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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 929

CREATOR: Walter, Max, 1908-1988

TITLE: Max Walter commercial art for W. & J. Sloane

DATES: 1934-1981

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.33 linear feet (15 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists primarily of pen-and-wash drawings of furniture and home accessories drawn by Max Walter for the W. & J. Sloane company. The drawings depict a range of furniture and home furnishing styles available to the public and were featured in advertisements for W. & J. Sloane printed in newspapers and magazine. The drawings document changing styles in the American commercial domestic furniture industry in the middle decades of the twentieth century. Also found are sketchbooks containing pastel, watercolor, pencil, and pen-and-wash drawings and copies of print advertisements featuring Walter's drawings.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Rachelle S. Blaxberg on the Library Associates Endowment Fund, 2012.

Custodial History

From the collection of Jack Lubiner.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization in 2012. Information included in this finding aid is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Max Walter (1908-1988)

Max Walter, American illustrator, studied at the Arts Students League of New York (1925-1926), and drew illustrations of furniture and home accessories for the W. & J. Sloane company for more than 35 years during the middle decades of the twentieth century.

W. & J. Sloane

W. & J. Sloane was a furniture and rug store in New York City that catered to the wealthy and operated from 1843 to 1985, reaching its peak in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Scope and Contents

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industry in the middle decades of the twentieth century. Also found are sketchbooks containing pastel, watercolor, pencil, and pen-and-wash drawings and copies of print advertisements featuring Walter's drawings.

Arrangement

Organized into three series by format: I. Pen-and-Wash Drawings, 1934-1981. II. Sketchbooks, 1951-1952. III. Advertisements, undated.

Collection Contents

Series I: Pen-and-Wash Drawings, 1934-1981

Arranged by size and then by date.

Pen-and-wash drawings (8.5" x 14" or smaller)		
b. 1	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>13 Folders</i>	1934-1946
b. 2	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>8 Folders</i>	1946-1954
b. 3	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>5 Folders</i>	1955-1959
b. 4	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>16 Folders</i>	1960-1978
Pen-and-wash drawings		
b. 5	Bedding, bedroom	undated
b. 5	Chairs	undated
b. 5	Dining sets	undated
b. 5	End tables	undated
b. 5	Kitchen accessories	undated
b. 5	Law furniture	undated
b. 5	Lighting	undated
b. 5	Living room	undated
b. 5	Miscellaneous: mirror, foyer, receptacles, towels	undated
b. 5	Planters	undated
b. 5	Trays, tables	undated
b. 5	Window curtains	undated
b. 5	Writing desks	undated
Pen-and-wash drawings (14" x 18" or smaller)		
b. 6 (Oversize)	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>16 Folders</i>	1935-1949, undated
b. 7 (Oversize)	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>10 Folders</i>	1950-1956
b. 8 (Oversize)	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>9 Folders</i>	1957-1964

Pen-and-wash drawings (14" x 18" or smaller) (continued)

b. 9 (Oversize)	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>14 Folders</i>	1965-1977
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Pen-and-wash drawings (16" x 20" or smaller)		
b. 10 (Oversize)	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>15 Folders</i>	1940-1959, undated
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b. 11 (Oversize)	Pen-and-wash drawings <i>18 Folders</i>	1960-1981
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Pen-and-wash drawings (22" x 28" or smaller)		
b. 12 (Oversize)	Pen-and-wash drawings	1968, undated
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Series II: Sketchbooks, 1951-1952, undated

b. 13 (Oversize)	Pastel drawings on construction paper <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 13 (Oversize)	Watercolor drawings	1951
b. 13 (Oversize)	Watercolor, pencil, and pen-and-wash drawings	December 1951- January 1952

Series III: Advertisements, undated

b. 14 (Oversize)	Advertisements (copies) <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 15	Advertisements (copies) <i>31 Folders</i>	undated

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

Advertising -- United States
Commercial artists -- United States
Commercial art -- United States
Furniture industry and trade -- United States
Furniture -- United States
House furnishings industry and trade -- United States
House furnishings -- United States
Illustrators -- United States

Genres / Formats

Advertisements -- United States -- 20th Century
Commercial art -- United States -- 20th Century
Pen and wash drawings -- United States -- 20th Century
Sketchbooks -- United States -- 20th Century

Occupations

Commercial artists -- United States -- 20th Century
Illustrators -- United States -- 20th Century

Names

Lubiner, Jack -- Ownership
Walter, Max, 1908-1988

Corporate Body

W. & J. Sloane