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# Finding aid for the Giacomo "Jack" Buzzitta Stow and Davis furniture design collection Collection 361

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids History Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Buzzitta, Giacomo (Jack)
<b>Title:</b>	Giacomo "Jack" Buzzitta Stow and Davis furniture design collection
<b>ID:</b>	Collection 361
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1950s-1980s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	15.6 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Giacomo "Jack" Buzzitta (1910-1989) was a furniture designer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He designed for Stow & Davis for the majority of his career, from 1936 until his retirement in 1975. This collection includes furniture drawings and technical specifications completed by Buzzitta for Stow & Davis. Also included are catalogs and photographs relating to Stow & Davis, Widdicomb and Irwin furniture, as well as photographs from the periodical Good Furniture.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Giacomo Buzzitta was born in De Monti San Guilano, Italy (Feb. 2, 1910-Oct. ? 1989), son of Luigi and Leonarda Bonfiglio Buzzitta. He was one of four children, including brothers Andrew, Vincent and Frank, and sister Louisa. The family immigrated to the United States around 1916, coming to Grand Rapids, where Luigi worked for the rest of his life at the American Boxboard Co. The children went to St. Andrews School. Later Frank would become a foreman for John Widdicomb Furniture Co., and Andrew and Vincent would work as carpenters for the Pere Marquette Railroad.

Giacomo Buzzitta became "Jack" after immigrating to America. He attend Davis Technical & Vocational High School, the same George Davis here who was a found of Stow & Davis where he later worked. He learned the basics of drawing and furniture design there. But his greatest early influence was family friend, Italian sculptor Riccardo Lamoueci, who worked for Berkey & Gay and began helping and encouraging Jack even before High School. Following Davis

Tech, Jack Buzzitta studied at Grand Rapids Junior College, and then at what is now Kendall College.

At age 14, Jack had gotten a part-time job at the H.E. Shaw Furniture Co. doing detail work on period furniture drawings. Next he moved to the John Widdicomb Furniture Co., where Ralph Widdicomb taught him to look at furniture in a different way than the ornate period styles of his last position. Following this Jack worked for Macey Furniture Co., designing office furniture. He also worked as a consultant for Metal Office Furniture Co. (later Steelcase), designing their first line of metal chairs.

In 1931 Jack joined the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association. For more information on his activities within this organization, the reader can see the separate archival Coll. 204, for this organization, at the Grand Rapids Public Library, as well as the Furniture Design Book Collection.

In 1936, with some 84 furniture companies in Grand Rapids, Buzzitta began working at Stow-Davis Furniture Co. He is said to have been the first full-time office furniture designer in the country, at that time. He officially retired from that firm in 1975 due to ill health, though he was later able to do part-time consulting. His longevity with the company was also marked by the longevity of the firm in Grand Rapids, while many others ceased operation or moved elsewhere. Except for the brief time with Metal Office Furniture, Buzzitta's work was with wood, which he learned to respect as a material from Ralph Widdicomb, and is said to have loved the most next to his family.

In 1955, working with Donald Kohlstedt, then head of the Grand Rapids Public Library, Buzzitta established what he referred to as the Furniture Designers Workshop in March of 1955. Space was given by the Library, and Buzzitta led the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers Association to donate some 2,000 books. The Library in turn, brought to the collection unique design titles which had been in their collections since the 1920s. Buzzitta continued to lobby for donations to add to that collection throughout his life. The Furniture Design Book Collection is currently housed in one of the tower rooms, within the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections department, of the Grand Rapids Public Library.

In 1936 Jack Buzzitta married Anna Sarnicola. They had two daughters, Leona, who married James Meneghin, and Mary Ann, who married Daniel Dennis. Meneghini had done an internship with Jack Buzzitta before becoming an architect and later an instructor in architecture at the University of Michigan. Youngest daughter Mary Ann and her husband lived and worked in Grandville.

Jack Buzzitta died in October of 1989, having outlasted all of his siblings, and his parents who had died during the Word War II era.

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## Scope and Contents

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The photographs in folders labeled "John Widdicomb" were sorted by furniture type and product line, and matched to the Widdicomb trade catalogues in collection 232. Those that matched were put into Box 10 and labeled with the corresponding publication from 232. There remains a large group of photos that did not match, which have product numbers above #1756. They are sorted into folders by furniture type or by product line.

The majority of photographs are affiliated with the Good Furniture Magazine which was published in Grand Rapids by the Dean Hicks Company. It is yet to be determined why these photographs would have been in the possession of Mr. Buzzitta. The backs of these photos have either been stamped with "Good Furniture" and a publication month and year, or they just have the date. That date designates the issue of the magazine in which that particular photo was used. Locating the issue will provide the reader with information about the object of the photo.

The Good Furniture-related photos have been placed into boxes by furniture type, but are not described at the folder level due to the remoteness of their connection to Grand Rapids. Some topics overlap, and the objects in some photos may have been misfiled due to the lack of identification on the reverse side of the photo. It is not always possible to distinguish between tapestries and rugs, drapery material and wallpaper, for example.

The photographs which are not identified to a Good Furniture issue have been put in separate boxes, also not described at the folder level.

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Giacomo Buzzitta, followed by Mrs. Giacomo Buzzitta. Accession numbers 1986.4001, 1992.012, 1993.011.

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## Related Materials

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Coll. 054-23-46 People photo, may be Buzzitta.

Coll. 204, GR Furniture Designers Association Collection. Buzzitta is in scrapbooks and albums, see 204-11-5 (group photo), 204-3-6, 204-3-14, 204-3-33, 204-3/40, 204-3-72, 204-3-76 (photos). Also clippings.

Coll. 232, GRPL Furniture Trade Catalog Collection. Furniture trade catalogs from the original uninventoried Buzzitta gift are believed to have been removed for placement with other departmental furniture trade catalogs. Evidence of Buzzitta's name on various items in Coll. 232 is the best evidence.

"Good Furniture" furniture periodical, located on the public service floor of Grand Rapids History & Special Collections. Select, if not all volumes of this title have Buzzitta's ID, and these are believed to also have come to the department with the 1993 gift. These holdings are also described in Coll. 233.

Coll. 233, GRPL Furniture Industry Collection. Includes the oversized original Thorne Room Graphic Illustrations, used in Good Furniture magazine and other Grand Rapids furniture periodicals.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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

- Stow & Davis

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I. Biographical

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical information, Jack Buzzitta	Box 1	Folder 1

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### Series II. Stow & Davis

#### Trade Catalogues

Title/Description	Instances	
Stow/Davis	Box 2	Folder 1

#### General

"A collection of contemporary seating pieces, designed and crafted to meet the exacting needs of the specifier and client." First 62 pages (3-64) are in contemporary section, furniture photos with catalogue number, name and dimensions, page 65 is for notes. Traditional section has 21 pages (67-87), p 71 has section cut out of it, p 75-78 are wrinkled. Final page is index by catalogue number. 2 Copies of the catalogue, G Jack Buzzitta signature on cover of one. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.

Conference Tables	Box 2	Folder 2
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#### General

a) "Conference Tables" folder with 4 cards showing drawings and photos of the tables. Brochure cover is disassembled. b) "Conference Tables" four page brochure plus cover with photos of the tables in office settings, model numbers and dimensions. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.

Traditional	Box 2	Folder 3
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#### General

"Stow & Davis Traditional" folder with 8 cards – York Suite desks, bookcase, cabinet, tables, accessories; Georgian desks, tables, cabinets, bookcase, accessories; Adam, American Colonial and

Sherwood; Traditional occasional tables (2 cards). Cards are all drawings with dimensions and model numbers. Included is an extra set of covers without the cards. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.

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American Colonial	Box 2	Folder 4
<b>General</b>		
"The American Colonial Group" folder with a card that contains drawings. 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Stow & Davis Progression II	Box 2	Folder 5
<b>General</b>		
a) "Progression 2" folder with 6 cards showing different models of desks, bookcases, cabinet and service units, tops, accessories, tables; b) Same as 'a' but disassembled and punched; c) "The Progression II Grouping" Harwood Executive; catalogue with photos in office settings and individual pieces; drawings in the back with dimensions and model numbers; brochure with loose-leaf format, three-hole punched. 16 pp plus covers. d) same as 'c' without cover. All brochures 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Stow & Davis Progression III	Box 2	Folder 6
<b>General</b>		
a) "Progression 3" folder with 10 cards showing different models of desks, pedestals, secretarial units, occasional tables, cabinet and service units, bookcases, accessories, tables; Brochure cover is disassembled; b)"The Harwood Group, progression III" foldout brochure of tables, desks, service units, bookcases, cabinets; inserted sheet of "New Numbers of Styles Illustrated". All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Harwood Group	Box 2	Folder 7
<b>General</b>		
a) "The Harwood Group by Stow & Davis" Eleven page brochure plus cover with items shown in office settings and individual pictures. b) same as 'a' without cover. c) pp 5-8 of brochure from Harwood Group II. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Sigma	Box 2	Folder 8
<b>General</b>		
a) "Stow & Davis Sigma" folder with 5 cards showing different models of desks, cabinets, cabinet and service units, tops, occasional tables, light panels. Brochure cover is disassembled. b) "The Sigma		

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Series" foldout brochure showing office photos and furniture drawings. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.

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Predictor	Box 2	Folder 9
<b>General</b>		
a) "Stow & Davis Predictor" folder with 4 cards showing different models of desks, tables, cabinet units, and tops. Brochure cover is disassembled. b) "The Predictor Series" foldout brochure showing photographs and overhead drawings. Marked up with red pencil notes. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Executive	Box 2	Folder 10
<b>General</b>		
"The Executive Group" four page brochure plus cover showing photos and drawings and descriptions which include dimensions. 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Seating	Box 2	Folder 11
<b>General</b>		
a) "Stow & Davis Executive Seating" folder with 12 cards of photos and drawings, model numbers, dimensions. Brochure cover is disassembled. b) "Executive Seating Pieces" foldout brochure with individual photos, model numbers and dimensions. c) "Stow & Davis" 12 page brochure of chairs, club chairs and sofas. Both individual and office setting photos with dimensions; d) one loose page of chair photos. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Kent	Box 2	Folder 12
<b>General</b>		
a) "Stow & Davis Kent" folder with 5 cards containing drawings and photos of desks, cabinet and service units, bookcases, tables, tops and bases, accessories, supports, occasional tables. Folder is disassembled. b) "The Kent Group" foldout brochure with photos, descriptions, model numbers and dimensions. c) "The Kent No. 200 Group" spiral-bound booklet of 5 sheets; Introduction, General Specifications (3pp) and foldout of drawings with shadings, model numbers and dimensions. Introduction mentions Buzzitta as designer. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.		
York	Box 2	Folder 13

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**General**

"The York Group" folder with 2 cards of desks, bookcase, cabinet, tables, accessories. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.

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Adam

Box 2

Folder 14

**General**

"The Adam Group" folder with a card that contains drawings. 21.5cm X 28cm.

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Sherwood

Box 2

Folder 15

**General**

"The Sherwood Group" folder with a card that contains drawings. 21.5cm X 28cm.

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Georgian

Box 2

Folder 16

**General**

"The Georgian Group" folder with 2 cards that contains drawings of desks, tables, cabinets, bookcase, accessories. 21.5cm X 28cm.

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Tuscan

Box 2

Folder 17

**General**

"The Tuscan Group" folder (no cards) with photos, descriptions, model numbers and dimensions. 21.5cm X 28cm.

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Tempo 8

Box 2

Folder 18

**General**

"Tempo 8" 18 page brochure including color two-page office setting photos, drawings with specs of desks, secretarial, credenzas, chairs, occasional tables, seating, sofas, settees, club chairs. Also a stray furniture drawing of a front corner bracket. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.

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Signet

Box 2

Folder 19

**General**

"Signet" a) Trifold catalogue. b) Trifold catalogue. c) Signet price list. d) Two-page bulletin from Bob Stoll, VP Sales announcing photos of new additions to the line; e) 29 loose pages, single item in each,

some pages are duplicates. All materials 21.5cm X 28cm.

Misc Catalogue Pages	Box 2	Folder 20
<b>General</b>		
71 Loose pages from catalogue, some printed on photo paper. Stow Davis Furniture with product line number and dimensions printed on the page. Seemingly in furniture type order. 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Accuride Catalogue	Box 2	Folder 21
<b>General</b>		
"Designing with Slides." Relationship to Stow Davis: Must have used these in their drawer assemblies. 21.5cm X 28cm.		
Accuride Catalogue	Box 2	Folder 22
<b>General</b>		
Manual of Specifications: Accuride division of Standard Precision Inc, manufactures precision ball bearing slide mechanisms. Loose-leaf catalogue, three-hole punched with section dividers. 21.5cm X 28cm.		

## Furniture Drawings and Specifications

Title/Description	Instances	
Chairs; Side, No Arms	Box 3	Folder 1
Chairs; Arm, No Swivel	Box 3	Folder 2
Chairs; Swivel, No Arms or Steno	Box 3	Folder 3
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Chairs; Swivel, Upholstered, Upholstered Arms	Box 3	Folder 6
Chairs; Swivel, Arms, Upholstered, High Back or Posture	Box 3	Folder 7
Chairs; Swivel, Arms, Upholstered, Rounded Back	Box 3	Folder 8
Club Chairs, Settees, Sofas. Series 100-102, 220-222, 320-322, 560-562, 2220, 2280-2286, 2310	Box 3	Folder 9
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"2000" - Desks – Furniture Drawings	Box 6	Folder 2
"2000" - Tables – Furniture Drawings	Box 6	Folder 3
"2000" - Cabinets – Furniture Drawings	Box 6	Folder 4
"2000" - Misc – Furniture Drawings. Drawer, Letter tray, Racks, Corner Filler, Wastebasket	Box 6	Folder 5
"3200" - Desks – Furniture Drawings	Box 6	Folder 6
"3200" - Tables – Furniture Drawings	Box 6	Folder 7
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"3300" - Cabinets – Furniture Drawings	Box 6	Folder 13
"3300" - Secretaries – Furniture Drawings	Box 6	Folder 14
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"4000" - Tables – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 2
"4000" - Cabinets – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 3
"4000" - Secretaries – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 4
"4000" - Misc – Free End, Letter Tray, Waste Basket	Box 7	Folder 5
"4000" - Parts Lists	Box 7	Folder 6
"4000" - Price Lists	Box 7	Folder 7
"4000" - Line Approvals, Ass'y Nos	Box 7	Folder 8
"5100" - Desks – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 9
"5100" - Tables – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 10
"5100" - Cabinets – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 11
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"5300" - Credenza - Parts Lists	Box 7	Folder 36
"5400" - Desk – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 21
"5400" - Table – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 22
"5400" - Cabinet – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 23
"5400" - Secretary – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 24
"5400" - Parts Lists	Box 7	Folder 25
"5500" - Price List	Box 7	Folder 26
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"5600" - Tables – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 28
"5600" - Cabinets – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 29
"5600" - Secretaries – Furniture Drawings	Box 7	Folder 30
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"5600" - Line Approvals	Box 7	Folder 33
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"5700" - Parts Lists, Price List	Box 7	Folder 35
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"6000" - Tables - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 2
"6000" - Cabinets a - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 3
"6000" - Cabinets b - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 4
"6000" - Components - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 5
"6000" - Secretaries - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 6
"6100" - Desks - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 7
"6100" - Tables - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 8
"6100" - Cabinets - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 9
"6100" - Secretaries - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 8	Folder 10
"6100" - Misc - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists; Stationary Rack, Common Tops, Bookcase, Accessories	Box 8	Folder 11

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"6000" "6100" - Assy # Catalogues	Box 8	Folder 14
"6000" "6100" - Photographs	Box 8	Folder 15
"6400" - Desks - Furniture Drawings	Box 9	Folder 1
"6400" - Cabinets - Furniture Drawings	Box 9	Folder 2
"6400" - Misc - Furniture Drawings; Wastebasket, Rack, Pencil Tray, Drawers	Box 9	Folder 3
"6400" - Parts Lists	Box 9	Folder 4
"6400" - Line Approvals	Box 9	Folder 5
"6400" - Assy # Catalogues	Box 9	Folder 6
"7000" - Desks - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 9	Folder 7
"7000" - Credenzas - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists	Box 9	Folder 8
"7000" - Accessories for Desks - Furniture Drawings, Parts Lists. Precision Lock Catalogue	Box 9	Folder 9
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"8000" - Parts Lists	Box 9	Folder 11
"9000" - Desks - Furniture Drawings	Box 9	Folder 12
"9000" - Tables - Furniture Drawings	Box 9	Folder 13
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## Series III. Other Grand Rapids Furniture Companies

### Widdicomb, from Catalogue 232-20-13

Title/Description	Instances	
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John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. brochures #6 - #8; product lines #100 and 1675	Box 10	Folder 2
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. brochures #9 - #13; product lines 1676-1680	Box 10	Folder 3
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. brochures #14 - #17; product lines 1681, 1682, 1700, 1701	Box 10	Folder 4
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. brochures #18 - #20; product lines 1702-1704	Box 10	Folder 5
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. brochures #21 - #23; product lines 1705, 1708, 1709	Box 10	Folder 6
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. brochures #24 - #27; product lines 1725-1727, 1750/1756	Box 10	Folder 7
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. brochures #28 - #31; product lines 1751-1754	Box 10	Folder 8

### Widdicomb, not from a catalogue

Title/Description	Instances	
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1531, 1576, 1585	Box 11	Folder 1
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John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1680-1683	Box 11	Folder 3
John Widdicomb Furniture (assumed); Photographs. Product lines 1651, 1730-1750	Box 10	Folder 9
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1701, 1750-1753	Box 11	Folder 4



John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1754-1757	Box 11	Folder 5
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1776, 1777, 1801, 1824	Box 11	Folder 6
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1875, 1876	Box 11	Folder 7
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1877-1878	Box 11	Folder 8
John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1880, 1882	Box 11	Folder 9
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John Widdicomb Furniture; Photographs. Product lines 1885, 1887	Box 12	Folder 2
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## Irwin, Johnson

Title/Description	Instances	
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Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Sideboards, Servers	Box 13	Folder 5
Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Desk, Mirror, Bookcases, Cabinets	Box 13	Folder 6
Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Living Rooms	Box 13	Folder 7
Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Dining Rooms	Box 13	Folder 8

Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Bedrooms (1)	Box 13	Folder 9
Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Bedrooms (2)	Box 13	Folder 10
Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Office / Sitting Area	Box 13	Folder 11
Irwin Furniture Factory; Photographs – World War II	Box 13	Folder 12
Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Show Rooms	Box 13	Folder 13
Irwin Furniture; Photographs – Misc	Box 13	Folder 14
Johnson Furniture; Photographs – Individual pieces in catalogue format; Cabinets, desks, tables, commodes, sideboards, arranged in product number order, 3157 - 3398	Box 13	Folder 15
Johnson Furniture; Photographs – Room settings	Box 13	Folder 16

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## Series IV. Non-Grand Rapids Furniture

### - Photographs identified to "Good Furniture" Magazine

Title/Description	Instances
Furniture Photos; Sideboards, wardrobes, cabinets, desks, bureaus, cupboards, secretaries; randomly placed in the folders.	Box 14
Furniture Photos; Sideboards, wardrobes, cabinets, desks, bureaus, cupboards, secretaries; randomly placed in the folders. Beds in separate folders.	Box 15
Furniture Photos; Chests, Boxes	Box 16
Furniture Photos; Modern – as designated in original collection; randomly placed in the folders.	Box 17
Furniture Photos; Wicker furniture incl. Heywood Wakefield, Ypsilanti Reed, Northfield; Pianos	Box 18
Accessory Photos; Rugs, Carpet, Tapestries	Box 19
Accessory Photos; Draperies, Textiles; (some may be tapestries, some may actually be wallpaper)	Box 20
Accessory Photos; Drapery displays, Window treatments, Drapery Accessories, Textile factory, Small woven items	Box 21
Accessory Photos; Embroidery, Stumpwork, Lace, Openwork, Batik, Garments	Box 22
Accessory Photos; Wallpapers, Wall décor, Screens	Box 23
Accessory Photos; Candlesticks, Lamps, Clocks, Ceramics, Pottery, Glassware, Metalwork, Misc	Box 24

Accessory Photos; Fireplaces, Mirrors, Doors and Gates, Stained Glass	Box 25
Accessory Photos; Artwork, Altman Collection, Tiles and Mosaics, Sculpture, Drawings, Chinese Art from American Museum of Natural History, Architectural Photos from a Book and Misc.	Box 26
Furniture Photos, Drawings; Chairs; Original Drawings of Interiors – hand painted	Box 27
Furniture Photos; Views of Rooms and Interiors some of which are identified to a specific location on the back	Box 28
Furniture Photos; Views of Rooms and Interiors some of which are identified to a specific location on the back; The Pennsylvania Hotel, Showrooms	Box 29
Photos; Outdoor Views that show architecture, landscapes, etc; some are identified to a specific location.	Box 30
Furniture Photos; Large furniture, chests, wicker, chairs	Box 31
Furniture Photos; Accessories: Textiles, tapestries, lamps, metal pieces, mirrors, misc.	Box 32
Furniture Photos; Large furniture, pianos, dressers, bureaus; All of these photos are mounted on heavy cardboard	Box 33
Photos; Interior and Outdoor views, misc. magazine pages	Box 34

**- Photographs not identified to "Good Furniture" Magazine (Some may be Irwin, Widdicomb, etc, but not so identified)**

Title/Description	Instances
Furniture Photos; Beds, wicker, lamps, chairs, modern furn, heavy furn, chests, tapestries, textiles, wallpapers, wall décor, pottery, ceramic, silver	Box 35
Furniture Photos; Fulton-Lawson Photog, Boulogne' Seine Photog, Michael Dawn, Heald & Son, JDW Stark, Ypsilanti-Reed, Heywood-Wakefield, Gordon Russell, Raleigh Furn, Showrooms, Interior views, Outdoor views, Paris Photog, French, Hollywood-related, Altman Exhibition; Misc including postcards	Box 36
Furniture Photos; Misc Oversized Photos	Box 37

**Miscellaneous**

Title/Description	Instances
Book: "Decorative Furniture" by George Leland Hunter; Grand Rapids, Good Furniture Magazine; Pub. Dean-Hicks Company, 1923. Three copies exist in the library.	Box 38

Loose-Leaf catalogue from Monarch Furniture Company in High Point, NC; Includes section of fabric samples.	Box 38
Loose-Leaf Catalogue from Stow-Davis, Grand Rapids, MI (2 copies with some content the same, some is different); Includes wood and fabric samples. Dates prob. 1971-1973	Box 38
Bound copies of Prestige Magazine: (quarterly). Years 1952, 1954 (2), 1958, 1964.	Box 38
Single courtesy copy of Prestige Magazine, planning issue, 1960, containing picture of Jack Buzzitta and quotation from him about Elegance.	Box 38
Advertising information from Thomas Blueprint Shop	Box 38
Brochure on MarliteWood and Marble	Box 38
Article from Grand Rapids (Magazine?), June 1975 on Saloons and Prohibition	Box 38
Pages from GR Press, Feb 15, 1976 abt. Berkey & Gay bed.	Box 38
Folder of misc. loose papers	Box 38
Rogers-Meyers Furniture, sun room display	Box 38
Living room display, unidentified furniture company	Box 38

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