

Guide to the Swid Powell Scrapbook

MS 1918



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1918

CREATOR: Swid Powell (Firm)

TITLE: Swid Powell scrapbook

DATES: 1983-1990

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The scrapbook, created by the housewares design firm Swid Powell, is primarily composed of clippings from various magazines about the firm and the architects commissioned by the firm to design tableware and other decorative objects. Also included are examples of the firm's own brochures and publicity materials.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

The binding of the scrapbook was removed during processing for preservation purposes.

Biographical / Historical

Nan Swid and Addie Powell formed Swid Powell, a housewares firm, in 1982. They commissioned many of the most prominent architects of the day, including Richard Meier, Charles Gwathmey, Robert A. M. Stern, Michael Graves, Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown, and Stanley Tigerman, to design tableware for mass production. Many of these iconic pieces and their prototypes are held by major museums and design collections, including the Yale University Art Gallery. The firm ceased production in the mid-1990s.

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Arrangement

Materials in the scrapbook were arranged by the creators.

Collection Contents

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Scrapbook

1983-1990

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Architect-designed decorative arts -- United States
Decorative arts -- United States -- History -- 20th Century

Names

Powell, Addie
Swid, Nan

Corporate Body

Swid Powell (Firm)