

# Finding Aid for the DeEscott Jack Green papers collection 537

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids History Center
<b>Source - Donor:</b>	Melcher, Esther M. (1917-1996)
<b>Creator:</b>	Malloy, Frank J.
<b>Title:</b>	DeEscott Green papers
<b>ID:</b>	collection 537
<b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>	/repositories/4/resources/769
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1939-1962
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.25 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Frank J. Malloy and DeEscott "Jack" Green were international business acquaintances who later became friends, as evidenced by this small collection of letters dating from 1939 to 1956. Jack Green (1888–1962) was born in Ionia, Michigan, and worked for American Seating, primarily in the company's New York offices. During the Second World War, he served as a metals inspector for the War Production Board. Frank Malloy, born in Britain in 1916, later became an American citizen. Only Malloy's letters to Green survive. The collection also contains several additional pieces of correspondence, most notably a letter of recommendation for Green from Jim VerMeulen, Vice President and General Sales Manager of American Seating. This letter provides further biographical information about Green and refers to his close friendship with Malloy. Researchers interested in sales at the American Seating Company, in DeEscott Green or Frank J. Malloy, or in British experiences during the Second World War may find this collection especially useful.</p>

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## Biographical / Historical

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DeEscott "Jack" Green was born in Ionia, Michigan, in 1888 to Charles Russell and Nellie Green. He married Norma Inez (née Banks) Welch (1880–1959) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1913. The couple had no children of their own but served as foster parents.

From 1920 to 1935, Jack owned the Gravens-Green Picture Frame Company in West Virginia before returning to Grand Rapids as a sales representative for American Seating Company. After a short time, Jack was transferred to American Seating's New York office until 1942, when he went to work for the War Production Board, serving as a metals inspector for various war plants. Prior to retirement, Jack was the owner of the Home Fire Extinguisher Supply Company in Grand Rapids for 15 years. Jack died of cancer in 1962, and donated his body to the University of Michigan.

Frank J. Malloy was born about 1916 in the United Kingdom. An advisor to Winston Churchill, Frank became an American citizen in the 1950s and moved to New York City.

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## Content Description

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This small collection contains mainly letters written from English businessman Frank J. Malloy to Grand Rapids resident and American Seating sales representative, DeEscott "Jack" Green from 1939 to 1956. Also included is a letter of recommendation for Jack Green from Jim VerMeulen of American Seating Company and letters written to the collection's donor, Esther Melcher, following Green's death in 1962.

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## Administrative Information

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Esther M. Melcher (1917-1996), friend of DeEscott "Jack" Green, donated these letters in 1985. Accession 2025.038

## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open and available for researcher use.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Biography
- Furniture industry and trade -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- World War, 1939-1945
- Melcher, Esther M. (1917-1996)
- Green, DeEscott "Jack" (1888-1962)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Biographical

ID [[aspace\\_uri](#)]: /repositories/4/archival\_objects/196516

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter of recommendation for D.E. Green from James M. VerMeulen, Vice-President and General Sales Manager, American Seating, 1952	Box 1	Folder 1
ID [ <a href="#">aspace_uri</a> ]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196519		

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### Letters from Frank J. Malloy

ID [[aspace\\_uri](#)]: /repositories/4/archival\_objects/196517

Title/Description	Instances	
from 10 Stratford Pl, London, England, 1939	Box 1	Folder 2

ID [aspace\_uri]: /repositories/4/archival\_objects/196520

from 10 Stratford Pl, London, England, 1941 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196521	Box 1	Folder 3
from 10 Stratford Pl, London, England, 1946 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196522	Box 1	Folder 4
from 10 Stratford Pl, London, England, 1947 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196523	Box 1	Folder 5
from Northeast Maryland, United States, 1948 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196524	Box 1	Folder 6
from Hotel Statler, Detroit, Michigan, 1948 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196527	Box 1	Folder 6
from Windsor Hotel, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada, 1948 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196528	Box 1	Folder 6
from U.S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, California, 1948 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196529	Box 1	Folder 6
from 77 Park Ave, New York, NY, 1949-1950 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196525	Box 1	Folder 7
The Bittner System of Construction, mailed to Green, forwarded by J. M. Vermeulen, 1956 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196530	Box 1	Folder 8
Christmas message from Frank and Molly Malloy, 1956 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196526	Box 1	Folder 8

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## Letters to Esther Melcher

ID [aspace\_uri]: /repositories/4/archival\_objects/196518

Title/Description	Instances	
from Norma C. Hay, 1962 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196531	Box 1	Folder 9
from Frank J. Malloy, 1962 ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/4/archival_objects/196532	Box 1	Folder 9

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