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Miller House and Garden Collection, 1953-2009 | Indianapolis Museum of Art Archives

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Collection Overview

Title: Miller House and Garden Collection, 1953-2009

Primary Creator: Irwin Management Company Inc.

Other Creators: Miller, J. Irwin (1909-2004), Miller, Xenia S. (1918-2008)

Extent: 335.0 Linear Feet.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in five series: I. Files, II. Photographs, III. Drawings, IV. Material Samples, and V. Non-Miller House and Garden materials.

Date Acquired: 09/11/2009

Languages: English

Scope and Contents of the Materials

The Miller House and Garden Papers contain materials documenting the design, construction, history, and maintenance of the residence over a period of over 50 years from 1953 to 2009. The materials reflect the design work of Eero Saarinen [1910-1961], Dan Kiley [1912-2004], and Alexander Girard [1907-1993], and also the involvement of J. Irwin Miller [1917-2008] and his wife Xenia Simons Miller [1917-2008] in shaping their home and garden. The collection includes four categories of materials: documents, drawings, photographs, and materials samples.

A large portion of the collection consists of the file folders of paper documents. The files include receipts, invoices, notes, lists, and inventories relating to every aspect of the property. The Millers consulted with the designers over the years as their needs changed and as the house required updating.

The collection also includes a large quantity of photographs. Many are copies from professional and nationally renowned architectural photographers such as Balthazar Korab. Some images document renovations, repairs, and other changes to the house and garden.
The architectural drawings consist of 1950s blueprints of the original house and gardens, as well as plans related to renovations and repairs through 2009. Many of the Millers’ blueprinted plans have hand written annotations from the designers. The documentation also includes some original sketches of the home and garden. Many of Girard’s original drawings for rugs, textiles, and other interior design elements are also housed in the collection.

The collection contains many textile samples related to the interior design and décor of the home. In the collection are samples from the original 1950s upholstery, rugs, and other materials used to decorate the interior. Many were specifically designed by or chosen by Alexander Girard. Some small samples are attached to pages of paper with detailed notes. Also included are three-dimensional objects such as samples of marble for the table tops and the interior walls.

In 2012, the IMA Archives received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to digitize large portions of the Miller House and Garden Collection. The digitized collection has been made available online through the Indianapolis Museum of Art’s Digital Archives Portal. The Box and Folder Listing below has been hyperlinked directly to the online digital content for individual folders when available.

Collection Historical Note

The Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Indiana, is one of the country's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist residences. The Miller House was designed by Eero Saarinen (1910-1961), with interiors by Alexander Girard (1907-1993), and landscape design by Daniel Urban Kiley (1912-2004).

Commissioned by industrialist and philanthropist J. Irwin Miller (1909-2004) and his wife Xenia Simons Miller (1917-2008) in 1953, the Miller House and Garden was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2000. The house expands upon a design approach developed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe—epitomizing the international Modernist aesthetic—with an open and flowing layout, flat roof, and vast walls of glass and stone. The interiors, configured beneath a grid pattern of skylights supported by cruciform steel columns, are filled with strong colors and playful patterns.

The Miller House and Garden is part of a Modern design legacy that extends throughout the city of Columbus, Indiana, due to the architectural patronage and civic involvement of J. Irwin Miller. As a way to attract outstanding architectural talent to design public buildings in Columbus, Miller created the Architectural Program within the Cummins Engine Foundation, which funded excellent design for public buildings. Columbus boasts more than 70 buildings by noted Modern architects—such as Richard Meier, I. M. Pei, Cesar Pelli, Robert Venturi, John Carl Warnecke and Harry Weese—as well as public art works by internationally renowned architects and artists. The Miller House and Garden is among six National Historic Landmarks in the city.

The Miller House and Garden was the first National Historic Landmark designated with a still-living landscape architect that also was still occupied by its original owners. Also in 2000, it was included in the multiple property designation titled “Modern Architecture and Landscape Architecture in
Bartholomew County, 1942-1999.” The multiple property designation also included Saarinen’s and Kiley’s nearby work at Irwin Union Bank and Trust and the North Christian Church.

Eero Saarinen was one of the leading architects of the twentieth century, whose buildings help define the extent and meaning of American Modernism. They range from extensive campuses for some of America’s largest corporations to the soaring monumentality of the St. Louis Gateway Arch. Saarinen’s work subordinated architectural style to achieving the most satisfactory solution to a given architectural problem; his malleable approach to Modernism yielded both variations on orthodox Modernism such as the Miller House and strongly sculptural and expressive structures such as the TWA Terminal and the Ingalls Hockey Rink at Yale University. For all his fame and popularity, Saarinen’s domestic commissions were extremely few in number, and the Miller House is undoubtedly the most significant, elegantly and thoughtfully resolving an ambitious program and a complex structure into a magical, light-filled space that opens on multiple sides to Dan Kiley’s landscape.

Alexander Girard, though perhaps best known today for his work as a textile and interior designer (he became director of design for the textile division of Herman Miller in 1952), was also an architect and an important contributor to the design of the Miller House from the very beginning of the process. Indeed, the further illumination of Girard’s career and design approach may be one of the most significant outcomes of this project. Within his interiors, Girard’s style combined vivid color, a strong graphic sensibility, and an affinity for decorative materials gathered from cultures around the globe. All these elements are present in the Miller House, from the bold colors used in the conversation pit, to the designs Girard executed for floor coverings, to the artifacts that enlivened the storage wall that defines the east side of the main living area. Alexander Girard speaks to Modern living in the house in a letter dated May 12, 1953 to the Millers. Girard writes: “I will certainly be most interested in doing work anywhere in this country...where there would be a chance to contribute to the advancement of living. I would count a house for you and Xenia definitely in this realm.”

Daniel Urban Kiley was noted for his seminal impact on twentieth century landscape design. In his work for the Millers, Kiley created one of the first and most important Modernist designs in residential landscape architecture on their 15-acre property. Its gridded layout expands upon the geometric order of the house, relying on plantings to form multiple overlapping planes and volumes. Kiley envisioned this series of green rooms as “pin wheeling spaces” expanding out from the residence. Based on classical design principles while fully embracing a Modern spatial sensibility inspired by Mies van der Rohe’s Barcelona Pavilion and the De Stijl movement, Kiley’s design for the Miller gardens harmoniously integrates the indoor and outdoor environments with a Mondrian-like, asymmetrical plan that features allées, lawns, paths, hedges, and orchards concentrated in a 4.5-acre square surrounding the residence. The Cultural Landscape Foundation hails the Miller garden as “perhaps the most important postwar garden in the United States.” The 1955 design is widely considered one of Kiley’s masterworks, and Kiley himself suggested to homeowner Xenia Miller that he believed the landscape to be his finest work.
Subject/Index Terms

Architecture, Domestic -- Indiana,
Columbus (Ind.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.,
Girard, Alexander Hayden, 1907-1993,
Kiley, Dan Urban, 1912-2004,
Miller, J. Irwin (Joseph Irwin), 1909-2004,
Miller, Xenia S., 1917-2008,
Miller House (Columbus, IN.),
Modern movement (Architecture),
Modern movement (Architecture) -- Indiana -- Columbus,
Roche, Kevin, 1922-,
Saarinen, Eero, 1910-1961,
Taylor Bros. Construction Co.

Forms of Material:
architectural drawings (visual works),
blueline prints,
blueprints (reprographic copies),
brochures,
brownline prints,
checklists,
clippings (information artifacts),
contracts,
correspondence,
financial records,
iinventories,
iinvoices,
marble (rock),
memorandums,
negatives (photographic),
notes,
photo CDs,
photographs,
slides (photographs),
textiles,
trade catalogs,
VHS (TM)
Administrative Information

Repository: Indianapolis Museum of Art Archives

Alternate Extent Statement: 335 linear feet: 54 boxes of files, photographs, samples, and drawings; 2 card file boxes; 12 oversize flat boxes of photographs and materials samples; and 40 flat files of architectural plans.

Access Restrictions: Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Method: Gift

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Box and Folder Listing

Series I.: Files
Subseries a.: Correspondence
The Correspondence files include correspondence between the Millers, their designers, contractors, and others involved in the Miller House and Garden project. Additional correspondence may be filed in the Administrative Files (see below).

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Folder 3: J. Irwin Miller "New House", 1956
Folder 4: J. Irwin Miller "New House", 1956
Folder 5: J. Irwin Miller "New House", 1956
Folder 6: J. Irwin Miller "New House", 1956
Folder 7: J. Irwin Miller "New House", 1957
Folder 8: J. Irwin Miller "New House", 1957

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Folder 9: J. Irwin Miller "New House", 1957
Folder 10: J. Irwin and Xenia S. Miller "New House", 1958
Folder 11: J. Irwin and Xenia S. Miller "New House", 1958
Folder 12: Girard, Alexander, 1957-[1989]
Folder 13: Girard, Alexander, 1957-[1989]
Folder 14: Girard, Alexander, 1957-[1989]

Box 3
Folder 15: Alexander Girard - misc., 1972-1976
Folder 17: Girard Visits, 1972-1981
Folder 18: Kiley, Dan
Folder 19: Kiley, Dan
Folder 20: Miscellaneous, 1973-1978
Folder 21: Miscellaneous, 1973-1978

Subseries b.: Administrative Files
The administrative files include a variety of documentation about the design, constructions and maintenance of the Miller House and Garden. Files may include correspondence, invoices, contracts, receipts, materials samples, photographs, design drawings, notes, reports, etc.

Arrangement: The administrative files are divided into two sub-groups: General files with varied subjects and files by subject. The general files hold a variety of projects in one folder and the files by subject were separated by a room or area in the house or garden or a particular project within the house or garden.

Sub-subseries i.: General files

Box 4
Folder 23: Agreement and General Conditions between Contractor and Owner __ [blank form]
Folder 24: Agreement between Maschmeyer [Nursery] and Owner--Statements __ and Affidavits from Contractor to Owner, 1955-1958
Folder 25: Bulletin #3, 1955
Folder 26: Construction and Capital Improvements
Folder 27: Construction and Capital Improvements
Folder 28: Construction Contracts, 1955-1957
Folder 29: Construction Contracts, 1955-1957
Folder 30: Construction Contracts, 1955-1957
Folder 31: Construction Contracts, 1955-1957
Folder 32: Correspondence RE: Drawings and Plans, 1955-1960
Folder 33: Crane Fixture Specifications, 1955
Folder 34: Dahlstrom Metallic Door Standard Colors Swatches
Box 5
Folder 35: Design Changes, 1972-1974
Folder 36: Design Changes, 1972-1974
Folder 37: GE Remote Control Wiring System
Folder 38: Girard, Alexander / Melinda Boynton: Mechanical, c. 1960
Folder 39: Girard, Alexander / Melinda Boynton: Memos, Correspondence Meeting Notes, 1978-1979
Folder 40: Girard, Alexander / Melinda Boynton: Miscellaneous (incl. TV Room), 1975-1979
Folder 41: Girard, Alexander / Melinda Boynton: TWA Catalog, 1979
Folder 42: Highland Way Projects: General, 1973
Folder 45: Highland Way Projects: Miscellaneous Notes, 1973

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Folder 48: Installation Schedule, 1957
Folder 49: Interior Decorations / Furniture, 1979
Folder 50: Interior Decorations, 1978
Folder 51: Interior Decorations, 1978
Folder 52: Items in Work, 1963-1969
Folder 53: Items in Work, 1963-1969
Folder 54: Items in Work, 1963-1969
Folder 55: Maintenance / Repair, 2008
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Folder 57: Maintenance / Repair, 1978
Folder 58: Maintenance / Repair, 1978

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Folder 59: Maintenance / Repair, 1975-1977
Folder 60: Maintenance / Repair, 1975-1977
Folder 61: Maintenance / Repair, 1971-1974
Folder 64: Maintenance / Repair, 1960-1970
Folder 66: Placed Orders, 1978-1979

Box 8
Folder 69: Schedule of Finishing Hardware, 1956
Folder 70: Specifications, 1955
Folder 71: Specifications [includes Bulletins #1, #2, and #3], 1955
Folder 72: Specifications for Storage Building and Yard Work, 1957
Folder 73: Specifications for Storage Building and Yard Work, 1957
Folder 74: Status Reports, 1972-1976

Sub-subseries ii.: Files by subject

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Folder 76: Barn, 1962-2004
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Folder 78: Bathrooms: Boys' Bath Grab Bars, 2002
Folder 79: Bathrooms: Girls' Bath / Shower Conversion, 2002
Folder 80: Bathrooms: Girls' Bathroom, 1985
Folder 81: Bathrooms: Master Bathroom - Counter Sinks, 1999
Folder 82: Bathrooms: Master Bathroom - Grab Bars, 1999-2001
Folder 83: Bathrooms: Master Bathroom - Jacuzzi, 1990
Folder 84: Bathrooms: Master Bathroom - Shower Re-do, 2002
Folder 85: Bathrooms: Master Bathroom - Tub Conversion to Shower, 2000
Folder 87: Bedrooms: Guest Suite, 1974-1978
Folder 88: Bedrooms: Guest Suite, 1973-1979

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Folder 91: Bedrooms: Guest Bedroom Suite Part II, 1978-1979
Folder 93: Bedrooms: Guest Room - Lampshades, 1993
Folder 94: Bedrooms: Guest Room - Rosewood Cabinet, 2002
Folder 100: Bedrooms: Master Bedroom - Sofa Recovering, 1991
Folder 101: Bedrooms: MIM Bedroom - Remodeling, 1993
Folder 102: Bedrooms: WIM Bedroom - Remodeling, 1983

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Folder 103: Bronze Sculpture Cleaning and Limestone Leveling, 1994; 1998
Folder 104: Bronze Sculpture Cleaning and Limestone Leveling, 1994; 1998
Folder 105: Buzzer System, 1973-1975
Folder 106: Carbon Monoxide Detectors Incident, 1998
Folder 108: Chairs: JIM chairs (includes lift chair and 301 reading chair), 1998
Folder 109: Chairs: Den - Card Table Chairs, 2007
Folder 111: Chairs: Herman Miller, 1993-1994
Folder 112: Chairs: Lounge Chairs Slings (Richard Schultz), 1994
Folder 113: Chairs: Office Chairs, 1989

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Folder 114: Chimney Cleaning, 2002
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Folder 116: Cleaning / Maintenance Schedule, 2007
Folder 117: Cleaning - ServiceMaster, 2002
Folder 118: Compact Disc Player, 1985-1987
Folder 119: Concrete Curb Removal and Replacement, 1997
Folder 120: Conversation Pit Pillows, 1996
Folder 121: Conversation Pit Rework, 1994-1995
Folder 122: Conversation Pit Rework, 1994-1995
Folder 123: Conversation Pit Rework, 1994-1995
Folder 124: Curtains: Curtains / Divider, 1978-1979
Folder 125: Curtains: Recovering of Silk Screen Room Divider, 1994
Folder 126: Curtains: Curtains and Draperies, 1974-1993
Folder 127: Curtains: Curtains and Draperies, 1974-1993
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Folder 130: Curtains: Master Bedroom Glass Curtains and Draperies, 1992-1994
Folder 131: Doll House, 1990
Folder 132: Door Bumpers, 1983

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Folder 134: Driveway, 1967-1982
Folder 135: Driveway, 1967-1982
Folder 136: Driveway, 1967-1982
Folder 137: Dunlap / Kinsey Property, 2000-2001
Folder 138: Easement, 1984
Folder 140: Electrical Service Rates, 1989
Folder 141: Entertainment Center / Storage Wall, 2000
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Folder 148: Entertainment Center / Storage Wall, 1974; 1978
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Folder 155: Fountain, 1976-1979
Folder 156: Fountain Proposed - Dandelion, 1983
Folder 157: Garbage Containers, 1989; 2001

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Folder 158: Gen Set Instruction Manuals, 1999
Folder 159: Gen Set Instruction Manuals [Generator], 1999
Folder 161: Generator, 1998; 2004-2007
Folder 162: Generator, 2002
Folder 163: Generator, 1996-1998
Folder 164: Generator, 1996-1998
Folder 165: Generator, 1996-1998

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Folder 166: Girard, Giancarlo "Tunsi" [Hill Town], 1972-1975; 1987-1989
Folder 167: Girard, Giancarlo "Tunsi" [Hill Town], 1972-1975; 1987-1989
Folder 168: Girard, Giancarlo "Tunsi" [Hill Town], 1972-1975; 1987-1989
Folder 169: Glass Panels (Exterior), 2002; 2008
Folder 170: Greenhouse Office, 1973
Folder 171: Greenhouse Office - Stereo System, 1973
Folder 172: Greenhouse Office, 1972-1974
Folder 173: Greenhouse Office, 1972
Folder 175: Greenhouse Remodeling, 1958-1960
Folder 176: Greenhouse Remodeling, 1958-1960

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Folder 177-178: HVAC [Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling], 1999-2000
Folder 181: HVAC [Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling], 1957
Folder 182: HVAC Air Conditioner, 1994
Folder 185-186: HVAC Honeywell Bills and Information, 1958-1985

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Folder 187-188: HVAC Honeywell Bills and Information, 1958-1985
Folder 190: HVAC Maintenance, 2002
Folder 191: Hi-Fi [TV room Stereo System], 1983-1984
Folder 192: HI-Fi [for Muskoka House], 1978
Folder 193: Hinges, 1983
Folder 194: Ice Maker, 1990
Folder 195: Incinerator, 1967
Folder 196: Insurance Certificates of Companies [Taylor Brothers], 1985; 1990
Folder 197: Intercom, 2001
Folder 198: Kitchen, 1974-1978
Folder 199: Kitchen, 1974-1978
Folder 200: Kitchen: Cabinet - St. Charles, 1993
Folder 201: Kitchen: Cooktop - Thermador, 1997

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Folder 204: Kitchen: Freezers, 1998; 2000
Folder 206: Kitchen: Sink Faucet, 1991
Folder 207: Kitchen: Oven "New", 1998

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Folder 212: Kitchen: Refrigerator, 1994-2008
Folder 213: Kitchen: Shelf liner, 1990
Folder 214: Kitchen: Table, 1999
Folder 216: Landscaping, 1957-1985
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Folder 221: Landscaping: Gardens Trees, 2004

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Folder 231: Landscaping: Allee, 1990
Folder 232: Landscaping: Photography, 1986
Folder 233: Landscaping, 1985-1986
Folder 234: Landscaping, 1985-1986
Folder 235: Landscaping, 1985-1986
Folder 236: Landscaping, 1985-1986
Folder 237: Landscaping, 1985-1986
Folder 238: Landscaping, 1980-1984
Folder 239: Landscaping, 1980-1984
Folder 240: Landscaping, 1957-1966

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Folder 241: Landscaping: Apple Tree / Dogwood Tree Replacements, 1994
Folder 244: Landscaping: Jack Curtis, 1986-1989
Folder 245: Landscaping: Dan Kiley (history)
Folder 252: Landscaping: Silver Maple Replacement, 2001

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Folder 257: Laundry, 1967
Folder 258: Lighting: Casella, 1992
Folder 259: Lighting: Allee to Meadow, 1991
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Folder 261: Lighting: Driveway fixtures, 1993
Folder 265: Lighting: Exterior Skylight, 1983
Folder 266: Lighting: Interior, 1990; 2000
Folder 267: Lighting: Low voltage, 1991-1996
Folder 268: Lighting: Perimeter, 1983-1989
Folder 269: Lighting: Pool Area, 1984
Folder 271: Lighting: Switches
Folder 272: Lighting: Well, 1986
Folder 273: Marble, 1987; 1993; 2003

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Folder 276: Painting Ceiling - Open Perimeter Cracks, 1994
Folder 277: Painting - Loren and Newland - White, 1980-2004
Folder 282: Postal Service Delivery, 1987
Folder 283: Post Office Box Possibility, 1992; 1996
Folder 284: Public Hearings, 1989
Folder 286: Radon Gas Report, 1988
Folder 287: Recycling, 1993
Folder 288: River Rip-Rap Project, 1989
Folder 289: Southern Roofing Gutter and Roof Cleaning Contract, 2006
Folder 290: Roof Options, 2002
Folder 291: Roof Replacement, 2002

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Folder 292: Roof Replacement, 2002
Folder 293: Roof, 2000-2001
Folder 294: Roof Problems, 1984
Folder 295: Roof Claim Backup, 1984-1996
Folder 296: Roof Claim Backup, 1984-1996
Folder 297: Roof, 1977-1985
Folder 298: Roof, 1977-1985
Folder 299: Rugs: Carpets and Rugs, 1974-1978
Folder 300: Rugs: Carpets and Rugs, 1974-1978
Folder 301: Rugs: Carpets / Draperies, 2008
Folder 302: Rugs: Rugs / Draperies, 2006
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Folder 304: Rugs: Carpet Care
Folder 305: Rugs: Replacement Rugs for Bathrooms, 1999
Folder 308: Rugs: Large Guest Room
Folder 309: Rugs: Small Guest Room, 1991
Folder 310: Rugs: Runner, Small Guest Bedroom, Bathroom, and Hall, 1992
Folder 311: Rugs: Kitchen Runner, 1988
Folder 312: Rugs: Kitchen, 1992
Folder 313: Rugs: Living Room, 1986
Folder 314: Rugs: Living Room (Leaf Design) Photo / Slides, 1992
Folder 315: Rugs: [Master Bedroom] MBR, 1987
Folder 316a: Rugs: Pit, 1986
Folder 317: Rugs: Runner, Hall, Bath, 1987
Folder 319: Screens, 1982-1987

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Folder 323: Security System for 2760, 1974-1979
Folder 324: Security File, 1972-1975

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Folder 326: Security System - Booklets and Maps, 1974
Folder 327: Security System - Booklets and Maps, 1974
Folder 328: Security - Glass Breakage Detectors, 1989
Folder 329: Security - Honeywell Proposal Not Approved, 1988
Folder 331: Skylights UF3 - Plexiglas, 1994
Folder 333: Skylight, 1964
Folder 334: Security System, 1970
Folder 335: Smoke Detector, 1997
Folder 336: Living Room Sofa - Danish, 1994
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Folder 341: Swimming Pool, 1961-1990
Folder 342: Swimming Pool, 1961-1990
Folder 343: Swimming Pool, 1960
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Folder 347: Swimming Pool: Sprague Pool Zoning Variance, 1995
Folder 348: Table - Brass Top, 1980; 1987
Folder 349: Card tables, 1974
Folder 350: Table - Living Room, 1986; 1997
Folder 351: Table - Marble Top, 1981; 1987
Folder 352: Table - Mosaic Top, 1985

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Folder 354: Telephones, 1968-1989
Folder 355: TV Room Redo, 1988
Folder 356: TV Room Sofa, Chair, Ottoman, and Card Table Chairs, 1993
Folder 358: Terrazzo, 1995-2003
Folder 359: Terrazzo, 1964-1989
Folder 360: Tie Racks, 1996
Folder 362: Cushman Turf - Truckster Purchase (9/01), 2001
Folder 363: Utilities - Columbus City, 1991
Folder 364: Vacuum Cleaners, 2005
Folder 365: Vandalism, 1969
Folder 366: Washer and Dryer, 1985; 1997; 2008

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Folder 370: Windmill, 1973
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Folder 372: Wine Cooler, 1988
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Folder 378: Girard Purchases Furnishings, 1955-1980
Folder 379: Determination of Details Discussed, 1954
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Folder 381: Index [By Space Number to Item Number]
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Folder 383: Inventory of Objects, Artworks, and Rugs, 1963
Folder 384: Invoices [Item 1-71] Alexander Girard [with Index of Items], 1955-1956

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Folder 394: Invoices, Furnishings Columbus House, Alexander Girard, 1970-1972
Folder 395a: Item Origin List
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Box 35: Index Cards Inventory of Interior Decorations [By Item Number]

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Folder 430: Crèche collection catalog
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Folder 399: House & Garden, June, 1999
Folder 400: Inland Architect, March / April, 1983
Folder 402: Landscaping, 1957-1985
Folder 403: Miller Garden Slides, December, 1991
Folder 404: Grounds at 2760 [by XSM]
Folder 405: Miller Garden Custom Binding, 1999
Folder 406: National Historic Landmark Award, 2000
Folder 407: National Historic Landmark Award, 2000
Folder 408: National Historic Landmarks Stewards Source
Folder 409: Display Case for National Historic Landmark Plaque, 2001

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Folder 410: Photo Project - Alan Ward (Sasaki), June, 1996
Folder 411: Photo Project - Alan Ward (Sasaki), June, 1996
Folder 412: Photo Project - Alan Ward (Sasaki), June, 1996
Folder 413: Charles Birnbaum and Cultural Landscape Foundation, 1998-2007
Folder 414: Visits - Book - Felice Frankel and Jory Johnson, 1988-1992
Folder 415: Visits by Landscape Architects, Articles, Books Written, 1991-1996
Folder 416: Visits / Visit Requests, 1981-2002
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Series II. Photographs
All photographs in the collection have not been separated into this series. Additional photographs are filed in their original order within the Series I Files.

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Folder 4: Korab, Balthazar (Images by)
Folder 5: Korab, Balthazar (Images by)
Folder 6: Korab, Balthazar (Images by)
Folder 7: J.I. Miller Tract of Land [b/w Negatives] (45)
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Folder 10: Landscape [Images Mounted on Board]
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Folder 21: Images (Misc.) [Includes Images by Margaret Miller]
Folder 22: Landscape Photo Album Pages
Folder 23: Roche Ideas [Greenhouse Office]
Folder 24: Roche Ideas [Greenhouse Office]

Series III. Drawings
Includes architectural plans separated into four categories: General Construction, Landscape, Specific Construction Projects and Renovations, and Vendors. The majority of plans are reprographic copies (blueprints or blueline drawings) with a few original drawings in pencil or ink. Some reprographic copies have been annotated.
Subseries a.: **General Construction Drawings**

Box 77  
Folder 16: **Floor plan [pencil on graph paper by PHK], 1997**

Flat File 41: **Architectural A-1 through A-9, 1955**  
Includes index to drawings; basement, first floor, ceiling, and roof plans; exterior elevations and details.

Flat File 42: **Architectural A-10 through A-16, 1955**  
Includes interior elevations and details, dining room table, fireplace, and storage wall.

Flat File 43: **Architectural A-17 through A-24, 1955**  
Includes cabinet details, bathroom and kitchen details and elevations; and room finish and door schedule.

Flat File 44: **Girard Floor plans, rugs and furniture, 1954-1955; 1962**

Flat File 45: **Girard textile design board, 1954**


Flat File 47: **Mechanical, 1955; 1957; 1959; 1999**  
Includes basement and first floor plans and details; and heating and cooling systems.

Flat File 48: **Plumbing, 1955; n.d.**

Flat File 49: **Structural S-1 and S-2, 1955**  
Includes basement, first floor, and roof plans and details.

Flat File 50: **Revised R-1 through R-6, 1955-1956**  
Includes revisions of the cold room, living room (storage wall) and dining room (marble sideboard).

Flat File 51: **Sketch SK-1 through SK-9, 1956**  
Includes music system, skylights, terrazzo, Kitchen / laundry equipment layouts; Master bedroom details; and switch panels and convenience outlets.

Flat File 52: **Sketch SK-10 through SK-14; SK-16 through SK-21; SK-23 through SK-28; SK-34; SK-42, 1956**  
Includes Living Room (storage wall, fireplace, tapestry screen); storage details; barbeque; and master and children’s bedroom.
Subseries b.: **Landscape**
Includes landscape design as well as the greenhouse/storage/office building. The drawings are arranged chronologically with the exception of sketches are arranged by subject and then numerically.

Flat File 53: *Sketch SK-15; SK-22; SK-31 through SK-33; SK-40; M-1, 1957*
Landscape and Greenhouse / Storage building

Flat File 54: *Pencil and ink drawings, 1956; 1958; 1985; 1995*

Flat File 55: *Plans, 1955-1956*

Flat File 56: *Plans, 1957-1958*

Flat File 57: *Plans, 1960s*


Subseries c.: **Specific Construction Projects and Renovations**
Includes plans for construction and renovation of specific projects and are arranged alphabetically.

Flat File 59: *Barn, 1962*
Includes photographic reproductions of drawings by Harry Weese

Flat File 60: *Boys' Bedroom, 1956*

Flat File 61: *Dining Room, 1974*
Includes patterns for needlepoint chair cushions.

Flat File 62: *Dining Room, 1956*
Includes plans for the dining room table.

Flat File 63: *Girls' Bedrooms, 1956*

Flat File 64: *Greenhouse Office renovation, 1972*

Flat File 65: *Guest Suite, 1970; 1974; 1979*


Flat File 67: *Lighting, 1964*
Includes plans for lights for paintings in dining and living room.
Includes plans for storage wall, conversation pit and fireplace.


Flat File 70: Office for Xenia S. Miller, 1972

Flat File 71: Herman Miller Environmental Enrichment poster, n.d.

Flat File 72: Pool and Bath House, 1960

Flat File 73: Security Systems, 1988

Flat File 74: Skylights, 1955

Flat File 75: TV Room / Den, 1962; 1983
Includes plans for rug and Hi-Fi.

Box 76
Folder 1: TV Room / Den Rug Templates [1-40]
Folder 2: TV Room / Den Rug Templates [41-80]
Folder 3: TV Room / Den Rug Templates [81-120]
Folder 4: TV Room / Den Rug Templates [120-160]
Folder 5: TV Room / Den Rug Templates [161-200]
Folder 6: TV Room / Den Rug Templates [201-236]
Folder 7: Girard Designs for Rug in Den

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Folder 8: Girard Designs for Rug in Den
Folder 9: Girard Designs for Rug in Den
Folder 10: Girard Designs for Rug in Den
Folder 11: Girard Designs for Rug in Den
Folder 12: Girard Designs for Rug in Den
Folder 13: Girard Designs for Rug in Den
Folder 14: Girard Designs for Rug in Den
Folder 15: Girard Designs for Rug in Den

FF 78: Unidentified

Subseries d.: Vendors

Flat File 79: Atlantic Metal products, 1955

Flat File 80: Blakley Granite, 1955-1956
Flat File 81: Glide Windows, 1955-1956

Flat File 82: Ornamental Iron Works, 1955-1956

Series IV.: Material Samples
Arranged alphabetically into specific areas or projects within the Miller House and Garden. The samples include many textiles, papers, and rugs which were designed or selected by Alexander Girard for the Millers. In addition, there are wood, marble, and other material samples.

Subseries a.: General Samples

Box 83: Index card textile samples [by item number]

Box 84

Box 85
Folder 11: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995
Folder 12: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995

Box 86
Folder 13: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995
Folder 14: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995
Folder 15: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995
Folder 16: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995
Folder 17: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995
Folder 18: Miscellaneous Samples I [binder], 1973-1995
Box 87
Folder 19: Miscellaneous Samples II [binder], 1977-1988
Folder 20: Miscellaneous Samples II [binder], 1977-1988
Folder 21: Miscellaneous Samples II [binder], 1977-1988
Folder 22: Miscellaneous Samples II [binder], 1977-1988
Folder 23: Miscellaneous Samples II [binder], 1977-1988

Box 88
Folder 24: Bathrooms: embroidery patterns for towels
Folder 25: Bathroom: paper
Folder 26: Bathroom: tiles
Folder 27: Bathroom: tiles
Folder 28: Chair Glides
Folder 29: Chair Glides
Folder 30: Eames Sofa Upholstery
Folder 31: Entrance Hall Sofa Upholstery
Folder 32: Flooring: Travertine sample
Folder 33: Frame Mat Fabric
Folder 34: Security Sensor Samples
Folder 35: Wall Paneling: Cherry wood

Box 89
Folder 36: Wall Paneling: Pear wood
Folder 37: Walls: Marble

Box 90
Folder 40: Rugs: Yarn Samples
Folder 41: Rugs: Yarn Samples
Folder 42: Rugs: Bathroom Replacement
Folder 43: Rug Padding
Folder 44: Rug Padding

Box 92
Folder 69: Curtains (misc.)
Folder 70: Curtains and Sofa Upholstery
Folder 71: Glass Curtains for Living Room
Folder 72: Glass Curtains for Living Room, Dining Room, TV Room/ Den
Folder 73: Glass Curtains for Living Room, Dining Room, TV Room/ Den
Folder 74: Glass Curtains for Living Room, Dining Room, TV Room/ Den
Folder 75: Shower Curtain

Subseries b.: Boys Bedroom and Bathroom

Box 91
Folder 45: Bedspread
Folder 46: Curtains
Folder 47: Upholstery - chairs

Box 98
Folder 130-131: Rugs

Subseries c.: Dining Room

Box 91
Folder 48: Curtains
Folder 49: Upholstery - chairs

Box 92
Folder 76: Curtains

Subseries d.: Exterior

Box 95
Folder 103: Carport (?) paint sample on cardboard
Folder 104: Glass Panels
Folder 105: Geotextile for Garden
Folder 106: Lake Champlain Pebbles
Folder 107: Roofing
Folder 108: Roofing
Folder 109: Roofing
Folder 110: Swimming pool cover
Folder 111: Terrazzo

Subseries e.: Girls' Bedrooms and Bathroom

Box 91
Folder 50: Bedspreads
Folder 51: Curtains

Box 93
Folder 83: Curtains

Box 98
Folder 132-134: Rugs

Subseries f.: Greenhouse Office

Box 92
Folder 77: Curtains
Box 96
Folder 112: Upholstery

Box 98
Folder 135: Rugs

Subseries g.: Guest Suite

Box 91
Folder 52: Bedspreads
Folder 53: Curtains
Folder 54: Upholstery

Box 94
Folder 95: Pillows

Box 96
Folder 113: Aluminum
Folder 114: Lampshade

Box 99
Folder 136-141: Rugs

Subseries h.: Kitchen / Laundry

Box 91
Folder 55: Curtains
Folder 56: Upholstery

Box 92
Folder 78-79: Curtains

Box 100
Folder 142: Rugs

Box 102
Folder 162-163: Rugs (rejected)

Subseries i.: Living Room

Box 89
Folder 38: Table: coffee table [Roman Travertine]
Folder 39: Wood for firewood storage box
Folder 40: Wood for firewood storage box

Box 91
Folder 57: Curtains ["Glass Curtains" also for Dining Room and TV Room / Den]
Folder 58: Upholstery

Box 93
Folder 84: Pillow textiles for conversation pit
Folder 85: Pillow textiles for conversation pit
Folder 86: Pillow textiles for conversation pit
Folder 87: Pillow textiles for conversation pit
Folder 88: Upholstery
Folder 89: Upholstery

Box 94
Folder 96: Pillows [Conversation Pit - Summer]
Folder 97: Pillows [Conversation Pit - Summer]
Folder 98: Pillows [Conversation Pit - Winter]
Folder 99: Pillows [Conversation Pit - Winter]

Box 96
Folder 115: Paper [storage wall]
Folder 116: Upholstery
Folder 117: Upholstery
Folder 118: Upholstery

Box 97
Folder 126-129: Upholstery [ostrich leather]

Box 100
Folder 143-144: Rugs [conversation pit]

Subseries j.: Maid's Area

Box 91
Folder 59: Bedspreads
Folder 60: Curtains
Folder 61: Upholstery

Box 93
Folder 90: Curtains

Box 100
Folder 145: Rugs
Subseries k.: **Master Suite**

**Box 91**
- Folder 62: [Bedspreads](#)
- Folder 63: [Curtains](#)
- Folder 64: [Upholstery](#)

**Box 92**
- Folder 80: [Curtains](#)

**Box 93**
- Folder 91: [Curtains](#)
- Folder 92: [Curtains](#)
- Folder 93: [Fabric for framing crosses](#)

**Box 94**
- Folder 100: [Pillows](#)

**Box 96**
- Folder 119: [Bathroom backsplash](#)
- Folder 120: [Paper](#)

**Box 100**
- Folder 146-147: [Rugs](#)

Subseries l.: **Playroom**

**Box 91**
- Folder 65: [Curtains](#)
- Folder 66: [Upholstery](#)

**Box 94**
- Folder 101: [Pillows](#)

Subseries m.: **TV Room / Den**

**Box 91**
- Folder 67: [Curtains](#)
- Folder 68: [Upholstery](#)

**Box 92**
- Folder 81-82: [Curtains](#)
Box 94
   Folder 102: Pillows

Box 96
   Folder 121-122: Upholstery

Box 101
   Folder 148-161: Rugs [painted color samples A-N, some with yarn / rug samples attached]

Subseries n.: Unidentified

Box 93
   Folder 94: Curtains [Alexander Girard for Herman Miller white silk organdy]

Box 97
   Folder 124: Rug [polar bear]
   Folder 125: Upholstery [leather]

Box 102
   Folder 164-166: Rugs

Box 103
   Folder 166-167: Curtains
   Folder 167-179: Upholstery

Box 104
   Folder 180-192: Unidentified Scraps from Slipcovers – Pillows

Series V.: Non-Miller House Materials
Arranged alphabetically by tile and consists mostly of architectural plans. These materials were filed with the Miller House and Garden materials, but are related other projects or family members.

Flat File 106: Cummins Engine Plans, 1956-1958

Flat File 107: Custom Built Homes Co. - Tenant House plans for Mr. and Mrs. J. Irwin Miller, 1964

Flat File 108: House plans with posters for Mrs. Clementine Tangeman
Includes Plans by Architects: Alfredo Terrazas de la Peña and Alvaro Ysita Ortega and Posters: Bundles for America (WWII) and A Coronation Portrait, 1937 (King George VI and Queen Elizabeth)
Flat File 109: Irwin Gardens plans

Flat File 110: Irwin Management Office floor plan, 1975