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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator:	Jessup, Lawrence F
Title:	Lawrence Jessup furniture collection
ID:	Collection 255
Date [inclusive]:	1920-1979
Physical Description:	3 Linear Feet Four boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Lawrence F. "Jim" Jessup (1904-1984) was a Kent County, Michigan newspaper reporter and freelance writer. He was particularly interested in the Grand Rapids furniture industry, and he wrote numerous articles about the history and current news of this important local industry. The collection documents Jessup's work as a reporter, particularly his research into the Grand Rapids furniture industry. Included are newspaper clippings, trade publications, photographs and negatives, handwritten notes, typewritten articles, and correspondence dealing with the furniture industry, including material related to the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association. Also included is material relating to the Social Civic Club of Grand Rapids Township and photographs of the funeral of Senator Arthur Vandenberg, including Congressman Gerald Ford among the attendees.

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Biographical / Historical

Lawrence Fremont Jessup was born in Michigan (probably Kent County), 18 June 1904. He was the younger of two sons of Austin B. and Sula M. Jessup. Information about his childhood and education is currently unavailable.

Lawrence "Jim" Jessup began his career as a newspaper reporter in 1927 at The Grand Rapids Press, where he worked for two years. From 1929 to ca. 1954 he worked as a news reporter for The Grand Rapids Herald. This was followed by a brief period of reporting for Fairchild Publications (including Daily News Record and Women's Wear Daily) from 1955 to 1960. Jessup was particularly interested in the flourishing Grand Rapids furniture industry, and many of his news articles focused on this topic. His

interests were also reflected in his freelance writing for such publications as *Retailing*, *Retailing Daily* and *Home Furnishings Daily*.

Jessup was an associate/honorary member of the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association from ca. 1953 to ca. 1972. During this time he published a number of news articles about the history and current activities of the association. He was also an active member of the Social Civic Club of Grand Rapids Township from ca. 1943 to ca. 1979, during which time he served as corresponding secretary. Jessup was elected president of the club in 1971 and 1975, and was unofficially referred to as the “club historian.”

During his reporting years Lawrence Jessup lived in Grand Rapids, moving frequently until his marriage to Elizabeth R. “Betty” Prout, a schoolteacher, ca. 1930 or 1931. They had two daughters: Jane and Sarah. In 1966, Jessup and his wife moved to Rockford, Michigan, where they resided until his death on 19 June 1984.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains various newspaper clippings, trade publications, brochures, photographs and negatives, notes, original typewritten articles, correspondence, and organization-related directories and other papers. The majority of the documents in this collection relate to the Grand Rapids furniture industry, but a significant percentage deal with other topics of interest to Lawrence Jessup. Included is material relating to the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association, documents, including directories, newsletters, financial reports, correspondence, notes, and articles; Social Civic Club documents, primarily correspondence; and files containing information on topics of interest to Jessup, many furniture-related. In addition, several brochures, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other documents unrelated to the furniture industry are included in this collection.

One significant non-furniture element is a set of 15 photographs taken at Senator Arthur Vandenberg's funeral at Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids. Then-Congressman Gerald R. Ford appears in three of these images.

Most of the Jessup collection consists of documents gathered for research purposes, presumably for the writing of his articles; only a small proportion of this collection (perhaps 10-15 percent) consists of Jessup's original work. Of these documents (newspaper clippings and typewritten articles), many do not cite an author; it is therefore impossible to make an accurate statement as to how much of the material was written by Jessup. Nor is this collection comprehensive in terms of Jessup's work; furthermore, it lacks a full bibliography of any kind. In addition to the scarcity of information regarding Jessup's authorship, this collection lacks background information about Jessup himself. With the exception of the organization-related data, all bibliographic details concerning Jessup's life were found in external sources.

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Related Materials

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Coll. 204, Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association Records. Jessup was an active member of this organization, and he wrote several articles about its history and activities. Additional information about Jessup or articles authored by him may exist in this collection.

Coll. 233, Grand Rapids Public Library Furniture Industry Collection. Publications in this collection may include articles written by Jessup. One image in this collection has been identified as having verso ID: Return to L.F. Jessup, 433 Hubbard St., G.R.

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

Coll. 043, Morris Photo Collection. Makes reference to an article written by Lawrence Jessup in Antiques Magazine, September 1930, entitled "The Tobacconists' Tribe of Treen."

Coll. 230, Rooks Studio Collection. May include additional furniture-related photographs by photographer Dale Rooks.

Coll. 151, Kenneth C. Welch Architecture and Design Collection. The Jessup collection contains an article and photograph by Welch (in "shopping center" material, Box 3, Folder 18).

Other information about the Grand Rapids furniture industry can be found in several other collections or sources throughout the archives. Ask staff for assistance in accessing additional sources.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Furniture industry and trade -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Furniture design -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- personal papers

Collection Inventory

Series I. Biography

Scope and Contents

Consists of information from external sources found during background research on Lawrence Jessup.

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical information about Lawrence F. "Jim" Jessup [external sources]	Box 3	Folder 1

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Series II. Jessup Writings

Scope and Contents

This series contains typed articles and some published newspaper clippings authored by Jessup. All such writings have been removed from their original files and compiled into this series. Many of the typed documents do not cite him as author, but it can be assumed with some certainty that he was the creator of all such papers. Series VII, Newspaper Clippings, may also contain some articles by Jessup, but as these cite no author (and, in many cases, no date or publication), they have been housed with the other clippings. Jessup's writings have been divided by topic; these correspond approximately to the categories in Series III and V. Within each subseries the articles are ordered alphabetically by title or first line.

Subseries A. Furniture (Local)

Title/Description	Instances	
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Biographical Sketch ... F. Stuart Foote, secretary-treasurer and general manager ... March 17, 1938.	Box 3	Folder 2
Biographical Sketch of F. Stuart Foote ... "In the furniture industry ..." N.d.	Box 3	Folder 2
"Bolt by Four Felt At Grand Rapids." May 26, 1955. Retailing Daily. [Clipping; entire issue present: Vol. 27, No. 103.]	Box 3	Folder 2
"Grand Rapids Diamond Jubilee." November 17, 1952. Retailing Daily. [Clipping; special section, including multiple articles by Jessup; entire section present.] (2 copies.)	Box 3	Folder 2
"Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Formal opening of the new 'House of Today' ..." N.d.	Box 3	Folder 2
"Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Recapitalization of Robert W. Irwin Co. ..." N.d.	Box 3	Folder 2
"Grand Rapids, Mich. -- W.H. Childs, former sales manager of ..." September 21, 1939. Daily News Record.	Box 3	Folder 2
"Grand Rapids Seeks to Hold Position as Quality Leader." June 18, 1956. Retailing Daily. [Clipping]	Box 3	Folder 2
"Known for many years as the Furniture Capital of ..." N.d.	Box 3	Folder 2
"N.L.R.B. Ruling Upholds Gunn Furniture Company." N.d. [Jessup authorship uncertain.]	Box 3	Folder 2
"One of the Grand Rapids Furniture companies which ..." October 4, 1939. Hekman Furn. Co. (2 copies)	Box 3	Folder 2
Robt. W. Irwin, complete biography. June 30, 1934. [Oversized, folded, in Grand Rapids Herald envelope.]	Box 3	Folder 2
"What does the well dressedroom [sic] of today wear? Has the new ..." N.d.	Box 3	Folder 2
"What's My Line? Piracy Still Hard Nut to Interpret." January 12, 1956. Retailing Daily.	Box 3	Folder 2

Subseries B. Charles R. Sligh, Jr.

Title/Description	Instances	
"Charles R. Sligh, Jr., and associates Tuesday exercised their ..." 1945.	Box 3	Folder 3
"Charles R. Sligh, Jr., of Grand Rapids, furniture industry leader, is slated ..." Nov./Dec. 1952. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 3
"Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Charles R. Sligh, Jr., who has ..." April 18, 1957. Home Furnishings Daily.	Box 3	Folder 3
"Grand Rapids, Mich. -- E.E. Chapman, plant manager of Grand ..." March 23, 1955.	Box 3	Folder 3
"Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Grand Rapids Chair Co., will exhibit ..." N.d., Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 3

“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Hope that free nations of the world ...” N.d., Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 3
“Grand Rapids, Mich. Nate Slack, Hillman Mills, Mo., has ...” February 4, 1957. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 3
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Part of the midwestern territory ...” February 22, 1957. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 3
“Grand Rapids, Mich. Presentation of the 'Man of the Year' ...” Summer 1953. Retailing Daily. Marked “DPR Collect Rush”; sent to Harriet Mackintosh.	Box 3	Folder 3
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Purchase of the business, inventory ...” N.d., Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 3
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- 'Sligh of Grand Rapids' and Armstrong ...” N.d. Retailing Daily. Marked “DPR Collect Rush”; sent to Harriet Mackintosh.	Box 3	Folder 3
“Grand Rapids – Reports that Grand Rapids Chair Co. ...” October 15, 1956. Retailing Daily. Sent to HM [Harriet Mackintosh].	Box 3	Folder 3
“Holland, Mich., -- Changes in the sales staff of Sligh-Lowry ...” N.d. Home Furnishings Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 3

Subseries C. Furniture (Non-Local)

Title/Description	Instances	
“Ann Arbor, Mich. How does the consumer rate 'modern furniture' ...” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 4
“Ratings of key items in the exhibition of modern furniture ...” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 4

Subseries D. Shopping Center

Title/Description	Instances	
“Grand Rapids Downtown Hurt by New Center” September 4, 1968. Home Furnishings Daily. [Clipping.]	Box 3	Folder 5
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Although this city's central shopping ...” N.d. Women's Wear Daily, Store Modernization Assignment #1.	Box 3	Folder 5
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Downtown retail volume here has declined ...” July 14, 1968. Women's Wear Daily. Attached clipping: “Is Grand Rapids Over Stored?” / Philip deJourno. N.d.	Box 3	Folder 5
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- General contract for the proposed ...” N.d. Women's Wear Daily.	Box 3	Folder 5
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Opening here Wednesday ...” March 10, 1968. For Home Furnishings Daily, Women's Wear Daily, et. al.	Box 3	Folder 5

“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Parkthal Corporation, New York City, is ...” August 25, 1954. Women's Wear Daily. (2 copies; one with attached letter dated Sept. 8?, 1954, from Harriet Mackintosh).	Box 3	Folder 5
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Plans for a \$4,000,000 shopping center ...” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 5
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Three new units of Eberhard Supermarkets ...” N.d. SN (?)	Box 3	Folder 5
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Top executives of local department ...” March 6, 1956. Women's Wear Daily.	Box 3	Folder 5
“Redesigned to embrace three parking and shopping levels” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 5
“Woodland Mall May Siphon Downtown Detroit Customers.” March 26, 1968. [Clipping; unidentified source.]	Box 3	Folder 5

Subseries E. Other Companies (Not Furniture-Related)

Title/Description	Instances	
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- A net profit of \$179,852.86 on net sales ...” April 12, 1944. Daily News Record.	Box 3	Folder 6
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Globe Knitting Works made a net profit of ...” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 6

Subseries F. Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association

Title/Description	Instances	
“The furniture design room in the new multimillion dollar Grand Rapids Public library marks ...” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Furniture designers and their supplier guests from near ...” September 9, 1963. Home Furnishings Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids Designers.” Notes? N.d.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association annual outing at ...” September 1962.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids – Guido Alessandrini, staff designer ...” December 10, 1958. Home Furnishings Daily. Marked “DPR Collect”; sent to Harriet Mackintosh.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Franz Wagner of Chicago, vice president of ...” N.d. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- G. Jack Buzzitta of Stow & Davis ...” N.d. Retailing Daily. Marked “DPR Collect”; sent to Harriet Mackintosh.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- GR Furniture Designers Association at its ...” April 7, 1953. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7

“Grand Rapids, Mich. GR Furniture Designers association has ...” December 29, 1960. Home Furnishings Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Herbert Ten Have was elected president ...” December 1952 (2 copies, one edited).	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- In an eventful week, Grand Rapids ...” N.d. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- In this, its fiftieth year, the Grand Rapids ...” December 14, 1967. Home Furnishings Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Opening of a study room and work shop ...” September 14, 1955.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Robert Colleen, first year furniture ...” N.d. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Some of the grilling steaks ignited ...” September 17, 1956. Retailing Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Grand Rapids, Mich. -- The story of the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association is one ...” 1952. Retailing Daily, GR Diamond Jubilee issue.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Hope that a new and more appropriate name will be found for ...” N.d. Market Letter.	Box 3	Folder 7
“The new Furniture Design Room in the GR Public library is ...” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 7
“Panel Set for Furniture Forum.” N.d. Retailing Daily.	Box 3	Folder 7
“... secretary, Frank Fry ...” [front page of article missing]. N.d.	Box 3	Folder 7
“The wooded retreat of Frank Burton's cabin on Twin Lakes ...” September 10, 1960. Home Furnishings Daily/Furniture.	Box 3	Folder 7

Subseries G. Social Civic Club of Grand Rapids Township

Title/Description	Instances	
“A civic organization which, although little publicized ...” April 15, 1957.	Box 3	Folder 8
“A unique organization, the Social Civic Club of Grand Rapids ...” October 20, 1946. Grand Rapids Herald.	Box 3	Folder 8
“Believing that labor-management relations constitute one of ...” N.d.	Box 3	Folder 8

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Series III. Topical Research

Scope and Contents

Contains files of information, arranged by topic, probably gathered by Jessup as research for his writing. The vast majority of information in this series relates to the furniture industry, particularly Grand Rapids companies. This includes a large file on Charles R. Sligh, Jr., and several smaller files on other local manufacturers. Another sizable file unrelated to the furniture industry includes information on shopping centers, particularly local developments.

Subseries A. Furniture Museums

Title/Description	Instances	
University of Michigan Museum of Art, Exhibition of Modern Furniture	Box 3	Folder 9
Exhibit catalog. Modern Furniture, Mar. 4-Apr. 4, 1951. U. of Michigan, Museum of Art, Alumni Memorial Hall, Ann Arbor.	Box 3	Folder 9
1 typed sheet. ... Outlines for pictures of key items ...	Box 3	Folder 9
Letter. May 31, 1951. U. of M. letterhead. To L.F. Jessup, signed Jean Paul Slusser. RE Exhibit.	Box 3	Folder 9
Letter. June 11, 1951. To L.F. Jessup. Letterhead: CM Incorporated, Consultants to management. Signed Aarre K. Lahti.	Box 3	Folder 9
Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, "House of Today" Opening.	Box 3	Folder 10
Flyer. Grand Rapids Furniture Museum. Opened, Jan. 1st 1938.	Box 3	Folder 10
Flyer. House of Today : an exhibition of the First National Competition Interiors designed for Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, 1939 Competition, under the auspices of Interior Design and Decoration Magazine	Box 3	Folder 10
Clippings.	Box 3	Folder 10
Typed document RE museum contest.	Box 3	Folder 10
Letter. Dec. 20, 1941. RE opening of 3rd ed. of the House of Today and the Apartment of Today.	Box 3	Folder 10
Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, "House of Today" Opening. Photograph captions [photos with redundant copy of captions attached housed separately in Box 1, Folder 2].	Box 3	Folder 11
Flyer. Grand Rapids Furniture Museum. Opened, Jan. 1st 1938.	Box 3	Folder 11
Flyer. House of Today : an exhibition of the First National Competition Interiors designed for Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, 1939 Competition, under the auspices of Interior Design and Decoration Magazine Competition, under the auspices of Interior Design and Decoration Magazine	Box 3	Folder 11
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Typed document RE museum contest.	Box 3	Folder 11
Letter. Dec. 20, 1941. RE opening of 3rd ed. of the House of Today and the Apartment of Today.	Box 3	Folder 11

Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, "House of Today" Opening. Photograph captions [photos with redundant copy of captions attached housed separately in Box 1, Folder 2].	Box 3	Folder 11
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Subseries B. Charles R. Sligh, Jr.

Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical data on Sligh for Retailing Home Furnishings, probably by Jessup.	Box 3	Folder 12
Letter. Dec. 1, 1955. To Lawrence Jessup. Letterhead: Sligh Furniture. Signed Charles R. Sligh, Jr.	Box 3	Folder 12
Letter. Jan. 2, 1957. To Lawrence Jessup. Letterhead: Armstrong Furniture Co. Signed L. R. Mattson, Exec. Vice Pres. Brochure and business card attached.	Box 3	Folder 12
Miscellaneous papers.	Box 3	Folder 12
Newspaper clippings	Box 3	Folder 13
NAM News / National Assoc. of Manufacturers, July 15, 1950, v. 18, no. 28. With image of Charles R. Sligh, Jr., testifying to the Senate Finance Committee, as Chairman of NAM's Taxation Committee. Includes special report: "NAM Statement on Taxation," as presented to the Senate Finance Committee by Charles R. Sligh, Jr., NAM Director and Chairman, Taxation	Box 3	Folder 14
Travelog/correspondence? Copies of Letters by Charles R. Sligh, Jr., on European Trip—May 14-June 17, 1953. R.M.S. "Mauretania."	Box 3	Folder 15

Subseries C. Furniture Manufacturers (All Local)

Robert W. Irwin Company

Title/Description	Instances	
Flyer. "Why 20th Century American." N.d. / J. Stuart Clingman, Designer & VP, Robert W. Irwin Co.	Box 3	Folder 21
Correspondence on Robert W. Irwin Co. letterhead.	Box 3	Folder 21
Misc. writing and papers, including 1 article by Jessup.	Box 3	Folder 21
Robt. W. Irwin, complete biography. In GR Herald envelope.	Box 3	Folder 21
"Grand Rapids, Mich. -- Recapitalization of Robert W. Irwin Co. ..."]	Box 3	Folder 21

Imperial Furniture Company

Title/Description	Instances	
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Letter. June 22, 1939. To James Jessup, G.R. Furn. Exposition Assn. Letterhead: Imperial Furniture Company, Imperial Tables. Signed Bob Foote, Advertising Manager. On verso: Award of Merit. Rice Leaders of the World Assoc. to Imperial Furniture Co. June 17, 1937.	Box 3	Folder 20
Biographical Sketch of F. Stuart Foote (2 generations; one dated March 17, 1938).]	Box 3	Folder 20

Hekman Furniture Company

Title/Description	Instances	
Clipping. Jan. 2, 1939. Grand Rapids Herald. "Factory Addition is Being Built to Meet Space Needs."	Box 3	Folder 19

Charlotte Chair Company

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence. 1939-1940 (4). [Note: See Box 3, Folder 19 for related survey information.]	Box 3	Folder 18

Century Furniture Company

Title/Description	Instances	
Real Estate flyer. "This Choice Industrial Property ..." Has image of factory on front + site plan and stats.	Box 3	Folder 17
2 documents related to the Century Co. bankruptcy. Ca. 1943-44.	Box 3	Folder 17
1 information sheet RE the sale of the Century Furniture Co. plant.	Box 3	Folder 17

Baker Furniture, Inc.

Title/Description	Instances	
Notes	Box 3	Folder 16
Letter. July 6, 1939. To L.F. Jessup. Letterhead: Baker Furniture, Inc., Manufacturers. Signed Hallis S. Baker.	Box 3	Folder 16

Subseries D. Other Companies

Herpolsheimer's

Title/Description	Instances	
Memo with resume RE: Mr. Wm. Porter, new dept. manager of Housewares, China & Glass, Mar. 20, 1939.	Box 3	Folder 24
Comic tabloid newspaper type ad flyer. Oct. 16-25, no year. All Aboard! We're Going Places! ... [Caricature images, including: Charlie Ransford, Jim Van Stee, Paul Oltman, Bill Medema, Uncle John McKay, Fred Oltman]	Box 3	Folder 24

Globe Kitting Works	Box 3	Folder 23
Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Report to the Stockholders. Dec. 31, 1940		
Fleck's, Inc.	Box 3	Folder 22
Title/Description	Instances	
Fairchild Publications, Daily News Record / Women's Wear Daily. Correspondence and clippings RE Fleck's, Inc., bankruptcy.		
Subseries E. Shopping Center		
Title/Description	Instances	
Publication. The Center, 42nd & Center St., Omaha, Nebraska. Merchandising ... Attached typed article by Jessup.	Box 3	Folder 25
Publication. Types and Architectural Concepts of Shopping Centers / by Kenneth C. Welch, F.A.I.A. [See Coll. 151, Kenneth C. Welch Architecture and Design Collection, for more information about the author.]	Box 3	Folder 25
8x10 b/w photo of man looking at a large building. No ID. Verso has: Photograph by Kenneth C. Welch, 924 Grandville, S.W., G.R. [Photo housed separately in Box 1, Folder 19.]	Box 3	Folder 25
Clipping, October 27, 1957. Grand Rapids Herald. "Work on Wholesale Food Center Is Urged" / E. W. Murphy.	Box 3	Folder 25
Clipping, March 26, 1968. Unidentified source. "Woodland Mall May Siphon Downtown Detroit Customers" / Jim Jessup, Fairchild News Services. Attached note.	Box 3	Folder 25
Clipping, September 4, 1968. Home Furnishings Daily. "Grand Rapids Downtown Hurt by New Center" / Jim Jessup.	Box 3	Folder 25
Clipping, Rental Plan for Rogers Plaza, Grand Rapids. Thershov & Cerny, Inc. February 27, 1956.	Box 3	Folder 25
Other reports and correspondence, ca. 1955-1968.	Box 3	Folder 25
Subseries F. Misc. Research		
Title/Description	Instances	
Survey of Second or Third Generations Entering Furniture Firms Exhibiting at Grand Rapids. "Retailing, Home Furnishings" sheet.	Box 3	Folder 26
For Chas. P. Limbert Co., Holland, Mich. D.B.K. Van Raalte	Box 3	Folder 26
For Imperial Furniture Co., F. Stuart Foote.	Box 3	Folder 26
For Hekman Furniture Co., Henry Herman Jr.(?)	Box 3	Folder 26

Letter. July 14, 1939. To Herbert E. Brooks, Conant-Ball Co. From Retailing, Home Furnishings, GR Rep. [Jessup].	Box 3	Folder 26
Correspondence, notes, and articles.	Box 3	Folder 27
January 1941. The Reader's Digest, Vol. 38, No. 225. "Now I Am For the Churches" / Roger William Riis.	Box 3	Folder 27
Letter. April 28, 1938. To J.F. Jessup. Letterhead: Bruce Barton, 17th District New York, Congress of the United States, House of Representatives. Signed Bruce Barton.	Box 3	Folder 27
Other misc. papers.	Box 3	Folder 27

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Series IV. Publications

Scope and Contents

This series includes various booklets, flyers, trade catalogs, and other publications concerning furniture companies, particularly local ones. There are also a few miscellaneous publications unrelated to the furniture industry.

Subseries A. Furniture-Related Publications (Local)

Title/Description	Instances	
Baker : Wood is Counting Again, as Wood. N.d. (2 copies; 1 is torn). Reprinted from House Beautiful magazine. Includes "Palladian" style trade material with article.	Collection 232	Box 52
The Story of Baker Furniture : skilled hands make the difference. Booklet. N.d. (2 copies, one with notes in pencil on cover).	Box 3	Folder 29
The Baker Museum for Furniture Research. Keeler Building, G.R. Founded 1941 ... [Descriptive flyer with floor plan, including a reprint Decorative Accents / by Charles Messer Stow from the New York Sun, July 5, 1941.]	Box 3	Folder 30
Mailing card with trade information & order card. The "Nantucket" [furniture style] Elferdink's Nantucket Furniture Shop, Sawyer, Michigan, n.d. Has stamp: Sharrow Associates, 2961 Lake Dr., S.E, G.R.	Box 3	Folder 31
Booklet. The Romance that is Grand Rapids. Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. of GR. N.d.	Box 3	Folder 32
Trade catalog with letter. Grand Rapids Carvers, Inc. Fine Church & Architectural Carvings. N.d.	Box 3	Folder 33
Booklet. Grand Rapids Chair Co. move forward, 1872-1942. Dedicated to the American Home on Our Seventieth Anniversary, Oct. 1st, 1942.	Box 3	Folder 34

Booklet (2). The Story of Grand Rapids Furniture. GR Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. of GR. N.d.	Box 3	Folder 35
Trade catalog. For Informal Luxury, Kindel Cherry / Kindel Furniture Co. N.d.	Box 3	Folder 36
The Kornersole [table] n.d. Trade flyer. Michigan Artcraft Co., Sparta, MI.	Box 3	Folder 37
The Extensole [table] n.d. Trade flyer. Michigan Artcraft Co., Sparta, MI.	Box 3	Folder 37
The Serviteur [cabinet] n.d. Trade flyer. Michigan Artcraft Co., Sparta, MI.	Box 3	Folder 37
Trade lit. Gracious Living with Mueller Masterpieces / Mueller Furniture Co., G.R., n.d.	Box 3	Folder 38
Trade catalog. Widdicomb / designed by T.H. Robjohn-Gibbings. With Compliments John Folkema(?)	Box 3	Folder 39

The Baker Bugle. [serial]

Title/Description	Instances	
V. 1, no. 1, Oct. 1940 – front tear sheet only, with attached reprint of Baker Furniture Inc. ad from Furniture Age.	Box 3	Folder 28
V. 1, no. 2, Jan. 1941	Box 3	Folder 28
V. 1, no. 3, May 1941	Box 3	Folder 28
V. 1, no. 4, July 1941	Box 3	Folder 28
V. 2, no. 1, Jan. 1942	Box 3	Folder 28

Subseries B. Furniture-Related Publications (Non-Local)

Title/Description	Instances	
Trade flyer. Furniture with the Fancher Flair : the Cellini Collection. Fancher Furniture Co., Salamanca, N.Y.	Box 3	Folder 40
Trade lit. Victory House in American Traditional. Conant Ball Co., Gardner, Mass. 1 oversized sheet, folded in half. Numbered illustrations of furniture, with line to each piece's placement on a floor plan.	Box 3	Folder 41

Subseries C. Publications Unrelated to Furniture

Title/Description	Instances	
Flyers. American Legion and United World Federalists.	Box 3	Folder 42
Business Conditions : a review by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. June 1956.	Box 3	Folder 43
Flyer with maps. East Beltline Assoc. Public Hearing ... Sept. 28, 1972.	Box 3	Folder 44

Folding flyer. Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI.	Box 3	Folder 45
Homes for Birds. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Farmers' Bulletin No. 1456. Washington, D.C. : The Dept., July 195, rev. Jan. 1926.	Box 3	Folder 46
Folder originally labeled: Lower Monroe Project	Box 3	Folder 47
Publ. Planning with You / by the editors of the Architectural Forum. N.Y., N.Y. : Time, Inc., 1943.	Box 3	Folder 47
Publ. You and your neighborhood : a primer / by Oscar Stonorov and Louis I. Kahn. N.Y. : Revere Copper & Brass, Inc., 1944.	Box 3	Folder 47

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Series V. Organization-Related Materials

Scope and Contents

Included in this series are papers relating to the associations and organizations that Jessup interacted with. Articles written by Jessup about these groups have been removed to Series II and cross-referenced. Included are membership lists and directories, correspondence, notes, clippings, and other papers.

Subseries A. Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association

Title/Description	Instances	
Directories. Including published directories and lists of members, ca. 1953-1973, incomplete.	Box 4	Folder 1
1955 Flyer on the Assoc. (2) Article inside copied from article by L.F. Jessup in Diamond Jubilee Issue of Retailing Daily, 1952 [incorrectly cited].	Box 4	Folder 2
Annual Report, 1971. GR Furniture Designers Assoc. How We're Doing Financially.	Box 4	Folder 3
Invitation. GRPL, Sept. 14, 1955. GR Furniture Designers Workshop Opening.	Box 4	Folder 4
Newsletters. [serials] 1956-1972, incomplete.	Box 4	Folder 4
Correspondence, ballots, balance sheets, furniture room design, maps, 1955-1971, incomplete.	Box 4	Folder 5
Notes.	Box 4	Folder 6

Subseries B. Social Civic Club of Grand Rapids Township

Title/Description	Instances	
Tenth Anniversary Celebration	Box 4	Folder 7

Event program and menu. Cascade Hills Country Club, Oct. 23, 1946 (3).	Box 4	Folder 7
N.d. "Township Club 10 Years Old" (5). Unidentified source.	Box 4	Folder 7
April 16, 1957. Grand Rapids Press. "Township Social Civic Club To Mark 20th Anniversary" (2).	Box 4	Folder 7
By-laws, various generations (5).	Box 4	Folder 8
2 sheets of blank letterhead with 1 envelope.	Box 4	Folder 9
Letter. February 28, 1947. To L.F. Jessup. Letterhead: House of Representatives, Lansing, MI. Signed Charles R. Feenstra.	Box 4	Folder 9
Letter. February 25, 1948. To L.F. Jessup. Letterhead: Bartel J. Jonkman, 5th District Michigan, Congress of the United States, House of Representatives. Signed Bartel J. Jonkman.	Box 4	Folder 9
Letter. March 21, 1951. To L.F. Jessup, Corresponding Secretary. Letterhead: House of Representatives, Lansing, MI. Signed Thomas J. Whinery.	Box 4	Folder 9
Letter: March 16, 1951. To L.F. Jessup, Corr. Sec'y. Letterhead: The Senate, State of MI, Lansing. Signed Perry W. Greene.	Box 4	Folder 9
Sealed envelope. Postmarked February 3, 1953. To Mr. L.F. Jessup, Corresponding Secretary. From City of Grand Rapids, MI, Office of the Mayor.	Box 4	Folder 9
Letter. June 29, 1957. To Hon. Gerald R. Ford, Representative (addressed "Dear Jerry"). Signed Corresponding Secretary [Jessup].	Box 4	Folder 9
Letter. July 21, 1958. To L.F. Jessup. Letterhead: United States Dept. of Justice, FBI. Signed Harry G. Maynor, Special Agent in Charge.	Box 4	Folder 9
3 letters. To Irwin E. Stegmier. Signed Robert VanderLaan, Senator-31st District; Robert P. Griffin, U.S. Senator; and Richard F. Vander Veen, Member of Congress, respectively. Forwarded by Stegmier to L.F. Jessup on October 7, 1976 (envelope attached).	Box 4	Folder 9

Subseries C. Furniture Manufacturers Association of Grand Rapids

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Report of President and Counsel (2)	Box 4	Folder 10
March 13, 1945. [Formal publication]	Box 4	Folder 10
Feb. 13, 1940. Typed, 18 pgs.	Box 4	Folder 10

Subseries D. Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition Association

Title/Description	Instances	
Statement of Activities, Receipts and Expenditures ... June 1, 1931 to Apr. 1, 1932.	Box 4	Folder 11

Press Release, RE 124th Semi-Annual Exposition, 1939?	Box 4	Folder 11
Press Release, RE Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 1941 market.	Box 4	Folder 11
Bulletin [press release, on Association letterhead] RE: Oct.30-Nov. 1, 1939 market.	Box 4	Folder 11
Monthly Market Letter / GR Furniture Exposition. [serial] V. 1, no. 1, Aug. 1, 1939	Box 4	Folder 12
Monthly Market Letter / GR Furniture Exposition. [serial] V. 3, no. 8, Dec. 1, 1941	Box 4	Folder 12
Publication: Complete Directory, by Classification of Furniture and Kindred Products Obtainable at the Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition. N.d.	Box 4	Folder 12

Subseries E. North Park Improvement Association

Title/Description	Instances	
Flyers/newsletters (5).	Box 4	Folder 13

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Series VI. Photographs

Scope and Contents

Most of the photographs in this collection relate to the furniture industry, including images that were probably used in trade catalogs or news publications. Some of the images include attached, typed captions; others are stamped on the verso or otherwise identified. About half, however, contain no identification. Included is a set of snapshots taken at the funeral of Sen. Arthur Vandenberg at Park Congregational Church, and a group of furniture-related images by photographer Dale Rooks.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg's funeral. 1951. B/W images.

Title/Description	Instances	
Image 1. Funeral attendees outside church door. Some individuals identified on verso: VP Albin Barkley, Gov. G.M. Williams, Sen. Homer Ferguson, Dean Atcheson, Paul Goebel.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 2. Casket being carried past funeral attendees out of church. Identifications on verso: Bob Wilson, Russell Buck, Jack Fey.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 3. View of crowd from across street. Signs along road read "No Parking: Police Order."	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 4. Funeral attendees outside church door. Identifications on verso: Left to right: VP Barkley, Gov. William, Sen. Ferguson, Paul Goebel	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 5. Funeral attendees outside church door, looking into car/hearse? Identifications on verso: Carl Fowler—	Box 1	Folder 1

Widdicomb Furn. Co., Fred J. Vogh—Knappe & Vogh, Cong.
Clare Hoffman, Cong. Gerald Ford, Sen. Lodge (Mass.), Sen.
Milton Young, ND.

Image 6. Funeral attendees outside church door, looking into car/hearse? Identifications on verso: Hoffman, Ford, Lodge.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 7. Funeral attendees waiting outside church door.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 8. Funeral motorcade? View of street lined with crowds, buildings in the background.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 9. Funeral attendees outside church door, car/hearse? in foreground. Identifications on verso: Tom Whinery --State rep., Dist Judge Raymond Starr, Andrew Boll—State legislator, Prentiss M. Brown.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 10. Crowd's-eye view of funeral motorcade, a few bystanders in foreground. Firestone and Robinson Studio buildings on far side of street.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 11. Small group of funeral attendees standing outside church door. Identifications on verso: Dean Atchison, Sen. Saltonstall (Mass.), Sen. Greene? R.I., John Snyder, secy. of trade?, Averill Harriman?	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 12. Funeral attendees outside church door. Identifications on verso: Ted Booth, G. Rapids, Louis Neil—G.R. Herald—Pallbearer, Russell Buck—Sec. Salesman—Pallbearer, David Hunting?, Guy Spman.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 13. Funeral attendees outside church door.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 14. Funeral attendees outside church door, looking into car/hearse? Identifications on verso: Cong. Jesse Walcott, Port Huron, Cong. Louis Rabank?, Del., Cong. John Lesinski, Del., Cong. O'Brien, Del.	Box 1	Folder 1
Image 15. 8x10 reprint of Image 7. Removed from frame in processing.	Box 1	Folder 1

Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, “House of Today” Opening. December 26, 1941. (25 items)

Title/Description	Instances	
Image 1/A. Left to right: R. C. Butterfield, Grand Rapids attorney, Robert Grant, W.E. Browne Decorating Co., Atlanta, Ga., Norman P. Pendley, W.E. Browne Decorating Co., Hollis S. Baker, Holland, Mich., furniture manufacturer and GR banker.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 2/B. “Martin H. Carmody, Grand Rapids attorney ...” Henry Hekman, Hekman Furniture Co., Alexander T. Mc Fadyen, GR Association of Commerce, Earl W. Munshaw, State Sen..	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 3/D. “Among the early arrivals ...”	Box 1	Folder 2

Image 4/E. "F. Stuart Foote, head of the Imperial Furniture Co. ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 5/F. "Barry Stuart and Mrs. Stuart rested a moment ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 6/G. No attached caption. Identification on verso: Jos. P. Griswold?, pres. Widdicomb Furn. Co.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 7/H. "Mrs. John L. Kolle, wife of the decorator ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 8/I. "Seated in one of the colorful ... John L. Kolle ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 9/J. "C. Sophus Johnson ... Samuel G. Buckner ... and Robert W. Irwin ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 10/K. "Mr. John Hekman, president, Grand Rapids Association of Commerce ..." Also in photo: Samuel G. Buckner	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 11/L. "Mr. And Mrs. Ralph Morse ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 12/M. "John Merschom Brower, Grand Rapids furniture manufacturer and designer ..." Also in photo: Mrs. Hollis S. Baker, Mrs. Charles Kirchen.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 13/N. "Mrs. Ora Chadwick, left, and Mrs. T.W. Hefferan ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 14/O. "Mr. Carl Fowler, and his pretty wife, Ann ..." Also in photo: Mrs. Stuart Long.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 15/P. "Frank Lee, one of the nation's outstanding ..." Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Lee, unidentified young girl.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 16/Q. "Ray Spencer, traveler, art student and connoisseur ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 17/R. "That the museum opening ..." Pictured: Paul F. Steketee and his wife.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 18/S. "Among Grand Rapids celebrities attending ..." Pictured: Miss Esther Booth, Mrs. Edmund Booth, Betty Bowman.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 19/T. "Jack Weaver, 88-year-old craftsman ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 20/U. "Henry Walstrom, city commissioner ..." Also in photo: Mrs. Walstrom.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 21/V. "Charles Messer Stow, antiques editor ..." Also in photo: Mrs. Stow.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 22/W. "John Hekman, president of ..." Also in photo: Hugh J. Gray.	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 23/X. "Armen Kurkjian and Mrs. Kurkjian ..."	Box 1	Folder 2
Image 24/Y. "A shot from the second landing ..." Samuel G. Buckner, Robert W. Irwin, Mrs. T.W. Hefferan, John Hekman, C. Sophus Johnson, Charles J. Kindel, Sr., Thomas Kindel, Chalres J. Kindel, Jr.	Box 1	Folder 2

Image 25. 8x10 reprint of Image 8/I. Pictured: John L. Kolle.	Box 1	Folder 2
Interior of church with stained glass window and wood carvings. N.d. Originally found with Grand Rapids Carvers, Inc., trade catalog [housed separately in Box 4, Folder 8].	Box 1	Folder 3
Dale Rooks trade images of furniture. (15 items)		
Title/Description	Instances	
Image 1. 49E-2 11/11/52. "The Exhibitors building, one of two Grand Rapids furniture exhibition buildings ..."	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 2. 49J-14 N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 3. 50S-15 N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 4. 50S-16 N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 5. 50W-8 N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 6. 50W-9A N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 7. 52B-10 Jun. 10, 1953. Published in Michigan Tradesman?	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 8. 52B-20 Jun. 10, 1953. Published in Michigan Tradesman?	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 9. 52C-1 N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 10. 52C-7 N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 11. 52C-8 N.d. "Roll-Top Desk in Modern Design Introduced by Sligh."	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 12. 52G-2 N.d. "New Night Stands Added to Grand Rapids Chair Company's ..."	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 13. 53O-22 N.d.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 14. 53O-25 06/10/53.	Box 1	Folder 4
Image 15. 56J-4 N.d. #5023 Cocktail Table	Box 1	Folder 4
B/W trade images of furniture (6, with short typed captions loose in folder). Sept. 30, 1952. Stamp on verso: Grand Rapids Furniture Museum, 427 E. Fulton St.	Box 1	Folder 5
B/w image of furniture. N.d. Stamp on verso: Please credit GR Furniture News Bureau Photo.	Box 1	Folder 6
B/w image of furniture. N.d. "Walpole's Coronation Modern." ID number: 152-135.	Box 1	Folder 7
B/w images of furniture (2, 1 with typed caption on GR Furniture News) Bureau letterhead loose with photo in file: "Imperial Introduces New Sofa-Dinette Table." ID number: 152-73). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 8

B/w images of furniture. N.d. Stamp on verso: Hans Van Nes Photograph, NYC.	Box 1	Folder 9
Waters Building. Oct. 18 1952. B/w close-up of new building entrance.	Box 1	Folder 10
Wellington-Sears Co. Wholesale Department in New York, Towel Section. Jun. 4 1940. (3 b/w images, one with typed article attached).	Box 1	Folder 11
Sam Fletcher, Fletcher's Store. 1939. B/w portrait photo.	Box 1	Folder 12
B/w printed portrait photos, Unidentified man with mustache. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 13
B/w portrait photo proof, Laskey Studio. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 14
John Boukma, secretary, GR Furn. Designers Assoc. B/w portrait photo. Nov. 10 1952.	Box 1	Folder 14
GR Furniture Designers Assoc. Offices. B/w group photo. Nov. 1952. Left to right: Karl Schmidt, president, Charles Witman, treasurer, Ray Sobota, vice president.	Box 1	Folder 14
Image 4. Banquet scene. B/w photo, May 22 1957.	Box 1	Folder 14
Image 5. Presentation of gift to an older man. B/w photo, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 14
Exhibition of Modern Furniture, University of Michigan Museum of Art (3, including 2 charts/graphs of survey results). B/w images. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 15
Sepia Robinson Studio photos (7 items 8/30/2008). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 16
Images 1-3. Kentwood—Johnson Furn. Co. June 1939.	Box 1	Folder 17
Image 4. Dec. 30 1948.	Box 1	Folder 17
Image 5. Aug. 2 1950.	Box 1	Folder 17
Image 6. Steketees Bath Shop. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 17
Images 7-11. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 17
B/w Robinson Studio image of furniture. Herman Miller Furniture Co. June 1939.	Box 1	Folder 18
B/w shopping center photo. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 19
B/w images of furniture (5). Copyrighted by The Stylist Magazine. Jun. 10 1953.	Box 1	Folder 20
B/w photos. N.d. Drug store? interior. One marked with "Michigan Tradesman" on verso.	Box 1	Folder 21
B/w trade image of furniture. N.d. VKG 108½ Table ... Plate #120.	Box 1	Folder 22
B/w trade image. "Lazy-Daisy Revolving Spice Shelf in Kitchen Cabinet ... Manufactured by Lowry-Johnston Company ... Ann Arbor, Mich." N.d.	Box 1	Folder 23

B/w images, Grand Rapids Showrooms, Dean C. Woodard Furn. Co., Owosso, Mich. (5 8/30/2008)). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 24
B/w trade image, No. 860-1 Extensole Drop Leaf Table. N.d. (1 8/30/2008)	Box 1	Folder 25
Small b/w images of furniture (3 8/30/2008). Jul 22 1941. Marked P-125 A through P-125 C.	Box 1	Folder 26
B/W image, #233 Turtle Back chair. N.d. (1 8/30/2008)	Box 1	Folder 27
Jamestown Lounge Co. B/W images of furniture (2 8/30/2008). June 1939.	Box 1	Folder 28
Kamman Furniture, Inc. B/W trade images of furniture (2 8/30/2008). July 1941.	Box 1	Folder 29
Sepia image of furniture. Apr. 16 1940. (1 8/30/2008) Stamp on verso: Home Furnishings.	Box 1	Folder 30
Michigan Artcraft Co., Sparta. B/W trade images of furniture (3 8/30/2008). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 31
B/w trade images of furniture (4 small, 1 larger). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 32
B/w photo of man on ladder. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 33
B/w photos of man working on anvil in shop (2). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 34
B/w images of furniture (3). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 35
B/w images of furniture (2). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 36
B/w images of furniture (2). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 37
B/w images of furniture (2). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 38
Sepia images of furniture (2). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 39
B/w images (4). 1950 Carpet Fashion Opening, Apr. 17-27 [year?].	Box 1	Folder 40
B/w images of window treatments? (2). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 41
Sepia image of furniture. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 42
B/w trade images of furniture (2). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 42
B/w image of fish sculpture. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 42
B/w printed trade images of furniture, Michigan Chair Company. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 43
B/w images of furniture (3). N.d.	Box 1	Folder 44
Negative images of furniture, same photo shoot as images in folder 43 above (4). ID: Retailing Magazine, July 21, 1948.	Box 1	Folder 45
Original manila folder with James Bayne Co. return address/ logo. Pencil ID: Negatives of Guild Rooms, Jim Jessup.	Box 1	Folder 45
B/w Robinson Studio image of furniture. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 46

Negative of above image. N.d.	Box 1	Folder 46
Robert W. Irwin Co., Pendleton line (5). N.d.	Box 2	Folder 1
B/w images of furniture.	Box 2	Folder 1
B/w images (5). Dec. 31, 1937.	Box 2	Folder 1
Image 1. Mueller Furniture Co.	Box 2	Folder 2
Image 2. Berkey & Gay Furniture Co.	Box 2	Folder 2
Image 3. Widdicomb Furniture Co.	Box 2	Folder 2
Image 4. Grand Rapids Chair Co.	Box 2	Folder 2
Image 5. Imperial Furniture Co. Woman shown with furniture.	Box 2	Folder 2
B/w images of furniture (2). N.d.	Box 2	Folder 3
B/w trade images of furniture (2, 1 marked on back: Featured in Life's article "Furniture"). N.d.	Box 2	Folder 4
B/w trade image of furniture, Fine Arts Furniture Co., GR. N.d.	Box 2	Folder 5

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Series VII. Newspaper Clippings

Scope and Contents

The clippings are from Grand Rapids newspapers, as well as other publications for which Jessup wrote (including Retailing Daily and Home Furnishings Daily). Many deal with the local furniture industry and were probably gathered by Jessup for research purposes. Jessup may have written some of the articles himself, but citation information is missing from many of the clippings. Some clippings unrelated to the furniture industry are also present, including a large file concerning the McClintock / Shepherd "orphan murder case" of 1925.

Subseries A. Clippings Related to Furniture Industry

Title/Description	Instances	
"House of Today To Be Changed as Museum Closes" Grand Rapids Press. July 1939.	Box 4	Folder 14
"Death Takes J.G. Griswold" Grand Rapids Press. Feb. 15, 1941.	Box 4	Folder 14
"Earl M. Johnson New President of Furniture Guild" Grand Rapids Press. Feb. 27, 1941.	Box 4	Folder 14
"One Job, One Bench—57 Years" Grand Rapids Press. N.d.	Box 4	Folder 14
"Furniture Men Hail Fine Arts Building Plans" Grand Rapids Press. N.d.	Box 4	Folder 14
Grand Rapids Herald and unidentified sources. No author cited (19). N.d.	Box 4	Folder 15

January 18, 1970. Retailing. Several articles, no author cited.	Box 4	Folder 16
Full page tear sheet or broadside, source unknown, for Luce Furniture Factory/Michigan Chair Co. Both sides. N.d.	Box 4	Folder 17
N.d. Grand Rapids Market Daily. "Designers in Profile ... Henry F. Warren" / Mrs. Gerard LeDonne.	Box 4	Folder 18
December 3, 1949. "Local Furniture Designers Reorganize ..."	Box 4	Folder 18
February 11, 1951. Grand Rapids Herald. "Designer Recalls an Era ..." / Hugh Lago.	Box 4	Folder 18
November 4, 1952. Grand Rapids Herald. "Top Designer in New Post: Widdicomb Hires Clingman."	Box 4	Folder 18
January 1954. Grand Rapids Herald. "Contemporary Designer Warns: Don't Wipe Out the Past."	Box 4	Folder 18
March 14, 1955. Grand Rapids Press. "Furniture Browsing Room: Designers to Fix Room for Library Collection."	Box 4	Folder 18
September 9, 1955. Grand Rapids Press. "Appropriate Atmosphere: Designers, Furniture Books Get Library Home."	Box 4	Folder 18
December 17, 1956. Retailing Daily. "What Will You Buy at the January Markets..." Two-page spread.	Box 4	Folder 18
October 4, 1966. Home Furnishings Daily.	Box 4	Folder 18
December 10, 1967. Grand Rapids Press. "Our Wonderful New Library."	Box 4	Folder 18

Subseries B. Other Clippings

Title/Description	Instances	
Grand Rapids Press and unidentified sources (19).	Box 4	Folder 19
Grand Rapids Herald and unidentified sources (4).	Box 4	Folder 20
Ca. March 1925. Numerous clippings from Grand Rapids Press, Chicago.	Box 4	Folder 21
Apr. 5, 1945. Women's Wear Daily.	Box 4	Folder 22
Article reprinted by Republic Aviation Corporation: Nov. 6, 1944. Aviation News. "Republic Develops New Tooling Process."	Box 4	Folder 23

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Series VIII. Ephemera / Miscellaneous

Scope and Contents

This series includes postcards, a newspaper ad ink imprinting board, the 1920 Style Book of the Grand Rapids Press, and a few other miscellaneous items.

Title/Description	Instances	
Photo postcards with blue tinting (6). Auburn Post Card Mfg. Co., Auburn, Ind. N.d. Appear to have sent at the same time; together provide a sequential message. No signature. To "Jimmy."	Box 4	Folder 24
Newspaper ad ink imprinting board. "Widdicomb"—in crayon on the top margin.	Box 4	Folder 25
Blue Book Association of Men's Stores	Box 4	Folder 26
Style Book of the Grand Rapids Press, 1920 [writing style] (2 copies, one with "Don E. Klinger" typed on the front).	Box 4	Folder 27
Drawing on yellow tissue. 2 images of cabinet or desk, unidentified.	Box 4	Folder 28

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