed. While most of the materials included in the collection are issued from the industry, items are also added that research and document these historic companies. This is an open collection, to which new items are added as received or identified.

Collection #: 233

Accession #: Various

Donor: Various & unknown

Span dates:

Processor: R. Mayne, 1999-2005

Size: 68.5 linear ft. (822.5 in.)

Related Collections

Some furniture periodicals are included in this collection, but others are shelved in the Local History Public Service area.

Coll. 232, Grand Rapids Public Library Trade Catalog Collection.

This collection includes publications from the furniture industries particularly related to their sales literature. Some of the items in Coll. 233 may also have been used indirectly with the sales programs, as promotions items for their furniture. But, generally, it is the literature in Coll. 232 which gives illustrations of stock available for sale, and price information, for a particular point in time. Unfortunately, that time is often unknown, due to lack of dating of the literature.

Coll. 084, Furniture Manufacturers Assoc., Grand Rapids Area. Records.

Ask staff for assistance in identifying other archival collections related to furniture design or designers, or a specific furniture company.

Oral History Collections.

See select oral histories of furniture manufacturers or designers in the various oral history collections of the GRPL Archives.

Coll. 164, the GRPL Oral History Collection, current has only a draft transcription for interview #110, Charles Sligh. See also the American Furniture Hall of Fame website for a Sligh oral history.

[Http://www.furniturehalloffame.com/oralinterviews.html](http://www.furniturehalloffame.com/oralinterviews.html)

Coll. 263, GRPL Manuscripts Collection. Includes biographical information, including memorials for former officers and others associated with the furniture industry, such as Robert Wilkins Merrill, Phoenix Furniture Company.

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
Box Inventory September 2009		
See also the Flatfiles, as indicated within this finding aid.		
1	History	Standard
1.5	Periodical Reprints / Ephemera	Slim
2	Periodicals	Standard
3	Periodicals. "GR Preview"	Standard
3.5	Periodicals. "GR Preview" dups.	Standard
Added 12/22/2004		
4	Periodicals. Stylist. Shop mark	Standard
4.5	Periodicals. Digital Versions CD Master	5x8
Added 11/28/2007		
5	General oversized & Periodicals	Clam + loose vol.
Where is loose volume 2/27/2004		
5.1	Michigan Artisan June-Dec. 1905	Slim legal
5.2	Michigan Artisan Jan.-Dec. 1906	Slim legal
5.3	Michigan Artisan Jan.-June 1907	Slim legal
5.4	Michigan Artisan July-Dec. 1907	Slim legal
5.5	Michigan Artisan Jan.-June 1908	Slim legal
5.6	Michigan Artisan July-Dec. 1908	Slim legal
5.7	Michigan Artisan	Slim
Boxes 5.1 to 5.7 Added 8/8/2008 Transfer from Local History Coll.		
6	Oversized Periodicals	Clam
Box full 7/8/2008		
7	Periodical Publ. Monographs	Standard
8	Nat. Retail Furniture Inst.	Blue lidded w handles
9	GRPE Images	Gray square
10	Clippings, legal sized	Slim legal
11	Clippings	slim
12	Photographs	slim
12.25	Publications (Directories)	Standard
Added 8/15/2009		
12.5	Publications (Directories)	Standard
This box full. Review w next add. 10/5/2004		
13	Directories	standard
14	Directories	Standard

Box Summary

Box Number	Description of Contents	Box Description
14.5	American Seating	Slim
14.6	American Seating legal case	Slim legal
14.7	American Seating legal case	Slim legal
14.8	American Seating. "Seater"	Standard Legal
Added 8/8/2008		
15	Baker	Standard
15.25	Berkey & Gay	Standard
15.5	Century	slim
These 3 boxes redefined 2/27/2004		
16	No box for the present, 2/27/2004	
17	A-G	Standard
17.5	H-I Companies	Standard
17.75	Irwin	Cubic
Box 17.75 Added 12/20/2008		
Boxes 17 & 17.5 content revised and 17 moved to larger box for growth, 10/4/2005.		
18	J-Z Companies	Standard
19	Sligh	Slim
20	Steelcase	Standard
21	Furniture Cos. Oversized	Slim legal
22	Original material Library exhibit materials OVERsized in general.	Clam
23	Publ. from Ancillary Groups	Slim
24	Non Grand Rapids Publ.	Slim
25	Imperial Furniture Co. Journal	Gray w window label
26	Imperial Furniture Co. Ledger	Gray w window label
[Added 10/15/2002]		
27	TBP Box	White cubic
Added 1/15/2003		
Note: Coll. 232 items to be processed also dumped in this box, 1/29/2003.		
28	Misc. OVE 3" OVE print	
29	Executive Furniture Guild	Slim
Box full, and needs numbers or expansion. 9/27/2005		

Box Summary

Box Number	Description of Contents	Box Description
30 Added 1/5/2004	P2003.027d	Gray squarish lidded
31 Added 1/23/2007	Unidentified furniture sketches. 00.[5194].1	Slim
MF001	Michigan Artisan master negative microfilm 1905-1909	MF Master Box P2007.004.1-4
32 Added 4/23/2007	Realia	4x6 slim
18-I-2b	The Stylist / Grand Rapids Furniture Makers Guild	
18-I-3a	Furniture Record [Duplicates] 00.[5464]. & 00.[5465]. Added 8/26/2008	Cubic Box
224 Box 33	Oversized graphic	3" print
FF.VII.A/B/C/Thorne Room Graphic Illustrations for Good Furniture, and other periodicals. Several used in local periodicals.		
33 Added 3/6/2008	Photos received thru research requests	Slim

Box Summary. Periodical Box inventory

<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Description of Contents</u>	<u>Box Description</u>
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Note: These are holdings used for microfilming with cut pages, or issues which may be duplicates.

Grand Rapids Furniture Record

A [18-G-1a	GR Furniture Record (serial)	Cubic Boxes
B [18-G-1b		Cubic
C [18-G-2a		Cubic
D		Cubic
E		Cubic
F		Cubic
G		Cubic
H		Cubic
I		Cubic
J		Cubic
K		Cubic
L		Cubic
M		Cubic
N [18-G-7b]		Cubic
O [18-H-1a]		Cubic
P		Cubic
Q [18-H-2a]	GR Furniture Record	Cubic Box

Furniture Manufacturer & Artisan

AA [18-H-2b] Furniture Manufacturer & Artisan		Cubic Box
34	Furniture Manufacturer & Artisan, v. 1-2, 1911	Small print
35	FMA, v. 3-4, 1912	Small print
36	FMA, v. 5-6, 1913	Small print
37	FMA, v. 7-8, 1914	Small print
38	FMA, v. 9-10, 1915	Small print
39	FMA, v. 11-12, 1916	Small print
40	FMA, v. 13-14, 1917	Small print
41	FMA, v. 15-16, 1918	Small print
42	FMA, v. 17, 1919	Small print
43	FMA, v. 18, 1919	Small print
44	FMA, v. 19, 1920	Small print
45	FMA, v. 20, 1920	Small print
46	FMA, v. 21, 1921	Small print
47	FMA, v. 22, 1921	Small print
48	FMA, v. 23, 1922	Small print
49	FMA, v. 24, 1922	Small print
50	FMA, v. 25, 1923	Small print
51	FMA, v. 26, 1923	Small print
52	FMA, v. 27, 1924	Small print
53	FMA, v. 28, 1924	Small print
54	FMA, v. 29, 1925	Small print
55	FMA, v. 30, 1925	Small print
56	FMA, v. 31, 1926	Small print
57	FMA, v. 32, 1926	Small print

Note: Boxes 34-57 were previously located on the Local History public service floor, but were cut apart for microfilming, and not located in Coll. 233 archival storage.

The microfilm is available for daily use.

Microfilm for FMA, created at Central Michigan University, Clarke Library, using our paper holdings, plus one volume in better condition from the Public Museum of Grand Rapids.

V. 1, no. 1, Jan. 1911-V.32, no. 6, Dec. 1926. 27 reels

Located on Local History public service floor in microfilm cabinets.

Master Negative located at Central Michigan University, Clarke Library.

Box Summary. Periodical Box inventory

<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Description of Contents</u>	<u>Box Description</u>
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Good Furniture

No known microfilm available

Select Original oversized collection illustrations, used in this publication, at. Also, a few in Coll. 361.

Also, See Coll. 361, Stow & Davis Collection, in process, which contains numerous photographs of decorative art & objects from national collections with "Good Furniture" stamped on the back.

AAA [18-H-3a]	Good Furniture	Cubic Boxes
BBB		Cubic
CCC		Cubic
DDD		Cubic
EEE		Cubic
FFF		Cubic
GGG [18-H-6a]		Cubic
HHH		Cubic
III		Cubic
JJJ		Cubic
KKK [18-I-1a]		Cubic
LLL		Cubic
MMM [18-I-2a]		Cubic

History

Pending

Scope and Content

This collection was created in Fall 1999 to house the fragments and small accessions within the Archives that related to the furniture industry in Grand Rapids identified during the “Move” cleanup. It should be noted that there are other collections related to the furniture industry, including, but not limited to:

- 84 Furniture Manufacturers Association Records
- 17 Widdicomb and John Widdicomb Companies. Records.
- 48 Robert W. Irwin Company. Records.
- 204 Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association Records
- 232 GRPL Furniture Trade Catalogs.

Information on non-Grand Rapids furniture companies is not actively collected, though ephemeral holdings that do end up at GRPL from non-Michigan companies do find a home in the new Collection #335, Furniture Design Archival Collection, National Literature. The other complimentary collection with a national focus is the Furniture Design Book Collection, which is housed in its own room within the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections Center.

If holdings in this collection grow to a sufficient size for any one furniture company, a collection specific to that company may instead be warranted.

Series Descriptions

Series I. General History of the Furniture Industry in Grand Rapids.

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

Subseries A. Furniture Manufacturers Association of Grand Rapids.

Subseries B. Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition

Subseries C. Grand Rapids Market Assoc. / Grand Rapids Furniture Market Assoc.

Subseries D. Executive Furniture Guild of America

This national organization, as stated in its 1952 Revised By-Laws, had as its purpose “to create the appreciation for and promote the acceptance of high grand office furniture among leading business and professional men ...

”At that time, the principal office was to located in the city where the Secretary resided, but an office in the Exhibitors Building in Grand Rapids, run by the “coordinator” was also maintained.

No information is currently available on how long the group lasted. A web page on the history of the Ohio Desk Company, states that Ohio Desk joined with Stow & Davis in 1947 “to form the Executive Furniture Guild, the first nationally organized effort to provide color coordinated interior elements and design to corporate clients.”

<http://www.ohiodesk.com/OD/Odhist.htm>

Subseries E. Grand Rapids Furniture Makers Guild

Subseries F. Grand Rapids Association of Furniture Exhibitors.

Subseries G. Associated Furniture Manufacturers of Grand Rapids.

This heading, used in a national publication, my be an incorrect use of the name of the Furniture Manufacturers Association of Grand Rapids, or a previously undocumented earlier name for that organization.

Series III. Publications (non-serial)

Series IV. Serials

Contains periodical titles or documentation on periodical titles related to the furniture industry.

For information on the local publishers of these periodicals see also Coll. 289, GRPL Publishers and Publishing Collection. For example, a 1916 letter to Dean Hicks Co. from Jerome Jerauld RE an article on Sgraffito Decoration for Furniture” is housed with other Dean Hicks materials in Coll. 289.

Series V. Images & graphics

Included here are graphic clippings, including advertising, original graphics, and photographs.

P2003.027d Binder, with mixed media.

Included in this series are the oversized Thorne illustrated room graphics, several of which have been used to illustrate periodical articles in locally publisher furniture magazines.

Also included in this series are library exhibit materials, which may contain images from several other archival collections, or may contain new images.

Series VI. Original Manuscript materials

Included here are small caches of original documents for Berkey & Gay, Gunn, Imperial & Luce.

Series VII. Scrapbooks related to the Furniture Industry.

See also Coll. 204, which contains scrapbooks prepared by the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association.

Scrapbooks may also be found in a separate designated section of this finding aid. For example, the 1911 Strike scrapbook is in the "Strike" section.

Series VIII. Non-Grand Rapids Furniture Reference Materials

Included here are items published about and by the furniture industry elsewhere in Michigan. For archival materials outside of Michigan, see Coll. 335.

Contents

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
		Series I. General History
		Grand Rapids Furniture Industry History
1	x	Arts and Crafts Furniture Design : the Grand Rapids Contribution, 1895-1915 / Don Marek. G.R. : Grand Rapids Art Museum, 1987. Published in conjunction with an exhibit at the Museum, Mar 13-May 17, 1987. P2007.077 Added 10/3/2007
22		x [Furniture City Site Map for visiting salemen, ca. 1893] / Source unknown at this time (11/2003). 00.[2623].2 11/24/2003 Photocopy only. Street map locator for furniture companies manufacturing at the time, distributed along the Grand River. Also includes depots & hotels.
12.25	x	Reference book of the Furniture Commercial Agency Company. Cincinnati : Furniture Commercial Agency Co., July 1899. The "Red Book" Lists an office in Grand Rapids, also with 7 other American cities. Entries organized by State, with Michigan beginning on page. 499 and Grand Rapids on pg. 520-527. Note. Page 527/528 has been inserted into this volume upsidedown. c. 1 00.[3342].1 Added 12/2/2008 An 1886 edition with pages missing is unprocessed.
1	x	Furniture : a working list of Historic Michigan Furniture Manufacturers. Based on the list Grand Rapids Area Furniture Companies compiled by Richard H. Harms. Website pages from http://www.iserv.net/~plucas/michyes.htm

Series I. General History

Grand Rapids Furniture Industry History

1 x

Grand Rapids Centennial Furniture Festival Souvenir Program.

Cover art by Sidney J. Bartnick.

Cover has: Mammoth spectacle "Romance of Furniture", Houseman Field, July 9-10, 1936.

Includes: The First One Hundred Years ... 1836-1936 : being a short review of the beginning of the furniture industry in Grand Rapids, its growth and development.

Has numerous ads, including:

Despres Dowel Mfg. Co. / Grand Rapids Dowel Works / Furniture City Dowel Company / Laban Sample Furniture Company / Leitelt Lumber Lifts / Chicky Candy Bars / Grand Rapids School of Designing ... Arther Kirkpatrick [sic Arthur Kirkpatrick}, Instructor and Designer / Matt Heyns Serve Self Food Markets / Grand Rapids Fancy Furniture Co., 1898-1936.

00.[1277].1 8/12/2004

Series I. General History

Grand Rapids Furniture Industry History

1 x Grand Rapids Furniture : the story of America's Furniture City / by Christian G. Carron, et al
G.R. : Public Museum of Grand Rapids, 1998.
c. 1 P2005.001.1

1 x c. 2 P2005.001.2 Archivist's Desk Reference
Historic Manufacturers of the Arts & Crafts Movement. Michigan & Grand Rapids Mission Furniture Makers.
Arts & Crafts Society web pages
<http://www.ragtime.org/M/HGM.html>

Furniture Museum

1 x The Baker Museum of Furniture Research : exhibitors Building, G.R., Michigan, Founded 1941. N.d.
Includes floor plan. Has includes "Decorative Accents / by Charles Messer Stow. Reprinted from The **N.Y. Sun**, July 5, 1941.
00.[2158].1 4/24/2002

Grand Rapids Furniture Museum

1 x Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, opened Jan. 1st 1938 / GR Furniture Museum Commission. G.R. : Dean Hicks, n.d.
00.[2159].1 4/30/2002

1 x The Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, established Jan. 1, 1938 : the only museum in the world devoted ...n.d.
00.[2240].1 4/30/2002

1 x Letter, June 6, 1958. To Julie Doezema, Grand Rapids Public Library from Frank L. DuMond, Director of the Grand Rapids Public Museum.
RE: Dedication ceremonies for an historical marker commemorating the Furniture Industry in Grand Rapids, June 16, 1958.
00.[5083].1 Added 11/3/2006

Series I. General History
Grand Rapids Furniture Industry History

1911 Strike

- 1 x History of the Grand Rapids Furniture Strike, with facts hitherto unpublished / Viva Flaherty. Grand Rapids. 1911.
c. 1 00.[2156].1???
c. 2
- 1 x Story of the Grand Rapids Strike / by R[obert] W. Irwin : address delivered at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the National Assoc. of Furniture Manufacturers, held at Indianapolis, Dec. 6-7, 1911.
Formerly MKG331.8.IR9
c.1 00.[1329].1 Gift of R.W. Irwin. Poor condition.
c. 2 00.[1977].1 Uncataloged copy.
- 1 x The Great 1911 Furniture Strike / Lynn G. Mapes. **Grand Rapids Magazine**, Sept. 1975
- 1 x Strike! How the Furniture Workers of 1911 Changed Grand Rapids / Jeffrey D. Kleiman. G.R. : Grand Rapids Historical Commission ; Ann Arbor, Mi. : Edward Brothers, Inc., 2006.
P2006.025 Added 4/20/2006
- 1 x CD with Powerpoint documents for Kleiman's presentation on the Furniture Strike at GRPL Sept. 13, 2006.
2006.092 Added 9/17/2008

Series I. General History
Grand Rapids Furniture Industry History

1911 Strike

Strike Scrapbooks.

HOUSED WITH COLL. 239

SB 16 x

Scrapbook. Grand Rapids Furniture Strike. Created by Library staff. 1935
00.[0047].1

MKG331.89.G76

Includes Flaherty

Note: The Flaherty booklet is missing 10/10/2005, See above.

Note: This scrapbook has been moved from the old black 2-ring binder to
1 acid free folder. Pages [5]-[8] are missing at the time of this move.
Some pages found at the back of the scrapbook binder are not numbered
or included in the original scrapbook index. Clippings found in a pocket
of the binder have been placed in photo sleeves, and are housed with
oversized newspapers and newspaper clippings at FF-VIII-C, 10/10/2005

NOTE: Historical Library files indicate there may have been more than
one furniture strike scrapbook at one time, but others are currently
unaccounted for. 4/24/2002

Series I. General History
Grand Rapids Furniture Industry History

- Spirit of Solidarity Memorial Dedication
April 19, 1911
- 1 x Furniture Strikers on Parade, 1911-2007. Booklet.
Reproduction of the Maquette of Statues in Bronze on pg. 31.
Accompanied by the 1 sheet program, a complimentary ticket to the Public
Museum, and 2 funding campaign sheets.
- 32 x Also, two plastic spirit of solidarity lapel buttons. (2 + 2 = 4)
See also 216-31
2007.055.1 Added 4/18/2007
2007.055.5 Added 4/24/2007
- 1 x Spirit of Solidarity Memorial Dedication Images.
22 Color paper prints of images taken with departmental digital camera.
Local History & Special Collections of the GRPL contributed and have a
brick incorporated with the memorial, pictured here.

Series I. General History
Grand Rapids Furniture Industry History

Histories & Presentations

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | x | The Furniture Career of Grand Rapids : a brief story / compiled by the City's Furniture interests / GR Furniture Exposition ; Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. ...
Grand Rapids Furniture [Cover title]
00.[2231].1-2 4/30/2002 |
| 1 | x | The History of Sectional Bookcases / by O.H.L. Wernicke. Before the Grand Rapids Historical Society, Jan. 6, 1916. |
| 1 | x | Not Over-Production, but Under-Education" : address delivered at the dinner of the GR Advertising Club, Coliseum, GR, Jan. 11, 1912. / O.H.L. Wernicke, Pres. Macey Co. |
| 1 | x | A Short History of Furniture Drafting and Why Grand Rapids became the Furniture Capital / by John H. Klok. G.R.[Furniture Capital School of Detailing & Rodmaking], 1930. |

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

A. Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. of Grand Rapids

- 14 x Grand Rapids : a city whose lengthened shadow is found in the homes of America. N.d.
Formerly R749.213.G762
00.[2167].1-2 4/25/2002
- 14 x Grand Rapids ... an expanding tradition / FMA Warehouse Co., 1968.
"Fine Furniture"
Formerly M749.2774.F981g
00.[0728].1-4 4/25/2002
- 14 x The Romance that is Grand Rapids / FMA Warehouse Co., 1959
00.[2168].1-2 4/25/2002
- 14 x The Story of Grand Rapids Furniture / Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. of G.R. N.d.
Formerly M749.1.G762s
c. 1 00.[0723].1 4/25/2002
c. 2 00.[2230].1 4/30/2002
- 14 x Grand Rapids Area Furniture Manufacturers Assoc., n.d. [Flyer]
00.[2223].1 4/30/2002
- 14 x Grand Rapids Area Furniture Manufacturers Association Newsletter
● Nov 1987 00.[5196].1 Added 1/24/2007
Formerly in Coll. 285
- 28 x Grand Rapids Furniture Manufacturers Association. Golden Anniversary Section. **Grand Rapids Press**. Nov. 18, 1961.
2007.042 Added 3/26/2007

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

A. Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. of Grand Rapids

Ephemera

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|-----|---|---|
| 1.5 | x | Banquet to the Furniture Manufacturers of the U.S. by the G.R. Furniture Manufacturers' Assoc. 1889, Sweet's Hotel. [Menu]
00.[2219].1 4/30/2002 |
| 1.5 | x | First Convention of the Furniture Manufacturers of the U.S., G.R., Jan. 1889. [Ribbons] <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reception Committee● GR Board of Trade w gold seal |

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

A. Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. of Grand Rapids

Ephemera continued ...

- 1.5 x Anniversary Exhibition. Grand Rapids Hundredth Furniture Market. (100th), Furniture Temple ... Jan. 3-28, 1928. Grand Rapids Market Assoc.
00.[3109].1 Added 11/9/2004

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

B. Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition.

Directories.

- 13 x Blodgett Block Directory. Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition. Formerly M749.058.B621
14th Semi-annual, Jan. 1896 00.[0673].1 3/30/3002
36th, Fall 1905 00.[0673].2
- 13 x A complete directory of Exhibitors at the 110th Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition ... 1932
Formerly MKG749.G76a 1932 00.[1043].1 4/25/2002
- 13 x A Complete Directory of Exhibitors at the Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition, Apr. 28-May 8, 1937.
00.[2239].1 4/30/2002
- 13 x Furniture buyers Order Book and Classified Directory of Furniture Exhibits, G.R.
●
July 5-July 17, 1948, 141st Market
00.[2214].1 4/30/2002
●
Jan. 8-Jan. 19, 1951, 146th Market
P2009.040.1 Added 6/16/2009

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

B. Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition

Publications.

13 x Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition Assoc., n.d.[after 1931] [flyer]
00.[22

Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition. Mid-Summer 1905.

Formerly R 749.213 .G761

9 1 Unidentified exhibitor, v.1,#1
9 2 American Chair Mfg. Co., Halstead, Pa., v.1,#2
9 3 Hubbard & Eldredge Co., Rochester, N.Y., v.1,#3
9 4 Cron Kills & Co., Piqua, Ohio, v.1,#4
9 5 Ohio Valley Furn. Co., Gallijohn?, O., v.1,#5
9 6 St. Johns Table Co., v.1,#
9 7 C.S. Paine Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.,v.1,#
9 8 H.C. Dexter Chair Co., Black River, N.Y.,v.1,#8
9 9 E. Schloss & Co., N.Y.C
9 10 J. & J. Holm
9 11 Grand Rapids Desk Co.,v.2,#
9 12 Leopold? Desk Co.,v.2,#
9 13 S.G. Estabrook & Co., N.Y.,v.2,#3
9 14 Conley Barley Table Co., C.A. Warren & Co., clocks, v.2,#4
9 15 Southern,v.2,#5

9 16 Jamestown Lounge(?)Co.,v.2,#6
9 17 Ed Jansen, N.Y., N.Y.,v.2,#
9 18 Wisconsin Chair Co. W.H. Thommen! Has sign in photo with Leopold
Desk Co. on left, but believe this applies to the furniture on the other side
of that post. V.2,no.8
9 19 Muller & Stock Co.,Slack 1, v.2,#9
9 20 S.P. Porter & Son, N.Y., v.2,#10
9 21 Valley City Chair Co. Scott 2. V.2,#11
9 22 Maher Bros. (Parlor Furniture) v.2,#12

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

C. Grand Rapids Market Association / Grand Rapids Furniture Market Association.

Directories

- 13 x Classified Directory of Exhibits
Formerly MKG749.G76d
June 21-July 17, 1926 00.[1041].1 4/25/2002
June 20-July 16, 1927 00.[1042].1 4/25/2002
- 13 x Furniture Buyers Order book and Universal Directory of Furniture Exhibits / GR Market Assoc.
Jan. 1914. Periodical Publ. Co.
00.[2216].1
102 Market, Jan. 1929
00.[2216].2
4/30/2002
CHECK
- 13 x Grand Rapids Market : the Furniture Capital of American. G.R. Market Assoc.
Includes "Classified List of Buyers Who Visit Grand Rapids Regularly" p. 18.
Formerly MKG749.G76 1925
00.[1035].1 4/25/2002
- 13 x Grand Rapids the Furniture Capital of America. Mid-Summer Market, 1923. G.R. Market Assoc.
Formerly MKG749.G76 1923
00.[1046].1 4/25/2002

Publications

- 13 x The Furniture Capital of America : a story of the Grand Rapids Furniture Market. G.R. Market Assoc.
Dean Hicks, n.d.
Formerly MKG749.G76 00.[1045].1 4/25/2002

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Assoc.

Subseries D. Executive Furniture Guild of America

- 29 1 Ohio Desk Co. historical note on the formation of the Guild with Stow Davis in 1947.
- 29 2 By Laws
1951 (2)
1952
- 29 3 Membership Directory
1952
1953
- 29 4 Mid-Year Sounding Board III, Sept. 1951
Program
Minutes.
- 29 5 Mid-Year Conference, March 1952
Minutes
- 29 6 Annual Business Meeting, Oct. 1952
Minutes
- 29 7 [List of Committees, 1951]
- 29 8 A Comprehensive Outline of EFG Workshop Activities, July 1, 1951 /
Adrian H. Penbroke
Includes the Guild's letterhead & logo.
- 29 9 Order Form, 1951
- 29 10 America House Limited Editions
- 29 11 Mitchell David
- 29 12 EFG Accessories, Sainberg & Co.
● The "Guild" Series in Executive Furniture
Guild leather by Sainberg & Co., N.Y. [Includes color leather samples]
- 29 13 Harry Gitlin lamps, Middleton Mfg. Co.
- 29 14 Spinning Wheel Rugs
- 29 15 Stow & Davis occasional tables
- 29 16 Misc. Correspondence.
- 29 17 "Furniture Museum Opens, Brilliant Décor Display" **Grand Rapids Press**, Reprint. May 5, 1951
Including George Reinoehl designs for the Guild.

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

Subseries E. Grand Rapids Furniture Makers Guild

- 29 17.5 Dealer Members of the Grand Rapids Furniture Makers Guide, Apr. 1, 1959.
00.[5679].1 Added 12/2/2008
- 29 18 Letter to David D. Hunting on his 63rd Birthday, from Ed Weir, on Grand Rapids Furniture Makers Guild letterhead.
Weir is said to have had a reputation for his unique writing style, and a book of poetry by Thomas D. Stafford accompanied this letter.
This item has been placed in Coll. 278, the GRPL Poets & Poetry Collection.
2003.057 7/14/2003
- 29 19 A Brief History of Furniture Periods / by Lawrence Fox Calahan, c. 1933, the Guild.
c. 1 2003.057 7/14/2003
c. 2 P2008.107.4 Added 12/1/2008

29 x

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

Subseries F. Grand Rapids Association of Furniture Exhibitors.

The Awakening of Steve Randall : a story of a run-down furniture store and how it was rejuvenated / by Ben H. Dean. GR : Grand Rapids Association of Furniture Exhibitors, 1913.

00.[4036].1 Added 9/26/2005

Formerly MKG658.D34

See also copy in Furniture Design Book Collection.

29 x

Series II. Exhibit & Marketing Associations.

Subseries G. Associated Furniture Manufacturers of Grand Rapids.

With the Woodworkers / by Forrest Crissey. Reprinted from **Saturday Evening Post**. Philadelphia : Curtis Publ., c. 1922. Reprint by Associated Furniture Manufacturers of G.R.

Formerly MKG694.C868

00.[3202].1 Added 12/4/2008

Series III. Publications

A. General

Dean Hicks (Publisher) ... Search by keyword within the finding aid, and other finding aids. See also Coll. 289, GR Publishers and Publishing Coll. "English Furniture from Gothic to Sheraton" ... Dean Hicks ... See Coll. 289.

12.5 x

Furniture Manufacturers' Reference Catalog, 1927-1928. Chicago :
American Homes Bureau.
00.[0731].1 4/30/2002

Series III. Publications

A. General

12.5 x

Grand Rapids Vapor Kilns. Leaflets / Grand Rapids Veneer Works.
Nos. 29-37, 80, 82-84, 86-88
Formerly M674.G76
1986.098 Added 8/19/2008

No. 29. Scientific Lumber Drying / Z. Clark Thwing.
No. 30. Cooking Lumber Dry / Thomas D. Perry
No. 31. Correct Methods of Drying Lumber / E.U. Kettle
No. 32. Economical Arrangement of Dry Kilns / Thomas D. Perry
No. 33. A Modern lumber Drying Plant / Thomas D. Perry
No. 34. Dry Kilns for Government Service / Thomas D. Perry
No. 35. Government Specifications for Kiln-Drying Airplane Woods /
Thomas D. Perry.
No. 36. Efficient Dry Kiln Layouts / Thomas D. Perry
No. 37. Methods of Computing Costs of Kiln Drying Lumber / Thomas D.
Perry.

No. 80. Grand Rapids Vapor Kiln Instructions and Record Blanks. Kiln
Dry Your Lumber Accurately.

No. 82. Grand Rapids Vapor Kiln Operating Instructions. 1918.
No. 83. Grand Rapids Vapor Kilns. Maps from the Western Front of the
woodworking Industry.
No. 84. Grand Rapids Vapor Kiln Equipment. Kiln Trucks, Transfer
Cars, Lumber Lifts, Loaders, Door Carriers.

No. 86. Natco Hollow Tile for Dry Kiln Construction. 1918.
No. 87. Kiln Operating Records for all kinds of Kilns. Tabular and
Graphic. 1918.
No. 88. Grand Rapids Vapor kilns. A New Kiln Kink, Pocket Kiln
Operating Records Books.

Each with unique title.

Incomplete set, not widely held.

All items are ½ vertical brochure type publications. Previously housed in
buckram of the same shape, with gilt title lettering on cover. Items
removed from cover, but cover retained.

Series III. Publications

A. General

- 12.5 x Grand Rapids Vapor Kilns. Original buckram cover for the leaflets above.
Added 8/19/2008
- 12.5 x How to Read about Furniture. Supplementing an address on "History and
Development of Art in Furniture" by A.P. Johnson, at the National Retail
Furniture Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 13, 1925.
Formerly MKG016.749.J62
00.[2904].1 Added 3/22/2008
- xref. X Immigrants in Industries. Part 15: Furniture Manufacturing. See Coll. 263
for this government publication which specifically references Grand
Rapids.
- 12.25 x Manual of the Furniture Arts and Crafts / compiled by A.P. Johnson and
Marta K. Sironen. Edited by William J. Etten. G.R. : A.P. Johnson, 1928.
c. 1 00.[3008].1 Added 10/5/2004
c. 2 2007.012.1 Added 1/25/2007
Formerly M749.02.J63
- 12.5 Mead's Classified Directory and Guide book of the
Grand Rapids Furniture Market.
Formerly MKG749.M46
- x Fall Season 1928
00.[3159].1 11/20/2004
- x Jan. Season 1930
00.[1038].1 4/30/2002
100th Market Jan. 1928
00.[1037].1 4/30/2002
Summer Season 1928
00.[1036].1
Winter Season 1926
00.[1039].1
Winter Season 1925
00.[1040].1
- 12.5 x Pythian Temple Directory : Furniture, Grand Rapids, Mich. Jan. 1896.
Formerly M749.058
P999 00.[0721].1 4/30/2002

Series III. Publications

A. General

- 12.5 x Retail Credit Problems : address before the National Retail Furniture Institute, Nat. Retail Furniture Assoc. Convention, Grand Rapids, July 15, 1925 / by Joseph B. Auerbach. Bloomingdales, N.Y.
Formerly M658.Au3
00.[3349].1 Added 12/3/2008
- 12.5 x White Directory of Manufacturers of Furniture and Kindred Goods of the U.S. and British Provinces. G.R. : White Printing Co., 1905.
Formerly M749.058.W586f
00.[0718].1 4/30/2002
- 12.5 x Furniture Directory of Grand Rapids. White Printing Co., c. 1893, Jan. 1897.
Formerly M749.058.W586f
00.[0719].1 4/30/2002
- 12.5 x Furniture Directory of Grand Rapids. Compiled & published by White Printing Co., c. 1893, Jan. 1896.
Formerly M749.058.W586f
00.[0720].1 4/30/2002

Series III. Publications

B. Furniture Associations

- 23 x Handbook of Home Decoration for Camp Fire Girls / Marta K. Sironen,
Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition. C. 1931.
Formerly M749.Si7
c.1 00.[0672].1
c.2 00.[0672].2 4/30/2002
- 23 x Souvenir and Program of the Second Annual Field Day, Grand
Rapids Furniture Market / GR Furniture Salesmen's Assoc. Designed &
engraved by the Newspaper Engraving Co. Printed by Etheridge Co.
Summ. 1918 00.[2217].1 4/30/2002
- Bill Hault / Louie DeLamarter / Hubbard (Cleveland, Ohio) / Krause (Winston
Salem, N.C.) / Robert Mitchell (Cincinnati) / F.C. Buddington
(Louisville, Ky.) / Jno. M. Crofton (Baltimore, Md.) / Solomon Bros.
(Pittsburg, Pa.) / C.B. Hitchcock (Springfield, Mass.) / J.R. Lowenstein
(Peoria, Ill.) / G.M. Butler (Rochester, N.Y.) / C.E. Jewell (Syracuse,
N.Y.) / L.G. Torgler (Toledo, Ohio) / Wilbur G. Brandt (Omaha,
Neb.) / Tom Handley (playing golf) / Morris Rome (Stanford, Conn.) /
Rex Heald (Minneapolis) / Moore (Minneapolis) / Frank E. Rosen
(N.Y.) / Goldstein (N.Y.) / Charlie Close (Pittsburg) / E.H. Foote /
David E. Uhl / Lew Eldredge / Fred Green / Hollis Baker / Charles E.
Rigley / Charles F. Reilly / A.D. M'Birney / Charles P. Limbert /
E.V. Hawkins (Connersville, In.) / Max Englander / Percy Ray /
George J. Heinzelman / O.K. Wheelock / E.J. "Carload" Morley / J.A.
Conrey (Shelbyville, In.) / Wm. A. Hault / Martin J. Dregge / Oscar J.
Perry / Lewis S. Reynolds / J.B. Howard / Bert Markhoff / Clarence
S. Dexter

Series III. Publications

B. Furniture Associations

Associated Organizations.

- 23 x American Walnut Manufacturers' Assoc. (Chicago)
American Walnut : the cabinet-wood of the ages.
Cover title: The Story of American Walnut.
Chicago : the Assoc. ; Rogerson Press, 1927.
00.[2188].1 4/30/2002
- 23 x Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute. Gumwood Service Bureau.
(Memphis, Tenn.)
Beautiful American Gumwood : a superb native hardwood for interior
woodwork and furniture.
n.d.
00.[2187].1 4/26/2002
- 8 x National Retail Furniture Institute.
Proceedings
/ Conducted by the Furniture Record for National Retail Furniture Assoc.
and the Furniture Manufacturerers' Assoc. of Grand Rapids.
00.[0675].1-5 4/26/2001
- 2nd Session, July 13-18, 1925
 - 3rd Session, Jan. 18-23, 1926
 - 4th Session, July 12-17, 1926
 - 5th Session, Jan. 17-20, 1927
 - 6th Session, July 11-16, 1927
- Formerly M749.N21
- 23 x National Wood Carvers' Assoc.
Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Rapids Branch ... Rev. Apr. 1887.
G.R. : I.S. Dygert.
P2001.135

Series III. Publications'
C. Furniture Periodical Monographs

- 7 x "Good Furniture Magazine"
Home Interiors (annual), with introductory text by Henry W. Frohne,
editor of Good Furniture Magazine. G.R. : Dean Hick
1916 00.[2322].1
Formerly M747.F92 8/12/2002
- 7 x How to Select Furnishings for the Home / by A.F. & B. Jackson.
Formerly M749.213.J132
- Part I. Principles of Color Selection.
Copy 1 00.[0737].1 4/24/2002
Copy 2 00.[2157].1 4/24/2002
- Part II. pt. 2, v. 1 Living Rooms.
00.[0736].1 4/24/2002
- 7 x "Grand Rapids Furniture Record Co."
How to Know Period Styles in Furniture : a brief history of furniture from
the days of Ancient Egypt to the Present Time ... / by W.L. Kimerly.
G.R. : GR Furniture Record Co., 1912.
P2001.066 4/24/2002
See also Serials Section below by periodical title.
- 7 x **Michigan Artisan**
Michigan Artisan's List of Buyers of Furniture for the Fall Season of 1899.
G.R. : White Printing Co.
Formerly M749.1.M582
1899 00.[0722].1 4/30/2002
July 1, 1906 00.[2234].1 4/30/2002
- 7 x Periodical Publishing Co.
202 tested tools to build business for furniture and home furnishings stores
/ compiled by V.D. Moran, Associated Editor, Furniture Record. G.R. :
Periodical Publ. Co., 1929.
Formerly M658.P41t
00.[3319].1 Added 12/22/2004
Alternative title: Two hundred and two tested tools ...

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

1.5 x

American Patent Dressing Case Company, G.R., Mich. The Princess
Dressing Case. N.d.

00.[2226].1 4/30/2002

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

American Seating Co.

14.5 1 Annual Reports
1961 00.[2140].1 4/23/2002

Brochures & Pamphlets

Carving

14.5 2 Figures from the New Testament ... sculptured in wood by the Carving Studios of American Seating Company.
F6567 00.[2151].1 4/24/2002

Electronic Learning

14.5 3 Guideposts to Electronic Learning ... 1961.
00.[2141].1 4/23/2002

14.5 3 Now ... Electronics for Learning ... 1960.
00.[2142].1 4/23/2002

General

14.5 4 Seating America : a modern industrial service. N.d.
Has Apr. 30, 1937 stamp from N.Y. State Library.
P2001.021 4/24/2002.

14.5 4.5 Pamphlets by H.E. Bennett or others

1. Essentails of Hygienic Seating : a summary
by H.E. Bennett. N.d.

2. The Relation of Posture to Tuberculosis / by
J.R. Garner ; Scholiosis and School Seating / H.E. Bennett.

3. Ideals and Standards of Classroom Seating :
a summary by H.E. Bennett. N.d.

P2005.039.1-3 Added 10/6/2005 Stuart Fund

Sales display / Sales chart

5 x Concerning the American Henderson-Universal Movable Desk
Stand up chart for sales presentations, table top size, black buckram. Has
some typed pages glued in, with evidence of others now missing.
P2008.106.2 Added 11/29/2008

Graphic Clippings

14.5 5 X-Raying American Seating. 2 loose pages, with red backgroup, showing
different departments at 9th & Broadway. From **American Seating**, n.d

00.[2143].1 4/23/2002

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

American Seating Co.

History

- 14.5 5.5 The History of American Seating Company. 12/9/97
1 typed sheet. (2 copies) Accompanied by 1 sheet called "Mission Statement"
00.[4084].6 (3 sheets total) Added 12/21/2005

Legal Documents

Note: No accession information provided. However, these documents may originally been part of the John S. Lawrence accession. See Coll. #2 John S. Lawrence Coll.

00.[2244].1-12

No. I683.

Ballard vs American Seating Co.

District Court of the U.S. for the Western District of Michigan. South Division. In Equity.

Mary Annette Bullard, Executrix & sole heir ... vs. American Seating co., a New Jersey Corp. ...

Eugene Carpenter, Plaintiffs Attorney.

- 14.6 1 Mary A. Bullard, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of George A. Bullard, .. Mar. 27, 1919 / Eugene Carpenter...
- 14.6 2 [Brown paper covered folder with label: Eugene Carpenter ... No. I683, Bullard et al vs. American Seating Co. Cover has: Received of ad(?) Sept 4 [19]19, John S. Lawrence Master on Chancery ...
- 14.6 3 Plaintiffs' Memorandum Brief on the Accounting, before the Honorable John S. Lawrence ... / Eugene Carpenter. Dec. 13, 1920
- 14.6 4 [237 p. Brief, n.d.]
- 14.6 5 Brief for the Defendants, Statement of Facts / Travis, Merrick, Warren & Johnson, July 20, [1919?]
- 14.6 6 Brief of Defendants in Support of their Objections to the Master's Report of July 1, 1920 ... / Travis, Merrick, Warren & Johnson.

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American Seating Co.

Legal Documents continued ...

- 14.6 7 Reply Brief for the Defendants ... before the Hon. John S. Lawrence ... submitted [by] Travis, Merrick(?), Warren & Johnson, attorneys for defendants
- 14.6 8 Supplemental Brief of Defendants / Travis, Merrick, Warren & Johnson ...
- Civil Action No. I788.
Garretson vs. American Seating.
District Court of the U.S. for the Western District of New York.
14.7 1 GR. Apr. 25, 1919. Hon. John R. Hazel, Federal Building, Buffalo, N.Y.
- State of New York, Supreme Court, Erie County.
Emma R. Garretson, Executrix & Trustee... for Oliver S. Garretson,
Buffalo, N.Y. vs. American Seating Co., a New Jersey Corp.
- 14.7 2 At a session of the said court, held at the Supreme Court Rooms of Erie County .../ Philip A. Laing, Justice of Supreme Court. Mar. 6, 1920.
- 14.7 3 Plaintiff's Memorandum brief of the Defendants' Motion to Separate and Number the Several Causes of Action in the Complaint. / Eugene Carpenter, Aug. 2, 1920.
- 14.7 4 To Attorneys for the Defendants / Eugene Carpenter, Jan. 21, 1921.

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

American Seating Co.

Personnel Publications

- 14.5 6 Contract between American Seating Co., and LOCAL-135, UAW, AFL-CIO, July 5, 1961. 00.[2145].1 4/23/2002
- 14.5 7 Employees' Handbook, ca. 1924. Includes foldout graphic of factory complex at back & images throughout. 00.[2144].1 4/23/2002
- 14.5 6 Insurance. Voluntary contributory group accident insurance for salaried employees of American Seating Co., Aug. 1, 1962. 00.[2146].1 4/24/2002
- 14.5 6 You and your wages, American Seating, 5th ed. 1946, 1952, 1957. 00.[2147].1 4/24/2002
- 14.5 8 You're a Seater Now! : employee's handbook. Feb. 1944. 00.[2152].1 4/24/2002

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D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

American Seating

14.5 9

Presentations

- American Seating ... a Healthy Corporation / as presented by J.M. Vermeulen, J.E. Heidgen. To the Cleveland Society of Security Analysts, Nov. 4, 1959. 00.[2148].1 4/24/2002
- American Seating Looks to the Future / as presented by J.M. Vermeulen, J.E. Heidgen, J.J. Thompson, B.W. Henrikson, to the St. Louis Society of Financial Analysts, Mar. 15, 1961. 00.[2149].1 4/24/2002

Series III. Publications
D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

American Seating
Serials issues

14.8 x

The **Seater** (periodical) or **American Seater** (periodical)
v. 6, no. 8, June 1925

v. 8, nos. 9-12, July-Oct. 1927

v. 9, nos. 1-3, 6-8(2) 9-11, Nov.-Dec. 1927-Jan. 1928, Apr. 1928-Sept.
1928

v. 10, nos. 1-5, Nov. 1928-March 1929; nos. 7(2) May, 1929-10, Oct. 1929

v. 11, no. 1, Nov. 1929

v. 11, no. 4, Feb. 1930

As American Seater

v. 7, no. 10, Dec. 1943

v. 9, no. 3, May 1945

v. 9, no. 9, Nov. 1945

v. 9, [v. 9, no. 10?] , Dec. 1945 [cover missing]

v. 10, no. 8, Nov. 1946 P2008.106.1 Added 11/29/2008

v. 11, no. 3, May 1947

v. 17, no. 6, Nov./Dec. 1953

As Seater

v. 25, no. 2, Jan. 1961. 75th Anniversary

14.5 10

American Seating at the World's Fair. Spring 1964. **Seater** magazine,
Spring 1964.

00.[2150].1 4/24/2002

Includes list of venues using American Seating products at the fair, list of
Worlds Fairs to date, article on lumbering, etc.

Fall 1964. Cover pages only

v. 32, no. 1, Winter, 1968

v. 32, no. 3, Fall, 1968

v. 33, no. 1-2, Fall & Spring(2), 1969

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D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

American Seating

Newspaper Clippings

10 x

True to It's Roots : American Seating Park emerges from crumbling
factory buildings / Rob Kirkbride. Grand Rapids Press, Business Section.

Feb. 29, 2004.

00.[3568].1 Added 3/14/2005

Original newspaper section, currently just folded in regular box.

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Baker Furniture Co.

See also "Furniture Museum" above.

See also Baker Furniture Company Coll. #206

- 15 1 Baker Guide to Good Furniture : being a treatise...
G.R. : Baker Furniture, Inc., ; James Baynes Co., c. 1947.
... Prepared by Wesley Aves & Associate..."
Formerly R749.B172.
Transferred from Coll. 232 to Coll. 232 2/27/2004
00.[xxxx].1
- 15 Baker Guide to Good Furniture : an informal review of the development of furniture from
its earliest beginnings to Modern ...
Holland, Mi. : Baker Furniture, Inc. ; G.R. : James Bayne Co., [ca. 1952?]
" ... format and preparation by Wesley Aves & Associates, Inc."
"First edition"
Includes 1 folded sheet with information on Holland and New York plants,
including aerial eye illustrations.
Formerly MotH749.B173:53
00.[xxxx].1
Transferred from Coll. 232 to Coll. 233 2/27/2004
- 15 Baker Guide to Good Furniture : an informal review of the development of furniture from
its earliest beginnings to Modern ...
Holland, Mi. : Baker Furniture, Inc. ; G.R. : James Bayne Co., [ca. Dec.
1952?]
" ... format and preparation by Wesley Aves & Associates, Inc."
Includes 1 folded sheet with information on Holland and New
York plants, including aerial eye illustrations.
"First edition"
Green exterior cover, white interior "suede" paper cover version,
accompanied by a card with the note: This first edition of the new Baker
Guide, in special binding, is sent with best wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year" Matthew L. Blair, Manor House, Inc.
This copy has the insect residue on the cover.
00.[xxxx].1 2/27/2004
Transferred from Coll. 232 to 233, 2/27/2004

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Baker Furniture Co.

- 15 Baker Guide to Good Furniture : an informal review of the development of furniture from its earliest beginnings to Modern ...
Holland, Mi. : Baker Furniture, Inc. ; G.R. : James Bayne Co., [ca. 1953?]
“ ... format and preparation by Wesley Aves & Associates, Inc.”
“First printing, November 1952, Second printing, May 1953.”
Includes 1 folded sheet with information on Holland and New York plants, including aerial eye illustrations.
- 15 Baker Guide to Fine Furniture / Baker, Knapp & Tubbs, 1977. 2002.052
- 15 Baker introduces a new modern. Reprint from Interiors Magazine. “for American Manufacturer” May 15, 1951. No. 47. Finn Juhl, architect.
Has image of Hollis S. Baker and Finn Juhl.
Has a folded interior illustration sheet for Baker Furniture Inc.
c. 1 00.[2796].1
c. 2 P2004.003 Added 7/9/2004
- 15 The Baker Study Collection : a pageant of Furniture Design : the Grand Rapids Art Museum, in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Baker Furniture Company,
Exhibit catalog, May 25-Sept. 9, 1990.
G.R. : Grand Rapids Art Museum, c. 1990.
Includes:
“The Scholarly influence on furniture design in the Twentieth Century” by Mary Jane Pool” and “The Baker Furniture Company: celebrating a century of design and manufacture” by Sam Burchell.
- 15 The Care and Feeding of Furniture : more especially as related to Antiques & hand finished reproductions; with a word as to quality & divers other matters both curious and interesting to Connoisseurs of Furniture.
G.R. ; Holland : Baker Furniture, Inc., [ca. 1940's?]
- 15 Furniture and the Connoisseur. V. 2. Being a second treatise on those especial qualities that determine choice reproductions ...
Holland, Mi. : Baker Furniture, Inc., n.d.[ca. 1960's?]
c. 1 00.[2161].1 4/25/2002

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Baker Furniture Co.

- 15 x c. 2 00.[xxxx].1
c. 3 00.[xxxx].1
Copies 2 & 3 transferred from Coll. 232 to 233, 2/27/2004.
- 15 x A Guide to English and French Furniture of the eighteenth Century : a
new and unusual treatise ... G.R. : James Bayne Co., 1940.
c.1 00.[2160].1 4/25/2002
- 15 x c.2 00.[xxxx].1 This copy in fine tooled leather, with gilt
decoration, marked end papers.
Note: c. 2 transferred from Coll. 232 to Coll. 233 2/27/2004
- ##### Newspaper Clippings
- 15 x "Magnavox Buys Out Baker, Inc." Clipping. **Grand Rapids Press.** July
25, 1969. 4/30/2002
- 15 x A Small Collection of London Trademen's Cards of the Eighteenth
Century. Reprinted from London Trademen's Cards / by Ambrose
heal, with the permission of the publishers, Messrs. B.T. Batsford, Ltd.,
London, England
- 15 x A Special Collection of Authentic Furniture reproduced from prized
originals in the Baker Museum for furniture research ... Holland,
Mi. : Baker Furniture Inc., n.d.
Cover title.
Pg. 2 has: Baker Museum Collection ... Volume II.
00.[xxxx].
Transferred from Coll. 232 to Coll. 233 2/27/2004.
- 15 x The Story of Baker Furniture : skilled hands make the difference ... n.d.
35 p.
Formerly M749.2774.B172s
00.[0725].1 4/25/2002

Series III. Publications ...

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Berkey & Gay

- 15.25 x As American as the Declaration of Independence [Folding flyer]
Illustrates the Glackens, Suite No. 2761, Berkey & Gay. n.d.
B/w Room photo illustration on the “front” is attached only at the top,
within the center box
Note: Similar style to the New York City showroom item “For Those Who
Cherish ...” below.
00.[5757].1 Added 8/15/2009
- 15.25 x Birth Place of Berkey and Gay Employees, 1886. Source unknown.
2007.075 Added 7/9/2007
- 15.25 x Creative Selling. Unit VI. The Berkey and Gay Course in Selling
Furniture. [1 of 6 units] Conducted for the Berkey & Gay
Furniture co. by the Business Training Corp., N.Y., N.Y. 1929.
00.[2163].1 4/25/2002
- 15.25 x The First Berkey & Gay Retail Salesmen’s Conference : Report of the
program. [Grand Rapids, Mich. : May 9-11, 1928]
Formerly MKG749.B45
00.[0541].1 4/25/2002
- 15.25 x For the Man on the Floor Who Sells Berkey & Gay Furniture. Includes
Gay in the poem “In Amsterdam” / by Eugene Field, 1892, with Berkey &
text.
00.[2165].1 4/25/2002
Includes drawings & photos, with images of:

Julius Berkey / George W. Gay / Frank D. McKay / W.J. Wallace /
Edgar O. Landstrom / Abe Dembinsky / George Vanderlaan /
Edward A. Wallace, Jr. / Arthur Bowen / Loren Staples /
Arthur Gommessen / Leonard Fuller

Series III. Publications ...

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Berkey & Gay

- 15.25 x For Those Who Cherish Colonial Traditions [Folding flyer] / Berkey & Gay, New York Showrooms, 115 West 40th St., New York City. Colonial furniture style illustrations. B/w Room photo illustration on the “front” is attached only at the top, within the center box.
00.[5756].1 Added 8/15/2009
- 15.25 x Furniture Style Book ... Interiors painted by Joseph Chenoweth. Chicago : R.R. Donnelley & Sons, 1928.
1 color ill. = frontispiece + b/w ill.
00.[2164].1 4/25/2002
Note: There are two other copies or versions of this 75th Anniversary related item in Coll. 232-10.
- 15.25 x A Greater Berkey & Gay : its enlarged resources as a member of Consolidated Furniture Companies. 1924.
Formerly MKG749.B45g 00.[0542].1 4/25/2002
- 15.25 x History in Furniture, or how to Make Historic Homes / Berkey & Gay Furniture Co., G.R. : Berkey & Gay, n.d.[ca. 1896?]
48 pp. : ill. ;
Note: This copy has “Antique Furniture, 1896” written in black ink on the cover.
P2007.016 Added 2/17/2007

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Berkey & Gay

- 15.25 x "Old Ironsides" Table. N.d.
00.[2162].1 4/25/2002
- 15.25 x Selling Old Europe : Historical Revival Furniture by Berkey & Gay of
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1900-1919 / Pamela J. Licht.
Submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree
Master of Arts in the History of the Decorative Arts. Masters
Program in the History of the Decorative Arts, Cooper-Hewitt,
National Design Museum and Parsons School of Design, 2004.
2005.030 Added 5/4/2005
- 15.25 x The Story of Berkey & Gay : a corporation which is a part of American
from History / by Wilbur D. Nesbit. Reprinted, with slight additions,
Munsey's Magazine, Sept. 1911. Dean Hicks.
Includes images of Julius Berkey & George W. Gay.
c. 2 Includes "In Amsterdam" / Eugene Field's Second Book of Verse,
Grand with a reference in Field's text to "Patent Antique. Berkey & Gay,
Rapids, Michigan. U.S.A."
Both copies in poor condition.
00.[0543].1 4/25/2002 In white envelop, paper cover.
00.[0543].2 1/27/2004 Original gray leather binding, but pages
loose.
- 15.25 x The Story of Spanumbrian Furniture : how the art of Renaissance Spain
MI. : lives anew / prepared by J. Walter Thompson Co. Grand Rapids,
Berkey & Gay, ca. 1917.
14 pp. : ill. ; 28 cm.
Formerly M749 B34s; This item never cataloged.
Accompanied by 1 oversized folded sheet with title: Story of Span-
Umbrian Furniture.
Lovely cover illustration, in color.
This is formerly 232-10-9
00.[2720].1 Added 8/15/2009

Series III. Publications ...

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Berkey & Gay

15.25 x The style of Knoleworth / Prepared by J. Walter Thompson Co. Grand Rapids, Mi. : Berkey & Gay, 1917.

20 pp. : ill ; 24 cm.

Formerly M749 B45st

00.[2721].1 Added 8/15/2009

15.25 x Things to Remember [cover] ... Distinctive Excellences [1st page] n.d.
[16] pgs.

00[2166].1 4/25/2002

See also the advertising ephemera in Coll. 216, 1/5/2004

Series III. Publications ...
D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

17 1

Blank Furniture Co.

Irwin Rooms

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French Bedroom #8

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Louis XVI Bedroom, #9

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Formal Drawing Room, #23

●

Dignified Bedroom, #1.

00.[2186].1 4/26/2002

Bodart ... See Series VI.

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Century Furniture Co.

- 21 x Dutch Seventeenth Century Dining room Suite, 100th Grand Rapids Furniture Market, Jan. 1928. GR : Cargill Co.
Formerly R749.27n.C333 00.[2224].1 4/25/2002
- 15.5 x Furniture
Nos. 1-4 of a series
Note inside cover: This treatise is a supplement to "Furniture", a brief history of period styles. G.R. : Century, c. 1931.
Formerly R749.09.C333fs
00.[xxxx].1
- 15.5 x Furniture : as interpreted by the Century Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 3rd printing, 1928, 1926.
In original mailing box, addressed to J.A. Nye, D.D.S., Ida Grove, Iowa. This box has a \$.03 stamp, with "Grand Rapids, Mich." believed stamped on top of it, though it almost looks like part of the stamp itself and bottom portions of the stamp are missing.
Left top "Margaret Nye" handwritten on front flyleaf.
Accompanied by a Century flyer, one sheet folded, with an Oliver Wendell Homes quote under an image of a room.
2008.098 Added 12/15/2008
- 15.5 x Furniture : as interpreted by the Century Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 4th printing, 1929.
2007.012.02 Added 1/25/2007
- 15.5 x Furniture : as interpreted by the Century Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. c. 1931, 6th printing, 1931
c.1 00.[xxxx].x
c.2 00.[xxxx].x
- 15.5 x Period Furniture : a brief historical treatise.

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

17 4

Differential Clock Co.

The Differential Clock : mark new era in Horology : the last word in clock construction. Chicago ; Grand Rapids. Includes articles published in

● **National Jeweler**, Dec. 1911 & Apr. 1912

● **American Jeweler**, Jan. & Mar. 1912

● **Keystone**, June 1, 1912.

Formerly M681.D57 00.[0649].1 4/25/2002

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Carl Forslund, Inc. / Forslund

- 17 5 Accent : Grand Rapids [serial] Nov. 1976. "The Forslunds : carrying on the family tradition."
P2005.040 10/6/2005
- 17 6 Ephemera, listed by inventory item number
1999.103 (12 items 8/6/2008)
- 233- .22 Accent : Grand Rapids [serial] Nov. 1976. "The Forslunds : carrying on the family tradition." Reprint of article in magazine at 17-5
- .24 Carl Forslund Furniture and Carpets : it's fun to see the folks we serve! N.d.
- .25 Christmas at Carl Forslunds. Flyer [Folded broadside]
- .26 Complete Instructions : Carl Forslund's Do-It-Yourself Finishing Kit. N.d.
- .30 The New Carl Forslund Catalog flyer [Brown]
- .31 "Timeless furniture made by Carl Forslund flyer ... Hope you'll visit our new store soon".
- .34 It's Fun to Buy from Forslund. 8 x 10 flyer/order form. With Carousel horse.
- .36 It's Flower and Home Show Time Again. Announcement post cards. (2)
- .38 Save this slip ... it's worth one dollar – coupon]
- .42 20 Year Warranty statement. [photocopy]
- .44 "We enjoy seeing the folks we serve! Watch for our road signs! [map] Order form on verso.
+ envelop, with sign "22 miles to Carl Forslund".

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Carl Forslund, Inc. / Forslund

- 21 x Fine Furniture Begins at Seven, 1965. + original mailing envelop.
c.1 1999.103.11 4/25/2002
- 17 7 c.2 00.[2215].1 4/30/2002
+ Small mailing envelop for catalog request, found with above publ.
00.[2215].2 4/30/2002
- 17 8 Stationary, unused, 3 types 1999.103
● 3 sheets, brown, full sized sheet
● Timeless Furniture with logo top center,
memo sized. 12 sheets
● Timeless Furniture w logo top left & “Retail
Locations ...” 15 sheets
● Mailing envelop with “22 Miles to Carl
Forslund” sign

Furniture City Upholstery Co., G.R. Western Plant, Denver, Co.

- 1.5 x [Furniture tag] ...”For Your Protection”
00.[2235].1 4/30/2002

Grand Rapids Chair Co.

- 17 9 Grand Rapids Chair Company moves forward, 1871-1942.
P2002.002 4/26/2002
- 17 10 Reflections : commemorating Fifty Years Progress in the making of fine
furniture / Grand Rapids Chair Co., 1922.
00.[0546].1-2 4/26/2002
Formerly MKG749.G761.

Grand Rapids Clock & Manufacturing Co.

- 17 11 Clocks and Hall Clocks / by Elbert Hubbard. East Aurora, N.Y. :
Roycrofters, 1914.
Formerly M681.H86 00.[0648].1 4/24/2002

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Grand Rapids Fibre Cord Company

Note: It is often difficult to distinguish trade publications vs instructions, and general publications from this company. Check Coll. 232, the Trade Catalog Collection, for additional information.

GRPL

- 17 12 Items Accompanying the 1925-1926 Book of Design. See 232-8
Formerly housed at 232-17-8-1.
- Gold order slip no. 11418. Ordered by Ann M. Wall. Nov. 13, 1925.
 - Form letter.
 - Weaving of a Fert stand from Art-Fibre Products / by Charles Brown. Reprinted from the Furniture Manufacturer and Artisan, Jan. 1923.
 - Weaving of a Floor Lamp from Art-Fibre Products / Edward Meyers. Reprinted from the Furniture Manufacturer and Artisan, July 1922.
 - Weaving of a Decorative fern stand and pedestal from Art-Fibre Products / by Charles Brown. Reprinted from the Furniture Manufacturer and Artisan, Oct. 1922.
 - Weaving of a Fernery from Art-Fibre Products / by Charles Brown. Reprinted from the Furniture Manufacturer and Artisan, Dec. 1922.
- 17 13 Art-Fibre Furniture Weaving. GR : The Company, c. 1925.
161 pp. : ill. ; 23.
Tape damage.
P2001.047
Note: Formerly house at 232-17-12.5. Moved to Coll. 233 as the contents is primarily construction, with no price or ordering information. 7/30/2008. See also 232-17-9 & 232-17-10, which also provide more information about the company, and instructions for making the furniture than trade information. These items may be moved to Coll. 233 in the future.
- 17 14 It's Easy to Weave Art-Fibre Furniture : End Table No. 950. [Instructions] G.R. : Dean Hicks Co., n.d. [ca. 1927/1928]
Date from reference on "Make This End Table" page.
Includes trade information on the back cover.
Has annotations throughout for changes in instructions or price changes.
P2008.088.1 Added 7/30/2008

See also 232-17-12 for additional trade information.

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Grand Rapids Fibre Cord Company

- 17 15 Grand Rapids Fibre Cord Company. You Can Weave This Attractive Magazine Tray. GR : The Company, n.d.
7 pp. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Project no. 981x
P2001.002.2
Note: Formerly house at 232-17-12, this item is primarily instructions rather than sale.

Grand Rapids Hand Screw Co.

- 17 16 History pages from the Internet. Copies Mar. 2005. **Wooden Clamp Journal.**

Grand Rapids Show Case Co. [Showcase]

- 17 17 Annual Sales Convention of the Grand Rapids Show Case Company, Dec. 18-20, 1922
00.[2176].1 4/26/2002

Gunn Furniture Co.

- 17 18 Coronet : Crowning Achievement in Desks ...engineered for executives by Gunn ... designed for the pleasure of work, n.d.
00.[2177].1 4/26/2002

- 17 19 "The Late William Sterling Gunn" [clipping; obituary] Grand Rapids Furniture Record, Jan. 1909.
00.[2233].1 4/30/2002

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Haworth

- 17.5 x Let's talk about a furniture company ...Holland, Mi. : Haworth, 1993.
00.[4084].7 Added 12/21/2005
Includes pg. 5 a group image of G.W. Haworth, Chairman of the Board,
Gerald B. Johanneson, Executive Vice President, and Richard G.
Haworth, President, Chief Executive Officer.
Clipping. GR Press, Sept. 23, 2001
Haworth's Patriarch / by Rob Kirkbride. RE: G.W. Haworth.
00.[4084].8 Added 12/21/2005

Hekman Furniture Co.

- 17.5 x Invoices to Millian's, 22 Jefferson, GR
00.[xxxx].1

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Herman Miller Furniture Co.

Annual Reports / Report to Shareholders

- 17.5 x 2000 00.[4006].1 Added 9/12/2005
2002 00.[4006].2 Added 9/12/2005
- 17.5 x 2003 00.[4084].12 Added 12/22/2005
Note: This report accompanied by folded, oversized Mirra Chair poster
00.[4084].13, which has been moved to the 224 flat files.
- FF-VIII-E Mirra Chair poster
- 17.5 x 2004 00.[4084].14 Added 12/22/2005
This publication has a number of color stamp type images which appear to
be staff members, and are identified with a first name only.
- Note: This report accompanied by folded, oversized "Connections Now"
poster, printed on only one side, which has been moved to the 224
flat files. 00.[4084].15
- FF-VIII-E Connections Now poster.
- 17.5 x [Official Annual Report] Securities & Exchange Commission
(Washington), Form 10-K. Annual Report under section 13 or 15(D) of
the Securities Exchange Act 1934. Herman Miller. Ending Fiscal Year
June 1, 2002.
2005.062 Added 9/12/2005
2003 00.[4084].9 Added 12/21/2005
2004 00.[4084].10 Added 12/21/2005
2005 00.[4084].11 Added 12/21/2005
- 17.5 x Action Office System. 1984.
00.[2178].1 4/26/2002
- 17.5 x Blueprint for Modern Living
[n.d. 25th year of business]
2 George Nelson
3 Charles Eames
4 Isomu Noguchi
5 Paul Laszlo
P2004.033 Added 7/8/2004
- 17.5 x Eames Lounge Chair / Herman Miller. Web pages, Jan. 2007.
<http://www.hermanmiller.com/CDA/SSA/Product/0,,a10-c440-p47,00.html>

Series III. Publications
D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical
Herman Miller Furniture Co.

- 22 x The Eames Lounge Chair : an Icon of Modern Design / Martin Eidelberg,
Thomas Hine, Pat Kirkham, David A. Hanks, C. Ford Peatross.
London ; N.Y. : Grand Rapids Art Museum in assoc. with Merrell,
2006.
- Published in association with an exhibit at the Grand Rapids Art Museum,
Oct. 6 to Dec. 31, 2006, and other venues.
P2006.047.1 Added 10/16/2006
- 17.5 x Accompanied by Ephemera related to the exhibit.
● Exhibition Preview event invitation
● Exhibition flyer.
- 17.5 x Flyer. Lecture by Sarah Holian, Dec. 6, 2006 at GRPL.
Added 11/28/2006
- Also, Library Exhibit materials, case exhibit, described in the Images &
Graphics series, are housed in 233-22.
- 17.5 x Herman Miller : Action Office poster or flyer : In 1968 ... in 1977 ... in
1984.
00.[2179].1 4/26/2002
- 17.5 x On Herman Miller, and 1992 Financial Statements of Herman Miller, Inc.,
and Subsidiaries.
00.[2180].1 4/26/2002
- 17.5 x Herman Miller Office Furniture Group Dealers, Aug. 1, 1973.
00.[2181].1 4/26/2002
- 5 x An History of Modern Furniture from Prehistoric Times to the Post War
Era / by the Herman Miller Furniture Co. / research by Gilbert Rohde,
delineation by Peggy Ann Mack. [1942?]
Formerly M749.09.M614 00.[2175].1 4/26/2002

See also Serials section

Series III. Publications
Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Imperial Furniture Co.

- 17.5 x The Choice and Use of Tables / Imperial Furniture Co. n.d.
00.[2182].1 4/26/2002
- 17.5 x Decorating Secrets for the Livable Home / by Ruth M. Allison. G.R. :
Bale Boeree Co., c.1933.
00.[2183].1 Added 4/26/2002 & 3/1/2005
- 17.5 x Inside the Door (cover title) / Imperial Furniture Co., G.R. Schuil Printing
Co., n.d. 20 pgs.
Includes loose list "Key to patterns Illustrated" with item number, no cost
information.
c. 2 P2009.016 Added 3/30/2009
c. 1 is located in Coll. 232

See also Serials section

Series III. Publications
Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Robert W. Irwin Furniture Co. / Irwin Seating Company

- 17.75 1 Furniture Family : the story of the Irwin Family and the ups, downs and turnarounds of the companies they built / Gordon L. Olson. G.R. : Irwin Seating Co. ; Ann Arbor : Sheridan Books, 2008.
2008.099 Added 12/20/2008
- 17.75 The House of Irwin / Robert W. Irwin Co., n.d. Incl. Image identified in pencil as Frank Davidhazy
2 c. 1 00.[2184].1 4/26/2002
3 c. 2 2008.099 12/20/2008
- 17.75 4 Irwin Furniture, n.d.
P2001.100.1 4/26/2002
- Research for the book "Furniture Family". 2006-2008
Primarily photocopies of printed reference materials from a variety of sources, including newspapers. There is no descriptive list of the individual source materials at this time.
Note: Copy two of the "House of Irwin" above, was received with this research material.
- 17.75 OVE Large white 3-ringed notebook full of copied items
17.75 5 Typed summary notes or photocopied items. From the notebook front pocket of the white binder.
17.75 6 Handwritten notes on lined paper, from notebook front pocket of the white binder.
5 OVE Tennis 1. Clippings, photocopies.
5 OVE Tennis 2. Clippings, photocopies.
- 17.75 7 Royal Bedroom Suite #5530 / Robert W. Irwin Co. French Hepplewhite, Crotch Aspen, n.d.
00.[2185].1
- Irwin Rooms ... See Blank Furniture Co.

Series III. Publications
Furniture Companies, alphabetical

John Widdicomb

- 18 x The book of John Widdicomb furniture / John Widdicomb Co. Grand Rapids : John Widdicomb Co., c. 1960.
64 pp. : ill. ; 24 cm.
Formerly R749.085 W633 1960
Note: This item was moved from Coll. 232, 8/10/2004. See note inside front cover: This booklet is not a trade catalog.
00.[3256].1 Added 12/7/2004
- 18 x Everything in it is you : a handbook for homemakers / by Francis deN. Schroeder / John Widdicomb Co. 1951.
00.[2192].1 4/26/2002
- 18 x Period Furniture of Personality (cover title) The charm of Bedroom Furniture in Period Design / John Widdicomb Co. 1923.
00.[2191].1 4/26/2002
- 18 x Robsjohn-Gibblings : Furniture today. N.Y. : Robsjohn-Gibblings, LTD.(?), n.d.
P2003.027b 1/5/2004 [John Widdicomb library purchase]
Appears to be facsimile illustrations with a quote on the opposing page from various publications.

Series III. Publications
Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Kindel Furniture Co.

- 18 x Reference guide to the Kindel Line / Kindel, Grand Rapids. Oct. 1963.
Cover title: Decorator's And Floor Salesman's Reference Guide to the
Kindel Line.
Cover has: Please return to Lou Freybler, Sr.
2007.012.17 Added 1/25/2007
- 18 x Kindel Furniture Company : the First One Hundred Years / by Paula S.
Fogarty and Katherine H. Molumby. GR : Kindel ; Spectrum Graphics,
c.2001.
c. 2 2002.092 8/26/2002
c. 1 is in the HSCC Public Coll. M 749.085 K574 F6
- 28 OVE Kindel Furniture Co.
A Photographic Synopsis of the Talking Sound Film Showing the
Romance of Fine Furniture Making & The Importance of the "Hidden
Qualities" of Well Made Dependable Furniture by Kindel Furniture Co.
Grand Rapids, Mi : Kindel Furniture Co. 1937.
38 pp. : ill. ; 47x37 cm.
Formerly M749.1 k574
- 18 x Your Job at Kindel [personnel manual] n.d., ca. 1950's?
00.[5189].1 Added 1/21/2007

Series III. Publications
Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Klise Manufacturing Company, Inc.

- 18 x Carvings. Multiple Machine Carving developed to a high efficiency in the Klise Shops / J.C. Veen.
[Flyer : 1 folded sheet]
GR : Klise, n.d.
Found with furniture trade literature and transferred to 233, 3/14/2005.

Knape & Vogt

- 18 x Annual Report
1997 2000.065

1999 00.[4084].16 Added 12/22/2005
- 18 x [Official annual report] / United States, Security and Exchange Commission. Form 10-Q.
1997 00.[4084].17 Added 12/22/2005
- 18 x Knape & Vogt, 1898-1998 [history] GR : Knape & Vogt, 1998.
2000.065 Added 10/11/2005
Accompanied by clipping:
K & V Rolls toward second Century / by Deanne Molinari. GR Business Journal. v.16, no. 29, July 20, 1998.
- 18 x Clippings. GR Press.
● For 100 Years, Knape & Vogt has been Top Drawer / by Scott Leith. Aug. 1998.
Includes a photo of founder John Knape at his desk, from the Knape family + John C. Knape at the factory, GR Press photo.
00.[4084].18 Added 12/22/2005
Oversized, folded.

Series III. Publications
Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Knoll

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| 18 | x | Knoll History, n.d.[ca. 1997]
00.[4084].19 |
| 18 | x | Corporate Overview. n.d. [after 1983]
00.[4084].20 |
| 18 | x | National Periodical articles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jump Start / by Jennifer Thiele Busch.
<u>Contract Design</u>. June 1997. [photocopy]
00.[4084].21• Where Good Design is Good Business :
Knoll / by Gail Gutsche. <u>FFI [Fine Furnishings International?]</u>. 34, no. 3.
Includes image of Hans and Florence Knoll [photocopy]
00.[4084].22• AmSouth Banks On Open Plna / by Theresa
Walsh Giarrusso. <u>Facilities Design & Management</u>. Feb. 1997.
[photocopy]
00.[4084].23• Deadline Design. Creating Relaxing
Design in an Office of High Intensity / by Diane Wintroub Calmenson.
<u>Interiors & Sources J/F 1997</u> [photocopy]
00.[4084].24 |

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Macey Sectional Bookcase Co.

- 18 x A Talk with "DAD" / O.H.L. Wernicke, President, Macey Co. Macey, exhibited by The Emerson W. Price Co., Lima, Ohio, n.d.
P1998.007 4/26/2002

See also speeches by Wernicke in the "History" section above.

Mueller Furniture Co.

- 18 x Invoices & misc. notes. TO: Millian's, 1949-1960.

Murray Furniture Co.

- 18 x Georgian Walnut : Fashion Choice of the Season, Georgian Walnut / Murray Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Grand Rapids, Mi. : Murray, n.d. [12 pp.] : ill. ; 22.5 x 15 cm.
Includes a decorative chart of walnut and other cabinet woods in use by date range.
c. 1 00.[3640].1 Added 3/28/2005
c. 2 P2007.088 Added 11/27/2007

Nelson Matter Furniture Co.

- 5 2 Credentials / Nelson Matter Furniture Co. 1909
(formerly R749.085 .N338) 00.[2174].1 4/26/2002

Quality Furniture Co.

- 17.5 x The Proof of "Quality" / Quality Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. ca. 1913-1914.
Contains testimonials.
P2005.041 Added 10/22/2005

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Sligh

- 19 x 100 years : a great beginning : Sligh Furniture Co., 1880-1980 / Francis X. Blouin, Jr. Prepared for the commemoration of the centennial year of the Sligh Furniture Co., Holland, Michigan. 1979.
Formerly M749.1.B633o (2 copies)
00.[0732].1-2 4/29/2002
- 19 x A Furniture Family : the Slighs of Michigan / Francis X. Blouin and Thomas E. Powers. Ann Arbor, Mi. : Univ. of Michigan. Mich. Collections, Bentley Historical Library. **Mich. Hist. Coll. Bulletin** No. 29, May 1980.
Historical 00.[2205].1 4/29/2002
- 19 x A Third of a Century of Furniture Making. Sligh Furniture Co., 1880-1913. [Daily Artison-Record reprint / Arthur S. White]
Formerly M684.1.SL35
c. 1 00.[0650].1 4/29/2002
c. 2

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical.

Steelcase.

Note: See Also Coll. 232 for trade literature or publications which may provide general as well as trade information on Steelcase, Steelcase products, and Steelcase services.

- 20 x Apple Computer, Inc. Case Study. 1994.
2008.040 Added 5/3/2008
- 20 x Criterion. Case Studies (2)
● Progressive Architecture Engineering
Planning : Working Style. 2/94
● British Airways : making the move. 9/94
2008.040 Added 5/3/2008
- 20 x Details.
● The Details [newsletter] (3)
v. 5, Winter, 1994
v. 6, Summer 1994
v. 7, Fall 1994
Note: Accompanied by a decorative paper folder from the Details line.
2008.040 Added 5/3/2008
See Coll. 232 for trade literature from the "Details" line.
- 20 x Ellipse Desk System
● Ellipse Sales Success Stories, 1994
Note: This item includes caricatures of individuals identified by name, firm and city where employed, giving information on Ellipse sales across the country.
2008.040 Added 5/4/2008
- 20 x Fact Sheet + Milestones, 1999 Webpages.
- 20 x Frank Lloyd Wright - Steelcase / David Allen Hanks. 1981 [Brochure]
00.[2207].1 4/30/2002
- 20 x Frank Lloyd Wright – Steelcase. 1981 [Brochure] S-046
Revised version of above, Hanks no longer noted as author of contents.
- 20 x Frank Lloyd Wright and the Johnson Wax Buildings : creating a corporate cathedral. Feb. 25, 1987 GR Art Museum. [Invitation]
00.[2206].1 4/30/2002

Information Tracts. Pocket Guide. 2004 ... See Coll. 232

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical.

Steelcase.

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| 20 | x | International Partnerships. Steelcase. Form. S-478, 1989. |
| 20 | x | International Partnerships. Steelcase. Form S-478R590 Apr. 1990
00.[2209].1 4/30/2002 |
| 20 | x | The Office Environment Company : Worldwide resources for those who
plan 1985. Form S-111
00.[2208].1-2 4/30/2002 |
| 20 | x | Playbook [newsletter +] (16)
1993, Nov. (photocopy?), Dec.
1994, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.
"Hey! Where's the Playbook?" information sheet.
+ 2 misc. info. Sheets, pink and green. |
| 20 | x | Rally Case Study
● Metro Hall : well-governed. 1994. (Toronto)
2008.040 Added 5/4/2008 |
| 20 | x | Seating Miscellaneous (2)
● Steelcase Seating Case Study : Francis
Tuttle Vo-Tech Center : Making the grade. 1994.
● Choice chairs : a review of Steelcase
seating. 1992.
2008.040 Added 4/5/2008 |
| 20 | x | Sensor Case Studies (2)
● Hamilton Park : Healthy Respect. 1994
● NYNEX : hard at work. 1994
2008.040 Added 5/4/2008 |
| 20 | x | Series 9000 Case Studies (2)
● Magnetek Corporation, 1994.
● PMJ Control Center, 1994
2008.040 Added 5/4/2008 |
| 20 | x | Steelcase : an Environmental Partnership. 1993
2008.040 Added 5/4/2008 |

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical.

Steelcase.

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| 20 | x | The Steelcase National Study of Office Environments: do they work? / conducted by Louis Harris & Associates, Inc. 1978
00.[2212].1 4/30/2002 |
| 20 | x | The Steelcase National Study of Office Environments, NO. II : comfort and productivity in the Office of the 80s / conducted by Louis Harris & Associates. 1980
00.[2213].1 4/30/2002 |
| 20 | x | Steelcase 75th Anniversary [Graphic time line flyer] 1987
00.[0628].1 4/29/2002 |
| 20 | x | Steelcase Total Environment Planning. n.d.
00.[2211].1 4/30/2002 |
| 20 | x | Techno-Tools for the Office : Details liberate the work surface from encroaching computer technology / Marilyn Zelinsky. Interiors . Aug. 1993. Reprint. (Details. D6609)
2008.040 Added 5/3/2008 |
| 20 | x | Vertical Surfaces. Cutting Direction. 1993. S-4900
Note: "On Oct. 4, 1993 Steelcase will be standardizing and simplifying cutting direction ..." |

Series III. Publications

D. Furniture Companies, alphabetical.

Stickley

18 x Colonial Furniture : furniture of our forefathers / by Albert Stickley. N.d.
 G.R. : A.P. Johnson Co.
00.[0547].1 4/26/2002

21 x Adapting quaint furniture to American needs / published by Stickley
 Brothers Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Grand Rapids, Mi. : Stickley, 1925.

Date from foreward by Albert Stickley, June 1, 1925.

Contains color illustrations attached to printed page.

1. Early American
2. The Pembroke
3. Spanish
4. Sun Room Group
5. Colonial
6. The Puritan
7. Windsor
8. The Mayflower

Note: This item was found at Coll. 232-39-21 3/2005, but is not a trade catalog, and has been transferred to Coll. 233.

Formerly M749.213.St51

00.[3649].1 Added 4/1/2005

Series III. Publications

Furniture Companies, alphabetical

Stow Davis

- 20 x Attitude is everything—cover title. “Furniture Capabilities”—head of title. Kentwood : Stow-Davis, a Steelcase Design Partnership Co., 1994. 00.[2254].1 5/21/2002

Waddell Manufacturing Co.

- 18 x Then, and now in Furniture, later French / Waddell Manufacturing Co. 1928.

c. 1 00.[2189].1 4/26/2002

c. 2 P2000.035 4/26/2002

- 18 x Then, and now in Furniture, Spanish Renaissance / Waddell Manufacturing Co. 1928.

Formerly MKG749.W1 00.[2190].1 4/26/2002

Widdicomb (William Widdicomb)

Note: For records of the Widdicomb companies see Coll. 017.

- 18 x Furniture made Grand Rapids famous : address made by William Widdicomb at the Banquet given by the Grand Rapids Board of Trade in Commemoration of the SemiCentennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of GR as a City.

Compliments of the Widdicomb Co.

Formerly M749.1.W633f

00.[2193].1 4/26/2002, 10/6/2005 This copy from the Estate of Roger W. Butterfield.

- 18 x The Mahogany Tree : a brief historical view and consideration of its present usefulness / by William Widdicomb. G.R. : Tradesman Co., 1907. Formerly M674.W63

Gift of Widdicomb

00.[0651].1 4/26/2002, 10/6/2005

- 18 x Your Widdicomb Furniture / designed by T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings. G.R. : Widdicomb Furniture Co., n.d.

Includes brief instructions for cleaning marble & brass.

Small booklet.

P2004.033 7/9/2004, 10/6/2005

23 x

Series III. Publications

D. Other Publishers

Grand Rapids Varnish Corporation.

How to Finish Furniture Beautifully / by Joseph A. Hager. 1955.

P2002.006 4/24/2002

Series IV: Furniture Periodicals, Reprints & Articles

NOTE: Some serials & reprints are housed with the other publications from the company or organization creating the publication. Most of these have a general cross reference to the company name.

See also Coll. 285 GRPL Serials Coll.

Accent ... See Forslund

Centennial Times

2 x Vols. 1-6. 2 copies each

Design Quarterly / Walker Art Center, Minneapolis.

#98/99 1975 Nelson Eames Girard Propst : the Design Process at Herman Miller.

2 x c. 1
Note: 2nd Copy in Coll. 276

Fine Furniture

4.5 x Fine Furniture, May 1936 to December 1937. Digital PDF copies created by Graphic Sciences 7/26/2007. Dilley Funds, Ryerson Foundation. 2007.101.2 Added 11/28/2007
See public area Furniture Periodicals for paper copy.

Furniture Manufacturer & Artisan / Michigan Artisan Co., A.S. White. Sold to GR Furniture Record Co. with this issue.

5 OVE Dec. 31, 1910. 00.[2170].1 4/26/2002

1.5 x Leather for Upholstering : its origin and manufacturer / by Edward T. Harris. Reprint. Furniture Manufacturer & Artisan. G.R. : GR Furniture Record Co., n.d. 00.[2196].1 4/29/2002

1.5 x What Happened to Furniture Prices / by Ralph F. Windows, editor, FM&A, Nov. 1921. Formerly M849.085.W724w 00.[0713].1 4/24/2002

1.5 x "Withered"--The Furniture Industry / Frank E. Seidman of Seidman & Seidman, CPAs. Reprint. **Furniture Manufacturer**, June 1933. 00.[2199].1 4/29/2002

Series IV: Furniture Periodicals, Reprints & Articles
Furniture Manufacturer & Artisan

AA x

v. 11, Jan.-June 1916

V. 12, July-Dec. 1916

v. 15, Jan.-Dec. 1918

v. 17, Jan.-June 1919

v. 32, July-Dec. 1936

The bulk of the holdings for this title are shelved with the Furniture Periodicals in the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections Center.

There is also indexing available for GRHSCC holdings of this title, on the departments GRPL Website. No microfilm is currently available, although this is a high priority title for filming.

Furniture Manufacturer & Artisan

Note: These are the formerly bound volumes which previously sat with the public service area furniture periodicals. The bindings were removed and the pages disbound for microfilming. The microfilm is expected to be available for use in May 2009. 1/28/2009

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FMA, v. 1-2, 1911

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FMA, v. 3-4, 1912

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FMA, v. 5-6, 1913

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FMA, v. 7-8, 1914

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FMA, v. 9-10, 1915

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FMA, v. 11-12, 1916

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FMA, v. 13-14, 1917

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FMA, v. 15-16, 1918

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FMA, v. 17, 1919

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FMA, v. 18, 1919

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FMA, v. 19, 1920

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FMA, v. 20, 1920

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FMA, v. 21, 1921

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FMA, v. 22, 1921

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FMA, v. 23, 1922

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FMA, v. 24, 1922

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FMA, v. 25, 1923

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FMA, v. 26, 1923

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FMA, v. 27, 1924

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FMA, v. 28, 1924

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FMA, v. 29, 1925

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FMA, v. 30, 1925

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FMA, v. 31, 1926

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FMA, v. 32, 1926

- 5 OVE **Series IV: Furniture Periodicals, Reprints & Articles**
Furniture World
Grand Rapids Special. V. 28, no. 717, Dec. 24, 1908. Issue devoted to
GR Furniture Industry
00.[0769].1 4/26/2002
Includes named images of Furniture Designers, including:
Frederick E. Hill / Henry J. New / Jack M. Brower / Ralph H.
Widdicomb / J. Stuart Clingman / D.W. Kendall / T.S. Handley /
Charles O. Nash / Wm. A. Balbach / Chas. B. Chatfield / D.Robertson
Smith / John E. Brower / James Tillotoson, Jr. / Frank R. Moran /
E.Berkey Jones / A.W. Hompe / William Holt / A.Margantin / John
D. Raab / Edgar R. Somes / O. Jiranek / E.A. Hake / A. Kirkpatrick /
Clarence R. Hills
- Also includes full page portrait images of furniture company leaders:
Wm. Widdicomb / R.W. / Chas. F. Retting / Henry S. Jordan /
Addison S. Goodman / John Hoult
- 1.5 x **Furniture World** and Furniture Buyer and Decorator. Reprints.
Evils of Piracy and Plagiarism in Designing and Making of Furniture /
David H. Brown(?), Century Furniture Co. Oct. 1930.
00.[1604].1 4/24/2002
- 6 x **GR Marketeer** : News & previews / GR Furniture Exposition
124th Semi-Annual Showing, June 1-17, 1939
See earlier title: Market Ambassador
- 2 x **Grand Rapids Furniture Forum**
Report.
Jan. 2-3, 1945
Jan. 7, 1946
Jan. 6, 1947
Jan. 5, 1948
MKG749.06.G762 00.[1526].1-4 4/29/2002

Series IV: Furniture Periodicals, Reprints & Articles
Grand Rapids Furniture Record / Furniture Record

The following holdings contain duplicates, however neither volume may be fully complete.

P

v. 1, June-Nov. 1900

v. 1, c. 2

v. 1, "c. 2" 00.[5464].1 Added 3/19/2008

Note: This may be one of the two volumes already listed which got pulled and not put back away correctly. CHECK. 3/19/2008

v. 2, partial 1901

v. 2, Jan.-May partial, 1901

v. 2, Dec. 1900-May 1901

v. 2, c.2? Dec. 1900-May 1901 00.[5465].1 Added 3/19/2008

Note: This may be one of the volumes already listed above which got pulled and not put back away correctly. CHECK 3/19/2008

v. 3, June-Nov. 1901

v. 3, c. 2

v. 4, Dec. 1901-May 1902

v. 5, June-Nov. 1902

v. 6. Dec. 1902-May 1903

Q

v. 5, June-Nov. 1902

v. 6, Jan.-May 1903

B

v. 4, 1902, misc.

v. 6, 7 1902, 1903 misc.

v. 8, Dec. 1903-May 1904

v. 9, June-Dec. 1904

v. 11, 1905 Disbound sheets, mostly June-Dec.

O

v. 7, June-Nov. 1903

v. 8, Dec. 1903-May 1904

v. 9, June-Nov. 1904

v. 10, Dec. 1914-May 1905

v. 10, Dupl.

v. 10, c.3

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Grand Rapids Furniture Record / Furniture Record

The following holdings contain duplicates, however neither volume may be fully complete.

N

- v. 11, June-Nov. 1905
- v. 12, Dec. 1905-May 1906
- v. 12, Dupl.
- v. 13, June-Nov. 1906
- v. 13, dupl.
- v. 14, Dec. 1906-May 1907

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Grand Rapids Furniture Record / Furniture Record**

- K** **x** v. 14, Dec. 1906-May 1907
v. 15, June-Nov. 1907
v. 15, Dupl.
v. 16, Dec. 1907-May 1908
v. 16, Dupl.
v. 17, June-Nov. 1908
- Q** v. 17, June-Nov. 1908
Q Misc. Loose pages
- J** v. 18, Dec. 1908-May 1909
v. 19, June-Nov. 1909
- M** v. 18, Dec. 1908-May 1909
v. 19, June-Nov. 1909
v. 20, Dec. 1909-May 1910
- J** v. 20, Dec. 1909-May 1910
v. 21, June-Dec.? 1910
v. 22, Dec. 1910-May 1911
v. 23, June-Nov. 1911
- L** v. 21, June-Dec.? 1910
v. 22, Dec. 1910-May 1911
v. 23, June-Nov. 1911
v. 24, [Dec] 1911-[May] 1912
v. 25, June-Nov. 1912
v. 26, [Dec.] 1912-[May]1913
- I** v. 24, Dec. 1911-May 1912
v. 25, June-Nov. 1912
v. 26, Dec. 1912-May 1913
v. 27, June-Dec. 1913
v. 27 c. 2 June-Dec. 1913

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Grand Rapids Furniture Record / Furniture Record

H

- v. 28, Jan.-June 1914
- v. 29, July-Dec. 1914
- v. 30, Jan.-June 1915
- v. 31, July-Dec. 1915
- v. 32, Jan.-June 1916
- v. 33, July-Dec. 1916

G

- v. 34, Jan.-June 1917
- v. 35, July-Dec. 1917
- v. 36, Jan.-June 1918
- v. 37, July-Dec. 1918
- v. 38, Jan.-June 1919
- v. 39, July-Dec. 1919

F

- v. 40, Jan.-June 1920
- v. 41, July-Dec. 1920
- v. 42, Jan.-June 1921
- v. 43, July-Dec. 1921

A

- v. 44, Jan.-June 1922
- v. 45, July-Dec. 1922
- v. 46, Jan.-June 1923
- v. 47, July-Dec. 1923
- v. 48, Jan.-June 1924
- v. 49, July-Dec. 1924

C

- v. 50, Jan.-June, 1925
- v. 51, July-Dec. 1925
- v. 52, Jan.-June 1926
- v. 53, July-Dec. 1926
- v. 54, Jan.-June 1927
- v. 55, July-Dec. 1927

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Grand Rapids Furniture Record / Furniture Record

D

- v. 56, Jan.-June 1928 (much smaller vol./possible with ads)
- v. 57, July-Dec. 1928
- v. 58, Jan.-June 1929
- v. 59, July-Dec. 1929
- v. 60, Jan.-June 1930
- v. 61, July-Dec. 1930

E

- v. 62, Jan.-June 1931
- v. 63, July-Dec. 1931
- v. 64, Jan.-June 1932
- v. 65, July-Dec. 1932
- v. 66, Jan.-June 1933
- v. 67, July-Dec. 1933
- v. 68, Jan.-June 1934
- v. 69, July-Dec. 1934

M

- v. 70/71, 1935
- v. 72, 1936
- v. 73, 1937
- v. 74, 1938
- v. 75, 1939

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- x v. 75, no. 1, Jan. 15, 1940 [Facsimile photocopy obtained to replace our missing issue]
- 00.[2316].1 07/02/2002

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Grand Rapids Herald

- 1.5 x Jan. 8, 1916. "In the January Furniture Market"
Includes Noble Photo of furniture manufacturers.
Accompanied by a **Grand Rapids Press** offprint. Apr. 24, 1996. "Artist brought elegant style to furnishings. RE Frank Davidhazy + his obituary.
00.[0001].1 1/12/2007

Grand Rapids Magazine

- 2 x Furniture City Commemorative : Celebrating Grand Rapids Furniture, 1984.
00.[2199].1 4/29/2002
Note: See c.2 in Box 1

Grand Rapids Market Daily. Tabloid size.

- 5 OVE
V. 110, no. 3, Jan. 11, 1950
v. 110, no. 7, Jan. 17, 1950
V. 118, no. 6, Jan. 10, 1955
V. 119, no. 4, June 23, 1955
Pgs. 7-10 of Jan. 11, 1955
00.[2171].1-5 4/26/2002

- 2 x **Series IV: Furniture Periodicals, Reprints & Articles**
Grand Rapids : the Furniture Market for Fine Stores ... later ... **Grand Rapids Preview** / Grand Rapids Furniture Market Assoc.
00.[2225].1-14
See also M749.06.G763
June 1958 (2)
Jan. 1959
June 1959 (2)
Jan. 1960
June 1960
Jan. 1961
June 1961
Jan. 1962
June 1962
Jan. 1963
V. 11, June 1963
v. 12, Jan. 1964
June 1964
- 3.5 x 00.[3343].1-9 Transfers 12/22/2004
June [1958]
Jan. 1959
Jan. 1960
June 1960
Jan. 1961
June 1961
Jan. 1962
June 1963
June 1964

- 5 x **Series IV: Furniture Periodicals, Reprints & Articles**
Home Furnishings Blue Book / Daily Artisan-Record
v. 22, no. 4, Jan. 1941. 00.[2314].1 6/14/2002
- 6 OVE **House and Garden**
May 1943. pg. 49-61 [Note: May be indexed as several separate articles]
American pattern : Grand Rapids, like many U.S. Towns, was built by
eager young pioneers, the homesteaders whose sons today still carve our
traditions.
A section called "Middle Western Houses of the 19th Century" includes
sketches believed to be by Ernest Walker, of the following houses:
● Philips House, owned by Mr. & Mrs. L.O.
Duncan in 1943.
● Turner House doorway only.
● Robert W. Irwin House.
● Kirkpatrick House [stone Gothic]
● L.T. Wilmarth House
● Grand Rapids Art Gallery
● Hudson Valley style house.
00.[4054].1 Added 9/30/2005
- 2 x **Imperial Messenger**
00.[2200].1-6+ 4/30/2002
V. 5, no.4 Sept. 1920
v. 8, no. ?, Sept. 1924
v. 28, #2 & 3, [1947?]
v. 29, #2, [1948]
v. 33, #2, Fall 1951 & misc. clippings
+ Misc. clippings
- 28 OVE **The Kindel Poster** / publ. By the Kinde. Furniture Co.
..."devoted to sales & advertising helps for the benefit of the Kindel
dealers." Tom Kindel, editor.
7 issues from May 1931 to Jan. 1932
Previously folded.
00.[2663].1 Added 2003, 2/13/2008

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- 6 OVE **Market Ambassador** / GR Furniture Exposition
113th Semi-Annual, Jan. 2-13, 1934 (3)
114th Semi-Annual, June 25 to July 14, 1934
115th Semi-Annual, Jan. 2-16, 1935 (2)
116th Semi-Annual, July 1-20th, 1935 (2)
117th Semi-Annual, Jan. 2-16th, 1936
118th Semi-Annual, June 29-July 18, 1936
See later title: GR Marketeer
- 3 x **Market Preview.** Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition Assoc. June 20-
July 1, 1955
00.[2238].1 4/30/2002
- 5 x Jan. 19, 1907. (semi-monthly) Poor condition
00.[5463].1 Added 3/19/2008

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Michigan Artisan (White Printing Co.)

- 5 x v. 10, no. 8, Feb. 15, 1890. Oversized
P2008.078 Added 7/8/2008
- Moved to Archives 8/8/2008. See microfilm for daily access.
- 5.1 x 26th Year, no. 2, June 25, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 3, Aug. 10, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 4, Aug. 25, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 5, Sept. 10, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 6, Sept. 25-30, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 7, Oct. 10, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 7 (sic 8), Oct. 25-30, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 8 (sic 9), Nov. 10, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 10, Nov. 25, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 11, Dec. 10, 1905
x 26th Year, no. 12, Dec. 25, 1905
- 5.2 x 26th year, no. 14 (sic 13), Jan. 10, 1906
x 26th year, no. 14, Jan. 25, 1906
x 26th year no. 16 (sic 15), Feb. 10, 1906
x 26th year, no. 16, Feb. 26, 1906
x 26th year, no. 19 (sic 17), March 10, 1906
x 26th year, no. 20 (sic 18), March 25, 1906
x 26th year, no. 21, Apr. 10, 1906
x 26th year, no. 21 (sic 22), Apr. 25, 1906
x 26th year, no. 23, May 10, 1906
x 26th year, no. 23 (sic 24), May 25, 1906
- Missing issues.
Note: The items below may actually be the 27th year.
- 5.2 x 26th year, no. 25, June 10, 1906
x 26th year, no. 25 (sic 26), June 25, 1906
x 26th years, no. 26 (sic 27), July 10, 1906
- 5.2 x 27th years, no. 8, Oct. 25, 1906
x 27th Years, no. 9, Nov. 10, 1906
x 27th year, no. 10, Nov. 25, 1906
x 27th year, no. 11, Dec. 6, 1906
x 27th year, no. 12, Dec. 25, 1906

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Michigan Artisan (White Printing Co.)

Moved to Archives 8/8/2008. See microfilm for daily access.

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| 5.3 | x | 27 th year, no. 13, Jan. 10, 1907 |
| | | Note: This issues did not get microfilmed & digitized with the others |
| 5.? | x | 27 th year, no. 14, Jan. 25, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 15, Feb. 10, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 16, Feb. 25, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 17, March 10, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 18, March 25, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 19, April 10, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 20, Apr. 25, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 21, May 10, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 22, May 25, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 23, June 10, 1907 |
| | x | 27 th year, no. 24, June 25, 1907 |
| 5.4 | x | Missing issue |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 2, July 25, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 3, August 10, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 4, August 25, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 5, Sept. 10, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 6, Sept. 25, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 7, Oct. 10, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 8, Oct. 25, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 9, Nov. 10, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 10, Nov. 25, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 11, Dec. 10, 1907 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 12, Dec. 28, 1907 |
| 5.5 | x | 28 th year, no. 13, Jan. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 14, Jan. 25, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 15, Feb. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 16, Feb. 25, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 17, March 10, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 18, March 25, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 19, Apr. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 20, Apr. 25, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 21, May 10, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 22, May 25, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 23, June 10, 1908 |
| | x | 28 th year, no. 24, June 25, 1908 |

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Michigan Artisan (White Printing Co.)

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| 5.6 | x | 28 th (sic 29 th) year, no. 25 (sic, no. 1), July 10, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 26 (sic, no. 2), July 25, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 3, Aug. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 4, Aug. 25, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 5, Sept. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 6, Sept. 25, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 7, Oct. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 8, Oct. 25, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 9, Nov. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 10, Nov. 25, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 11, Dec. 10, 1908 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 12, Dec. 25, 1908 |
| 5.7 | x | 29 th year, no. 13, Jan. 10, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 14, Jan. 25, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 15, Feb. 10, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 16, Feb. 25, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 17, March 10, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 18, March 25, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 19, April 10, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 20, April 25, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 21, May 10, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 22, May 25, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 23, June 10, 1909 |
| | x | 29 th year, no. 24, June 25, 1909 |
| MF001 | x | Michigan Artisan , July 25, 1905-June 25, 1909
4 reels of master negatives film; see the positive film on the public service floor in the microfilm cabinets.
P2007.004.1-4 Added 1/15/2007 |
| | ● | July 25, 1905-July 10, 1906 |
| | ● | Oct. 25, 1906-Nov. 25, 1907 |
| | ● | Dec. 10, 1907-Dec. 25, 1908 |
| | ● | Jan. 10, 1909-June 25, 1909 |

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Munsey's Magazine ... See Publications ... Berkey & Gay

2 x **Office & Home** / Tisch Hine Co. (G.R.)
v. 3, no. 3, June 1912.

2 x **OG (Office Graphics)**
OG 24, 1985

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Shop Mark or Shopmark for Wallace Furniture Co, Berkey & Gay & GR Upholstering Co.

4 x [Formerly Mich. Room Serials, in part]
v. 1, Feb. 1917-Jan. 1918
00.[1129a].1
Orig. hard cover binding.

v. 2/3. Feb. 1918-Dec. 1919
00.[1129b].1

4 x Unbound issues:

● v. 6, no. 3, Mar. 1922 (2/1/2000, Acc.
2000.010)

● v. 8, no. 8, Aug. 1924 (5/8/2000, Acc.
2000.046)

● v. 9, nos. 2-12, Feb.-Dec. 1925. 00.[1129c].
● v. 10, nos. 1-6, Feb.-Dec. 1926/Jan.1927
(6/yr) 00.[1129c].

Also has folded advertising flyer "August 19 in the Saturday Evening Post ..." accompanying v. 10, #4.

● v. 11, nos. 2/3-10/11, Feb./Mar-Oct/Nov.,
1927 (5 issues) For no. 1, See vol. 10, Dec. 1926/Jan. 1927 issue. 00.
[1129c].1

● v. 12, no. 1(Dec. 1927), 4/5(Apr/May 1928),
6/7, 8/9, 10/11, 12(Dec. 1928), Dec. 1927 to Dec. 1928. 00.[1129c]

● v. 13, nos. 1-8, Jan.-August, 1929. 00.
[1129c]

NOTE: Baker Furniture Col. 206, currently contains v. 9, 1925, bound.
4/24/2000

Steelcase Circle

2 x V. 10, no.3/4, March/April, 1962
00.[2236].1 4/30/2002

2 x **Style in Home Furnishing** : an illustrated monthly magazine of
practical suggestions for furnishing the American Home
May 1915 – Dec. 1916. Graphic Supplements bound in.
Formerly R749.05.St99 00.[2203].1

- 4 **Series IV: Furniture Periodicals, Reprints & Articles**
Stylist / GR Furniture Makers Guild
v. 17, 1949 (nos. 1-5) Bound.
v. 23, nos. 3,4,6, 1955
v. 24, no. 2, 4, 5,6, 1956
v. 32, no. 3, 4, 1964.
v. 33, no. 3, 6, 1965.
v. 34, no. 4 (3), 1966
v. 34, no. 6(2), 1966
v. 35, no. 1(3), 1967
v. 35, no. 2(3), 1967
v. 35, no. 3, 1967
- NOTE: Stylist holdings also known to be in other locations. 4/29/2002
Staff: Also 18-I-2b in this collection, unprocessed.
- 5 OVE **Weekly Artisan / Michigan Artisan Co., A.S. White, editor.**
July 9, 1910. Sligh Furniture Co. (cover)
Aug. 27, 1910. Sligh Furniture Co. (cover)
- 4.5 x July 3, 1909 to Dec. 31, 1910. Digital PDF files created July 26, 2007 by
Graphic Sciences. Dilley Funds, Ryerson Library Foundation.
2007.101.2 Added 11/28/2007
See public area Furniture Periodicals for paper copies.
- 4 x **Winterthur Portfolio**
10 [1975] 00.[2353].1 10/2/2003
M749.1.Am37s
“Grand Rapids Furniture at the Time of the Centennial” / Kenneth L.
Ames. Pgs. [23]-50
[Photocopy. Images poor quality in this copy.]
Also in Furniture Design Book Collection?

Series V. Image & Graphics

Ephemera

- 15.25 x Berkey & Gay (1)
● Advertising card illustrating the Berkey & Gay Furniture Co. building, 1874, at 17 Elizabeth St., Grand Rapids, Mi. or New York City. [postcard sized card, with “Hannah Macfarlan” hand written on the back. 2008.067 Added 8/15/2009

Graphic Clippings or offprints

- Oversized.
10 1 Berkey & Gay Furniture Co. ad
From **Country Life in America**, Dec. 1913, p. 95
- Berkey & Gay
11 1 [Advertisement Clipping] **Good Housekeeping**, 1920, 1922, 1923 & 1929. 11 items.
P1998.009
- 11 2 Berkey & Gay Furniture Co. Grand Rapids.
● 1 folded sheet. Source unknown, perhaps a free standing flyer?
● Centerfold. View of Berkey & Gay Furniture Co. Buildings. [sketch / W.C. Horner, n.d.]
● Front. 4 sketches, including a rush ack chair, a writing desk, a Turkish Coffee table, and a bedroom setting.
● Poem. Sharps and flats. In Amsterdam. / Eugene Field, Amsterdam, Nov. 8, 1889.
- 11 3 Carving
● 3 images glued to gray board.
● Thomas Sheraton in 1789. [Ink sketch of shop interior
● Dick Boorendamme, venerable Berkey & Gay carver ...
● Photographic image of unidentified carver.
- 11 4 [Advertisement clippings] Good Housekeeping, 1920's
P1998.009. 8 sheets. Including
● Alaska Refrigerator Co., Muskegon
● Grand Rapids Furniture (2)
● Royal Easy Chair Corp., Sturgis, Mich. (2)
● H.E. Shaw Furniture Co.

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See also Wm. A. Berkey

Wilhelm Furniture Co., Sturgis, Mich.
Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Co., Ionia.

Series V. Image & Graphics
Graphic Clippings or offprints
Gunn Furniture Co.

- 22 x [Gunn full page ad offprints] CHECK
00.[2222].1-9 4/30/2002
“There will Always be a Frontier to Challenge the American Pioneer ...”
1. ...Thinking Things Through with Gunn ...
 2. ...Yes, We’re on the Way ...
 3. ...Set Your Sights on Starline ...(2)
 4. ...Some Features of Gunn’s New Starline ...
 5. ...Here’s How Gunn’s Starline works for you ...(2)
 6. ...What are “they” planning ... at Gunn’s?
 7. ... Only Gunn Engineers the Starline
 8. ... The Postwar Desk that’s Sweeping the Nation ...

Imperial Furniture Co.

- 11 5 [Advertisement Clippings] **Good Housekeeping**, 1823 & 1924.
6 items. 4/30/2002 P1998.009
+ 1 found item not from the purchase accession.

- 11 6 Oblong 3-fold sheet. Verso note: Layouts and research by C.B. Andrews.
Colored in by Adam De Ryke for Gentz Studios. Source & date unknown.

Has 4 color illustrations of room settings, one loose, but has been pasted to the oblong sheet, the others on the sheet itself.

- Setting room with fireplace
- Bedroom with desk
- Loose. Tudor style room, with beamed ceiling
- Entry Hall with spiral stair.

- 11 7 **Phoenix Furniture Co.**

● Plate showing the factory building. N.d.
Source unknown.

- 11 8 Spray Painting

● “A Varnish Spray Booth in a Michigan Furniture Factory” n.d. Source unknown

Wm. A. Berkey Furniture Co.

28 OVE 2 Published Plates of room setup, by style. Damaged. Source unknown.
● Empire Colonial.
● Hepplewhite. Has "Suite no. 2899"
handwritten on back.
00.[1149].2

Series V. Images & Graphics

Drawings

11 x [Illustration for Restaurant Counter] Source unknown, n.d. 3 images.
Possibly separated from materials elsewhere in the archival collections.
00.[5590].1 Added 8/15/2009

Original Graphics

224 Box 33 [Illustration for a Library] / Record Engraving Company, n.d.
00.[382].1 Added 9/8/2004
It is probably that this illustration was used in a furniture periodical, but
this corresponding published image has not been identified to date.

FF.VII.A/B/C/ Thorne Graphics.
See the separate Access Database chart accompanying this finding aid for
descriptions of these graphics.

Unknown Furniture Sketches. n.d.
00.[5194].1 Added 1/23/2007

Note: The assumption has been made that these sketches are associated
with a Grand Rapids furniture company or designer, though no
identification of the source is known at this time. The individual sketches
are grouped by type of furniture, including:

31	1	Chairs
31	2	China Cabinets
31	3	Pedestals
31	4	Rockers
31	5	Sideboards
31	6	Sofas
31	7	Tables

Series V. Images & Graphics

Photographs

See also Coll. 54, and other collections that predate the creation of this collection.

Forslunds Furniture Co.
Forslund Staff/Family

12 1

12 2-5

Furniture showrooms, ca. 1948.

12 x

Klise Manufacturing?

2 x

Furniture manufacturing photos, found in Klise Manufacturing furniture catalog (R749.5 .K689L)

3 x

[Poor condition; 2 holes in each item from binder(?)]

00.[0551].1 Approx. 4x5 w board.

00.[0551].2 8x10

00.[0551].3 8x10 w sepia colored damage spot

12 2

Unidentified Furniture Showrooms

8x10 sepia tone with verso stamp:Property of C.B. Andrews. N.d.

12 x

Unidentified Trade Images

2 7 x 10.5 sepia tone sheets, each containing 8 images of bed frames.

12 x

Photographs. People

Baker, Hollis (Hollis S. Baker, Chair, Baker Furniture Co.)

00.[2245].1 5/3/2002

FF.IX.A

Furniture Manufacturers Association of Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1924.

[Portrait photos, identified, as a poster sized composite] / principal portraiture by Brubaker and Nobel Studios ; published by Ralph W. Morris, 150 Nassau St., N.Y.C.

00.[0001].1 Added 12/1/2006

33 x

Photographs received through usage requests

Century Dining Room, ca. 2007 photos.

2008.029 Added 3/6/2008

Series V. Images & Graphics

Library Exhibits

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| 22 | x | The Eames Lounge Chair : an Icon of Modern Design
Case Exhibit. In association with the exhibit at the Grand Rapids Art
Museum, Oct. 6-Dec. 31, 2006. |
| 22 | x | Title Panel.
Note: The title panel of this exhibit is shared with the title panel for
another case exhibit: "Orville Bulman, 1904-1978" |

Series VI. Original Manuscript materials

- 22 x Berkey & Gay 1914-1923 Sales Statistics. Oversized sheets, folded & placed in dark green reused "Furniture of Character" 2-hole binder. Has 9 organization charts, ink on linen, naming staff & responsibilities. 00.[2173].1 4/25/2002
- 17 2 Bodart Furniture Co.
Finish Procedures & Formulations, July 29, 1964. A.V. Hoffman copy. Typed sheets, formerly house in a pam binder. P2006.028.030a
- 17 3 Bodart Furniture Co.
[Furniture Finish Data, Hoffman?]
Note: Another unlabeled folder received with the folder labeled as Hoffman's above. P2006.028.030b
- 22 x Gunn Furniture Co.
Advertising mockup #1589. "There will always be a Frontier to Challenge the American Pioneer ... n.d.
In the style of Kreigh Collins, but doesn't look like his hand?]
00.[2172].1 4/30/2002
- 22 x Advertising mockup. There will Always be a Frontier to Challenge the American Pioneer ... Old Yardsticks Won't do!
00.[2221].1 4/30/2002
- 25 x Imperial Furniture Co.
Journal A, Nov. 1903-Jan. 31, 1906.
- 26 x Ledger A, 1903-1915(?)
2002.101D
- 22 x Luce Furniture Co.
[Color full room graphics] Suite no. 1805 & Suite no. 240.
P1998.004 4/30/2002
- 1.5 x Convention of the National Retail Furniture Dealers, Grand Rapids, Mich. July 12-13, 1892 / compliments of the GR Furniture Manufacturers' Assoc. [Program, poor condition]
00.[2218].1 4/30/2002

Series VI. Original Manuscript materials

Miscellaneous Ephemera

1 white 3-ringed binder filled with plastic sheet protector pages of visual information on mostly unidentified furniture, from unidentified sources.

The first section includes trade images (line drawings), with images of a corresponding actual items of furniture, for the **Jacques Grange Collection, John Widdicomb Co.**

The binder contains a lot of color photos, but there appear to be mostly copy work from a printed source, though a few show the item in a real time setting. A few 35 mm negative are also found in the notebook. Other material includes color laser copies, items cut from trade literature, other trade literature formats, adapted for the notebook.

The creator of the notebook is unknown, and only a few items include written descriptions or source clues.

P2003.027d 1/5/2004

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Series VI. Scrapbooks.

Contains article by Frank M. Sparks, **GR Herald**, and numerous images, identifying salemen ... many as part of caricature sketches by Ray Barnes. Images are listed below in order of appearance in the source.

- Frank M. Sparks
- Martin Lambert
- Thos. F. Garratt
- Wm. H. Gay
- F. Stuart Foote
- Frank A. Harvey
- Robert Irwin
- Albert Stickley
- Chas. R. Sligh
- David H. Brown
- Burt A. Hathaway
- Joseph G. Griswold
- E.A. Wallace
- Samuel D. Young

- Thomas Stower (Houston, Texas)
- R.F. Gondert (Akron, Ohio)
- Bill Croll
- Theo Hirsch (Miama, Fla.)
- Lemon (N.Y.)
- Strickland (San Antonio)
- Herman Faber (San Antonio)
- Proctor (Springfield, Mass.)
- Foster (Boston, Mass.)
- Jake Davidson (Des Moines, Iowa)
- George Hutchinson (Boston, Mass.)
- A. Rothery (Bridgeport, Conn.)
- Reems (Sandusky, Ohio)
- Stansbury (Greensboro, N.C.)

Series VIII. Non-Grand Rapids Furniture References

NOTE: A new collection has been defined in support of the Furniture Design Book Collection, called the Furniture Design Archival Collection, National Literature, Coll. 335. Items from locations outside the state of Michigan will be moved to that collection, as there is time.

Cheboygan, Michigan

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| 24? | x | Rustic Furniture : the Rittenhouse Mgf. Company
2003.003E 10/2/2003 |
| 24 | x | Below to be moved to Coll. 335.
The Bristol Co., New York City
Graphic "B"
Graphic "D" |
| 24 | x | Seven Centuries / Lammert Furniture Co., St. Louis, Mo.
00.[2227].1 4/30/2002 |