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## Archival Collection Finding Aid

<b>Name/Title:</b>	Bissell Company Collection
<b>Subject(s)</b>	carpet sweepers, advertising
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<b>Source:</b>	Bissell Incorporated
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<b>Processor(s):</b>	S. Bjork, Gina Bivins

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### Abstract:

The Bissell Company Collection consists of scrapbooks, litigation records, company reports, photographs, miscellaneous ephemeral material, and books. It ranges in date from the last quarter of the nineteenth century to the last quarter of the twentieth century.

### History:

1843 - Melville R. Bissell born in Hatwick, NY  
1850s - Melville moved to Racine, then Berlin, WI, where he worked as a baker  
1862 - Melville moved to Kalamazoo, MI  
1865 - Melville married Anna Sutherland of De Pere, WI  
1869 - Melville and Anna moved to Grand Rapids, MI, and were involved in some form of land speculation  
1873 - Panic of 1873 ruins real estate market, forces Melville to open grocery or general store  
1874 - City Directory lists "Bissell & Son (Alpheus and Melville R.) crockery and glassware. Harvey is also listed working for Bissell & Son, four other Bissells are listed, as a furniture finisher, blind maker, teamster, and surgeon.  
1876 - Melville invents carpet sweeper, reportedly out of packing materials in his shop, to keep his shop clean  
1879 - Melville patents his improved carpet sweeper, sells them commercially  
1883 - Bissell Carpet Sweeper Company is organized with stockholders  
1884 - Bissell displays at Exposition in Boston, the first of many Worlds Fairs. In 1905 Bissell claims to have won an award at Exposition at which their sweepers were displayed. Bissell's Grand Rapids plant destroyed by fire, new brick plant constructed.  
1887 - Eastern branch office located in New York City  
1880s - 90s - Bissell claims a world market share of 75%, has 250 employees, capacity to produce "a sweeper a minute". Bissell produces 26 different styles of sweepers, under 40 different patents.  
1889 - Melville Bissell Sr. dies, Anna Bissell becomes company president  
1892 - Bissell opens international sales office in London  
1897 - Bissell House, a social settlement house named for its benefactor Anna Bissell, opens in Grand Rapids  
1900 - 1930 - Bissell advertises heavily in national magazines, including the Furniture Record, as does its chief competitor, National Sweeper Company  
???? - Bissell produces booklet, "Dust: A Carrier of Disease"  
1902 - Bissell offers lifesize Automaton window display for its retailers  
1905 - Bissell uses the bristles of 20,000,000 hogs annually in the production of sweepers. Operates factories in Grand Rapids, Toronto, and Paris, and showrooms in New York and London. Mention is made of Anna being away at her winter home in Pasadena, CA. Anna becomes Chairman of the Board.  
1925 - Bissell offers the fiberboard "Bissell Display Taboret" for its retailers  
1931 - Bissell introduces a scaled down sweeper for the apartment, and a "hi-lo" feature which allows use on heavy carpet or linoleum. M. R. Bissell Jr. becomes company president. Anna Bissell dies. M. R. Bissell becomes Chairman of the Board.  
1953 - Bissell sales stand at \$4,000,000

1958 - M. R. Bissell III becomes company president, headquarters move to new suburban facility in Walker. Bissell introduces rug shampooer and vacuum cleaner lines, and revamps carpet sweeper.  
 1959 - Bissell annual sales jump to \$14,000,000  
 1960s - Old Bissell complex in Grand Rapids falls to urban renewal  
 1971 - John M. Bissell becomes president and chairman of the board, sales reach \$35,000,000  
 1982 - Bissell introduces carpet steam extraction machines for the home  
 1989 - Bissell operates with 3 divisions: Homecare, Healthcare, and Graphics, 775 employees work at facility in Walker. Bissell family owns 68% of the company, employee ownership plans controls 19%, remaining 13% owned by employees and other investors. Bissell is considered one of the world's largest producers of home care products.

**Scope and Content:**

The largest component found in this collection relates to the company's marketing program for their sweepers, gathered together chronologically within 81 scrapbooks. They include items such as company announcements, dealer catalogs, trade paper articles, circulars, printer proofs, magazine ads, factory forms, and even purchasing department records. The litigation component includes bound volumes of court transcripts for disputes the company had with some of its competitors covering the period from around 1880 to 1927. The five boxes of photographs are arranged by subject, such as exteriors, interiors, product promotions, etc. but most are not specifically dated or identified. Series 17 - 25 deal specifically with the donation of this archival collection and accompanying realia or artifact collection and supplement the donation's main accession file (1991.4) in the Museum's Collection Management Office.

**Series Descriptions:**

No.	Series Name	Description
I.	Scrapbooks	Consists of 81 scrapbooks in 52 boxes. Dates range from 1889-1863
II.	Litigation	Consists of litigation files vs. Bissell and Bissell vs. other companies and individuals. Dates range from 1882 - 1927 and are in 4 boxes
III.	Booklets	Consists of the layouts of two company reports from 1966 and 1976, stored in 2 boxes
IV.	Photographs	Consists of a large number of photographs of Bissell factories and products. Very few are dated or identified. Stored in 5 boxes and 18 envelopes.
V.	Miscellaneous Ephemera	Assorted paper material stored in 2 boxes
VI.	Books	Publications, stored in 1 box
VII.	Drawings/Blueprints	Dated from 1899-1918
VIII.	Company Records, Foreign	Includes 1 box each of papers from France, Canada, and a third box of papers from other countries
IX.	Company Records, USA	Dated from 1880-1965, stored in 5 boxes
X.	Advertisements and Grand Rapids Furniture Record Articles	Dated from 1902-1932, articles discuss everything from Bissell banquets and stockholders meetings to exhibits and sales. Advertisement showcase a wide array of Bissell products.
XI.	Advertisements and Articles other than GRFR	Dates 1895-1984. Articles discuss everything from Bissell's fan offer to their Roto-Brilliant window display. Ads from Montgomery Ward, Sears, and Buhl Sons Co., among others are included. A foreign language ad is also present.
XII.	Company History	Dates from 1877-1991. Includes recollections of Anna Bissell McCay, copies of several editions of the Sweeper (company newsletter), articles from the Grand Rapids Mirror and Peninsular Club magazine, excerpts from several books dealing with the history of Grand Rapids, timelines, etc.
XIII.	Bissell House History	Dates from 1891 - 1943. Includes photocopy photo of Bissell house, an article announcing the sale of the home, excerpts from a GR history book, and an article by Mrs. Lelia E. Stormzand, former head resident of the Bissell house. The photo and sales article refers to the Bissell House, the other material refers to the home built by Mrs. M. R. Bissell for neighborhood groups.

XIV.	Anna Bissell	Dates from 1899-1991. Biographical materials including articles from the Grand Rapids Press, Woman's Journal, and Grand River times. A copy of her obituary is among the articles. A program from Mrs. Bissell's induction into the Grand Rapids Business Half of Fame (1991) and a brochure from the Michigan's Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame are also present. Also included in the book containing her children's memories of their mother, titled "A Tribute to Anna Sutherland Bissell".
XV.	History of Carpet Sweepers	Materials include lists of sweeper manufacturers across the country and a brief history of sweepers
XVI.	Acquisition	Dates from 1990-1993. Materials document the Museum's acquisition of the Bissell Collection. These include receipts of delivery, deeds of gift, work plans, blank worksheets, monthly reports, articles, inventories, and correspondence between the Museum and the donor
XVII.	Appraisal	The 1991 appraisal of the collection by Linda Campbell Franklin
XVIII.	Negatives	Artifact documentation negatives
XIX.	Treatment Logs	Records documenting the cleaning or conservation work performed on the sweepers, c. 1990
XX.	Expenditures	Museum expenditures from the Bissell Trust Fund, 1990-1991
XXI.	Deaccession Worksheets	Museum records describing sweepers not retained
XXII.	Correspondence with other Museums	Correspondence regarding the collection with other Museums
XXIII.	Index Cards	Three drawers of 3x5 inventory cards created by Bissell prior to the donation
XXIV.	Computer Disk	Museum diskette containing information regarding Series XXI Deaccession above
XV.	Realia or Artifacts	Accession number 1990.22 contained over 1,400 artifacts donated to the Museum by the Bissell Company. A majority of the items are carpet sweepers made by Bissell over its long history. It also includes examples of products manufactured by dozens of other companies around the country. A small percentage of other products besides carpet sweepers are included.

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**Container List:**

<b>Container</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Description of Contents</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Count</b>
1	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements, dealers catalogs, house organ, other literature	1889-1892	1
1	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements, dealers catalogs, house organ, other literature	1911-1916	1
2	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1921-1924	1
3	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Proofs of Cuts	1904-1906	1
3	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Circulars	1908	1
4	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1929-1931	1
4	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Magazine and newspaper ads	1910-1912	1
5	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Vacuum ads, US and Canada	1915-1916	1
6	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Competitor ads, US and Canada	1911-1914	1
6	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1937-1940	1
7	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1946-1954	1
8	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealer advertisements	c. 1900	1
8	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Office and factory forms	c. 1900	1
9	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Proofs of cuts	1906-1908	1

9	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Proofs of cuts	1914-1921	1
10	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements to trade	1904-1906	1
11	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, US and Canada	1912	1
11	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Trade papers, write-ups, programs	1899-1902	1
12	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Circulars	1903-1908	1
12	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	English advertising	1902-1905	1
13	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Magazine and newspaper ads	1906-1908	1
13	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1922-1925	1
14	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Booklets	1899-1900	1
14	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Booklets	1894-1985	1
15	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealer Ads, German Ad	1906-1908	1
15	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealer Ads	1915	1
16	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealer Ads	1902	1
16	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealer Ads, US	1911	1
17	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Competition vacuums	1910	1
17	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Competition vacuum ads	1910-1912	1
18	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Competition vacuums	1910-1911	1
18	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Competition vacuum ads	1909-1910	1
19	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Proofs of cuts	1930-1936	1
19	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Advertising	1927-1930	1
20	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1957-1959	1
21	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1924-1929	1
22	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Purchasing Department Records	1957-1959	1
22	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Purchasing Department Records	1950-1958	1
23	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1955-1957	1
24	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Proofs of cuts	1949-1963	1
24	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Proofs of newspaper ads	1939-1963	1
25	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1910-1911	1
25	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealer ads, US	1911-1912	1
26	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1911-1912	1
26	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Bissell and Goshen trade paper write-ups	1908-1910	1
27	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1920-1922	1
28	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Allusions to Bissell products	1917-1932	1
29	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1949-1952	1
30	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1952-1955	1
31	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Misc. articles not directly related to Bissell or competitors	1912-1924	1
31	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Competition, domestic	1905-1908	1
32	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Advertising	1945-1958	1
32	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Purchasing Department records	1951-1958	1
33	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Miscellaneous	1896	1

34	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1934-1937	1
35	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1959-1963	1
36	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Advertising and collateral	1963-1966	1
37	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1931-1934	1
37	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealer ads and Emil Gebel	1910-1911	1
38	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Advertising, Shampoo Master	1957-1959	1
39	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Allusions to Bissell products	1950-1961	1
40	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Foreign Bissell Advertising	1911	1
40	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1916-1919	1
41	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Vacuum Ads, US and Canada	1911-1913	1
42	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Advertising, printers proofs	1895	1
43	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Competition	1894-1902	1
43	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Dealers Ads	1909-1910	1
44	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Ads, printed matter, jobbers catalog pages, circulars, write-ups	1925-1928	1
44	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Copies of invoices for foreign shipments	1929-1961	1
45	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Trade paper write-ups	1902-1904	1
46	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Bissell ads written by dealers for a prize	1895	1
47	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Proofs of Cuts	1937-1940	1
47	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	England Advertising	1908-1911	1
48	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1954-1960	1
49	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Miscellaneous	1883-1887	1
49	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Trade Paper Write-Ups	1904-1906	1
50	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1936-1946	1
51	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Distinctive Design and unique printed matter	1917-1926	1
51	n/a	I. Scrapbooks	Announcements	1895	1
14a	1-35	I. Scrapbooks	Booklets Papers (removed from scrapbook)	1894-1895	35
14b	36-60	I. Scrapbooks	Booklets, Papers (removed from scrapbook)	1894-1895	25
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Goshen v. Bissell	1894-1895	8
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Gardner v. Bissell, Prescott	1886-1888	3
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Bissell v. Weatherbee	1886	6
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Bissell v. Plumb	1882	5
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Zaun	1911	1
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Vacuum Cleaner Co.	1915-1917	5
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Kinney	1901	1
52	n/a	II. Litigation	Stenographer Transcript		3
53	n/a	II. Litigation	Bissell v. Goshen	1893-1897	13
54	61-64	II. Litigation	Robertson v. Owen	1923-1925	1
54	65-67	II. Litigation	Bissell v. Bissell	1912-1925	4
55	65-67	II. Litigation	Bissell v. Bissell	1923-1927	3

56	n/a	III. Booklet	Centennial Report	1976	1
57	n/a	III. Booklet	Report	1966	1
58	n/a	IV. Photographs	Exteriors, Product Deomstrations		71
59	n/a	IV. Photographs	Interiors		232
60	n/a	IV. Photographs	Product Promotional Displays		38
61	n/a	IV. Photographs	Products		49
62	n/a	IV. Photographs	Venturi		63
63	68-85	V. Miscellaneous Emphemera			17
64		V. Miscellaneous Emphemera			25
65	1-2	VI. Books			2
66		VII. Drawings / Blueprints		1899-1918	3
Oversize		VII. Drawings / Blueprints	Map of East Side Canal	1899-1918	1
66		VII. Drawings / Blueprints	Blueprint for ammunition box	1942	1
67	1	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand	1930-1950	22
67	2	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	Australia	1946-1950	34
67	3	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	Australia	1947-1952	29
67	4	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	Australia	1949-1950	9
67	5	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	British Isles	1930-1956	23
67	6	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	South Africa	1932-1933	3
67	7	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	Foreign trade marks and patents	1923-1925	15
68	8	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	papers, agreement w/ Charles Herman, France	1893-1916	5
68	9	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	financial statements, France	1908-1921	4
68	10	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	inventory, France	1903	2
68	11	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	newspaper articles, France	1921	2
68	12	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	power of attorney, France	1921	2
68	13	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	booklet, France	1921	1
68	14	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	tax receipts, France	1922-1927	17
68	15	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	papers, correspondence w. Charles Herman, France	1921-1922	17
68	16	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	real estate agreements, France	1922-1930	13
68	17	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	legal papers, France	1923	9

68	18	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	board meeting, France	1924	17
68	19	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	corporate director, France	1925-1930	35
68	20	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	real estate, France	1927-1930	3
68	21	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	managing director, France	1925-1940	8
68	22	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	prices, France	1930-1931	7
68	23	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	patent agreements, France	1931-1937	7
68	24	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	directors correspondence, France	1932-1955	30
68	25	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	correspondence, France	1937-1949	29
68	26	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	correspondence, France	1948-1961	14
69	27	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	real estate, deeds and liens, Canada	1907-1930	62
69	28	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	Niagra Falls Building, Canada	1908	4
69	29	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	water service, Canada	1917-1937	26
69	30	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	tax licenses, Canada	1920-1949	29
69	31	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	licenses and patent use, Canada	1925-1942	20
69	32	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	steel workers contracts	1953-1958	3
69	33	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	manufacturing agreements	1942	2
69	34	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	real estate negotiations	1928	26
69	35	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	tax receipts	1918-1957	55
69	36	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	government documents	1917-1922	12
69	37	VIII. Company Records, Foreign	book, ledger with articles of incorporation for Canada	1917	1
70	38	IX. Company Records, USA	book, Grand Rapids Sweeper Company stock certificates	1908-1953	1
70	39	IX. Company Records, USA	minutes of stockholders meeting	1921-1957	1
70	40	IX. Company Records, USA	papers, Grand Rapids Sweeper Co.	1950-1957	8
70	41	IX. Company Records, USA	articles of association, Grand Rapids Sweeper Co.	1921	1
70	42	IX. Company Records, USA	resident agents for Bissell and GR Sweeper company	1931	8
70	43	IX. Company Records, USA	Stretor Metal Stamping purchase	1933	21
70	44	IX. Company Records, USA	Sterling Sweeper Co. agreement	1933-1953	25

70	45	IX. Company Records, USA	Plumb and Lewis Mfg. Co. purchase	1885-1886	2
70	46	IX. Company Records, USA	Porter Steel Specialties agreement	1937-1953	3
70	47	IX. Company Records, USA	product design, Harley Earl	1954-1958	3
70	47	IX. Company Records, USA	product design, Ray Patten	1935	2
70	48	IX. Company Records, USA	patents, designs, trademarks	1918-1927	10
71	49	IX. Company Records, USA	business, New York	1892-1938	43
71	50	IX. Company Records, USA	New York City Office	1920-1942	29
71	51	IX. Company Records, USA	papers, New York and Illinois	1925	6
71	52	IX. Company Records, USA	water agreements, Grand Rapids	1908-1925	22
71	53	IX. Company Records, USA	telephones, window cleaning	1958	2
71	54	IX. Company Records, USA	Grand Trunk RR	1958	4
71	55	IX. Company Records, USA	Water power option	1906-1926	22
71	56	IX. Company Records, USA	Consumers Power	1938-1955	3
71	57	IX. Company Records, USA	Palma-Knapp Contract	1961	1
71	57	IX. Company Records, USA	Miner Laboratories Shampoo Master	1958	2
71	58	IX. Company Records, USA	Thank You, T. Jefferson Coolidge	1889	1
71	59	IX. Company Records, USA	Mfg. Census Form	1890	1
71	59	IX. Company Records, USA	Brand Names Foundation Forum	1952	1
71	60	IX. Company Records, USA	Underwriters Lab	1960	1
71	60	IX. Company Records, USA	Alrose Chemical Co. Agreement	1942	1
71	61	IX. Company Records, USA	Printing Contract	1895	1
71	61	IX. Company Records, USA	Gas contract	1959-1963	3
71	62	IX. Company Records, USA	Advertising Agreement	1957-1958	2
71	62	IX. Company Records, USA	Advertising Agreement	1952-1961	5
71	62	IX. Company Records, USA	Publicity Agreement	1956	1
71	63	IX. Company Records, USA	Trade Committee	1938	1
71	63	IX. Company Records, USA	Parking Agreement	1957	1

71	63	IX. Company Records, USA	Engineering Contract	1950	3
72	64	IX. Company Records, USA	ledger book, shareholders	1883-1890	1
72	65	IX. Company Records, USA	early organization	1880-1900	24
72	66	IX. Company Records, USA	early papers	1881-1892	4
72	66	IX. Company Records, USA	amended articles of incorporation	1890	4
72	67	IX. Company Records, USA	reorganization	1928	3
72	67	IX. Company Records, USA	Coleman letter	1891	1
72	68	IX. Company Records, USA	factory rebuilding	1906	16
72	69	IX. Company Records, USA	employee contracts	1958-1959	16
72	70	IX. Company Records, USA	Civic Auditorium	1932-1935	4
72	70	IX. Company Records, USA	agreement handles	1944	1
72	70	IX. Company Records, USA	plating license	1931-1940	12
72	71	IX. Company Records, USA	Oxford Varnish contracts	1936-1941	11
72	72	IX. Company Records, USA	Mercantile Agency contracts	1919-1944	16
72	73	IX. Company Records, USA	Morton Hotel stock	1925-1927	8
72	74	IX. Company Records, USA	Alcohol Bond	1925-1928	26
72	75	IX. Company Records, USA	A.P. Johnson stock	1923-1938	9
72	76	IX. Company Records, USA	Sales promotions	1932-1945	24
72	77	IX. Company Records, USA	Advertising, printing contracts	1909-1952	20
72	78	IX. Company Records, USA	Power of attorney, NY	1890-1925	4
73	79	IX. Company Records, USA	Goshen litigation	1893	5
73	79	IX. Company Records, USA	F. Bissell litigation, Toledo	1899-1925	11
73	80	IX. Company Records, USA	GR Felt Boot Co. agreement	1887	1
73	80	IX. Company Records, USA	South Shore Appliance agreement	1947	3
73	81	IX. Company Records, USA	bank accounts and loans	1946-1965	36
73	82	IX. Company Records, USA	investments in bonds	1922-1955	133
73	83	IX. Company Records, USA	tax bills, Kent County	1899-1921	7

73	83	IX. Company Records, USA	property taxes, New Jersey	1949-1961	21
73	83	IX. Company Records, USA	IRS	1947	1
73	84	IX. Company Records, USA	postage machine	1949-1958	10
73	85	IX. Company Records, USA	airline contracts	1940-1961	12
73	86	IX. Company Records, USA	land deeds	1870-1871	3
73	87	IX. Company Records, USA	Erie Street property	1878-1884	3
73	88	IX. Company Records, USA	real estate agreements	1884-1910	14
73	89	IX. Company Records, USA	real estate receipts	1889-1924	16
73	90	IX. Company Records, USA	surveyor blueprints	1906-1908	3
73	91	IX. Company Records, USA	real estate papers	1906	1
73	92	IX. Company Records, USA	real estate papers	1927-1953	29
73	93	IX. Company Records, USA	Alpine Ave. property	1922-1949	80
73	94	IX. Company Records, USA	lease agreements	1957-1959	8
74	95	IX. Company Records, USA	Alpine Ave. addition	1948	15
74	96	IX. Company Records, USA	appraisals by Coats and Burchard	1921-1948	73
74	97	IX. Company Records, USA	papers, real estate	1927	4
74	98	IX. Company Records, USA	papers, Erie Street property	1950-1957	46
oversize	99		90th birthday advertising posters	1966	4
oversize	100		90th birthday banners displays	1966	3
75	101-102	X. Ads and Grand Rapids Furniture Record Articles	Ads from GR Furniture Record	1902-1931	2
75	103	XI. Ads and Articles other than GRFR	Advertisements and Articles other than GRFR	1886-1984	1
75	104	XII. Company History	Company History	1877-1991	1
76	105	XIII. Bissell House History			1
76	105	XIV. Anna Bissell	biographical material		1
76	106	XV. History of Carpet Sweepers			1
76	107-108	XVI. Acquisition		1990-1993	2
77	109	XVII. Appraisal		1991	1
77	110	XVIII. Negatives		1992	1

77	111	XIX. Treatment Logs	1990	1
77	112	XX. Expenditures	1990-1991	1
77	113	XXI. Deaccessions worksheets	1990	1
77	114	inventory		1
78	115-116	XXII. Correspondence with other Museums	1990	1
79	n/a	XXIII. Index Cards		1
80	n/a	photographs of sweepers	1992	18