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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,  
inventories,  
invoices,  
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.

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**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.

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Folder 393: [Invoices \[Item 1009-1142\] Alexander Girard, Inc., 1966-1971](#)  
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Folder 400: *Inland Architect*, March / April, 1983  
Folder 401: *Daniel Urban Kiley: The Early Gardens*, edited by William S. Saunders, 1999  
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](#)  
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## Series II.: Photographs

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Folder 5: [Korab, Balthazar \(Images by\)](#)

Folder 6: [Korab, Balthazar \(Images by\)](#)

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Folder 8: [Landscape](#)

Folder 9: [Landscape \[Images Mounted on Board\]](#)

Folder 10: [Landscape \[Images Mounted on Board\]](#)

Folder 11: [Landscape Image "Office of Dan Kiley" Locust Allee](#)

Folder 12: [Landscape Image by Alan Ward](#)

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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.

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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 46: [Electrical, 1955; 1988; 1995-1996](#)

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; barbecue; 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](#)

Flat File 58: [Plans, 1973; 1981; 1985-1986; 1991](#)

**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 66: [Kitchen, laundry room, and hall closet, 1955-1957; 1959; n.d. \[1960s\]; 1980](#)

Flat File 67: [Lighting, 1964](#)

Includes plans for lights for paintings in dining and living room.

Flat File 68: [Living room, 1955; 1956-1957; 1994-1995](#)

Includes plans for storage wall, conversation pit and fireplace.

Flat File 69: [Master Bedroom, 1955-1956; 1981; 1983-1984; 1992](#)

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.

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Folder 2: [TV Room / Den Rug Templates \[41-80\]](#)

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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](#)

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Folder 13: [Girard Designs for Rug in Den](#)

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Subseries d.: **Vendors**

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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

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- Folder 2: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\] - Master Bedroom / Bath - Guest Bedroom / Bath, 1978-1991](#)
- Folder 3: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\] - Master Bedroom / Bath - Guest Bedroom / Bath, 1978-1991](#)
- Folder 4: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\] - Master Bedroom / Bath - Guest Bedroom / Bath, 1978-1991](#)
- Folder 5: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\] - Master Bedroom / Bath - Guest Bedroom / Bath, 1978-1991](#)

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- Folder 6: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\] - Miscellaneous, 1973-2000](#)
- Folder 7: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\] - Miscellaneous, 1973-2000](#)
- Folder 8: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\] - Miscellaneous, 1973-2000](#)
- Folder 9: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\]- Miscellaneous -\(TV room chair fabric cancelled\), 1989-1991](#)
- Folder 10: [Remodeling Fabric Samples \[binder\]- Miscellaneous -\(TV room chair fabric cancelled\), 1989-1991](#)
- Folder 11: [Miscellaneous Samples I \[binder\], 1973-1995](#)
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- Folder 13: [Miscellaneous Samples I \[binder\], 1973-1995](#)
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- Folder 19: [Miscellaneous Samples II \[binder\], 1977-1988](#)
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- 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](#)

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- Folder 36: [Wall Paneling: Pear wood](#)
- Folder 37: [Walls: Marble](#)

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- Folder 40: [Rugs: Yarn Samples](#)
- Folder 41: [Rugs: Yarn Samples](#)
- Folder 42: [Rugs: Bathroom Replacement](#)
- Folder 43: [Rug Padding](#)
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- 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**

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Folder 48: [Curtains](#)  
Folder 49: [Upholstery - chairs](#)

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Folder 76: [Curtains](#)

**Subseries d.: Exterior**

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Folder 103: [Carport \(?\) paint sample on cardboard](#)  
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Folder 50: [Bedspreads](#)  
Folder 51: [Curtains](#)

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**Subseries f.: Greenhouse Office**

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Folder 112: [Upholstery](#)

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Folder 135: [Rugs](#)

Subseries g.: **Guest Suite**

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Folder 52: [Bedspreads](#)

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Box 99

Folder 136-141: [Rugs](#)

Subseries h.: **Kitchen / Laundry**

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Folder 55: [Curtains](#)

Folder 56: [Upholstery](#)

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Folder 78-79: [Curtains](#)

Box 100

Folder 142: [Rugs](#)

Box 102

Folder 162-163: [Rugs \(rejected\)](#)

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Folder 39: [Wood for firewood storage box](#)

Folder 40: [Wood for firewood storage box](#)

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- Folder 57: [Curtains \["Glass Curtains" also for Dining Room and TV Room / Den\]](#)
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- Folder 84: [Pillow textiles for conversation pit](#)
- Folder 85: [Pillow textiles for conversation pit](#)
- Folder 86: [Pillow textiles for conversation pit](#)
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- Folder 96: [Pillows \[Conversation Pit - Summer\]](#)
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- Folder 99: [Pillows \[Conversation Pit - Winter\]](#)

Box 96

- Folder 115: [Paper \[storage wall\]](#)
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- Folder 118: [Upholstery](#)

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- Folder 143-144: [Rugs \[conversation pit\]](#)

Subseries j.: **Maid's Area**

Box 91

- Folder 59: [Bedspreads](#)
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- Folder 61: [Upholstery](#)

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- Folder 90: [Curtains](#)

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- Folder 145: [Rugs](#)

**Subseries k.: Master Suite**

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- Folder 80: [Curtains](#)

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- Folder 119: [Bathroom backsplash](#)
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**Subseries l.: Playroom**

Box 91

- Folder 65: [Curtains](#)
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**Subseries m.: TV Room / Den**

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- Folder 67: [Curtains](#)
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- Folder 81-82: [Curtains](#)

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Folder 102: [Pillows](#)

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Folder 121-122: [Upholstery](#)

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Folder 148-161: [Rugs \[painted color samples A-N, some with yarn / rug samples attached\]](#)

Subseries n.: **Unidentified**

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

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Folder 125: Upholstery [leather]

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Folder 180-192: Unidentified Scraps from Slipcovers – Pillows

**Series V.: Non-Miller House Materials**

Arranged alphabetically by title 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