Appendices

Appendix A

High Wycombe Furniture Archive at BCUC

Sharing Information about Wycombe’s Furniture History

Figure A1  High Wycombe Electronic Archive Poster: Buckinghamshire Local History Network Annual Conference & Fair 'Buckinghamshire’s Industrial Heritage'. High Wycombe (Kaner and Grover, 2007a)

Figure A2  High Wycombe Electronic Furniture Archive Launch. In: High Wycombe Library Exhibition. Jake Kaner, Jonathon Arnold, Sally Scagell, Tom Dean, Sharon Grover (Kaner and Grover, 2009b)
Appendix B

Selection of images from the design press with references to High Wycombe companies

Figure B1  Antique Explorer, July 2006. References to G-Plan furniture, the Housemaster Chair and Coffee Table

Figure B2  Design Week, September 2007. Ercol Furniture
Figure B3 Grand Design, December 2008. Ercol 'stacking’ Chair

Figure B4 Grand Designs, November 2010. G-Plan coffee table
Appendix C

Mr Peach  
C/o Dr Catherine Grigg  
Wycombe Museum  
Priory Avenue  
High Wycombe  
HP13 6PX  

28 September 2006

Dear Mr Peach,
I work at High Wycombe College, and am working on a Furniture Archive project, based on materials from the High Wycombe Furniture Industry.
I met up with a Catherine Grigg from Wycombe Museum earlier this week and she mentioned that you had met with her and she thought you might be able to help me.

From what I understand you had worked in the industry, and have some connection with the Utility Scheme?

If it is OK with you, I would very much like to meet up with you and discuss this area. I am also working towards a PhD on this subject, in which Catherine is my supervisor and your knowledge would be invaluable to me.

I very much hope to meet up with you soon.

Kind regards,

Sharon Grover
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Biographical Information

Please would you provide some biographical information which will form a valuable historical context to the interview for future researchers. Personal details such as your address and telephone number will be treated confidentially by BCUC.

Please leave blank anything that you feel is not appropriate or you do not want to divulge.

- Full name:
- Address:
- Telephone number:
- Date of birth:
  Place of birth:
- Number of brothers and/or sisters:
- Names of schools/colleges:
- Occupation(s) (with dates):
- Date of marriage(s):
  Husband/wife's occupation(s):
- Children (number and sex):
- Father's occupation(s):
- Mother's occupation(s):

Thank you for this information.
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Please also state below whether there are any restrictions to its use that you would like to make.

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• broadcast yes/no
• publication yes/no
• in an exhibition yes/no
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Appendix D

Images from meetings and interviews throughout the study

Figure D1  Gordon Gray and Sharon Grover, 7 June 2011

Figure D2  Image taken by the author at Gordon Gray’s home with his original award winning chair, 8 December 2010
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Figure D5  Photo taken by the author of Lesley Dandy and Jake Kaner, 9 January 2007

Figure D6  Photo taken by the author of Mr Raymond Peach, Manager at Glenisters, shortly before his death, 1 February 2007 (In 1950 in the City and Guilds examinations, Raymond John Peach won first prize, silver medal and the Southern Furniture Manufacturers prize of £3 3s 0d)
Figure D7  Photo taken by the author of Mr Roger Bennett, 10 June 2008

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Figure F8  Owen Haines (Mayor of High Wycombe) Door panels now, 6 October 2007
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Figure G1  Left: J Goodchild with finished chair outside his workshop Naphill Right: Chair bodger (George Dean) shaping legs on a ‘horse” with a draw knife, Hampden woods, Bucks

Figure G2  Shaping of a Windsor chair seat on a spindling machine, Plumridge Saw Mills, High Wycombe
Figure G3  Sawing up elm log into planks with a horizontal saw at Plumridge Saw Mills, High Wycombe (used in the film strip “A Windsor chair is made”)

Figure G4  Fitting the bow in the seat of a machine made Windsor chair, Owen Haines & Sons High Wycombe
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Figure H1  Parker Knoll Ltd, P.K. 728 Lanark Easy chair designed in 1952, from the COID collection of photographs, Design Council Archives

Figure H2  Ercol Furniture Ltd, Armless easy chair model 427, designed by Lucian B. Ercolani and Donald Pedal in 1958
Figure H3  E. Gomme Ltd, Easy chair and matching stool, model 6250/6254, designed in 1962 (G-Plan’s ‘World’s Most Comfortable Chair’ designed by Paul Conti)

Figure H4  Machine made Utility Windsor dining chair, manufactured by Owen Haines & Sons, High Wycombe, c. 1940s
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Appendix I

Figure I1  Newspaper advertisement for G-Plan from London Evening Standard showing dressing table, stool as well as drawing of settee. One of the very earliest G-Plan advertisements dated 23 April 1953 (HWeFA, 2009h)

Figure I2  Newspaper advertisement for G-Plan from the London Evening News, 8 June 1953. One of the earliest advertisements for the range. Photograph shows room set with dining table, chairs and sideboard; B400 settee and B400 armchair and coffee table. Also shown is drawing of armchair and side table¹(HWeFA, 2009i)

¹ This image appears in the G-Plan New Models folder for 1954-1955 and the designer is noted as 'VBW' Victor Bramwell Wilkins.
Figure I3 Newspaper advertisements for G-Plan from the Birmingham Mail And House & Garden Magazine, (HWeFA 2009a).
Appendix J

The following Images are taken by the author during a visit to Houghall College, cited in Ercoli’s biography where some of his furniture is still in situ.
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Figure K1  The author with Martin Jourdan (student placement at Parker Knoll) 1992
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Figure L1 Furniture displayed at the ‘Festival’ held at High Wycombe, 1951, Reproduction suite (Anon., 1951e)

Figure L2 Furniture displayed at the ‘Festival’ held at High Wycombe, 1951, Utility dining set with Welsh dresser in dark oak (Anon., 1951e)

Figure L3 Furniture displayed at the ‘Festival’ held at High Wycombe, 1951, Non-Utility settee (Anon., 1951e)
Figure L4 Furniture displayed at the ‘Festival’ held at High Wycombe, 1951, Bedstead, which Wycombe exports² (Anon., 1951e)

Figure M5 Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visiting the High Wycombe firm Nichols & Janes, she was quoted as saying, ‘I did not know things like this (reproduction furniture) were still being made.’ (Anon, 1950a).

² It was reported in April 1953 that nearly 80 per cent of the production of high quality reproduction furniture made by Mines & West Ltd is exported, principally to North American markets.
Figure L6  New GPlan bedroom furniture and described as ‘Chinese look’. (Anon., 1956a)

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Figure M2  Max Bygraves, Julie Andrews, John Pertwee, unknown (possibly Sylvia Peters) & Mr Pastry (Richard Hearne) at G-Plan launch 1953 (HWFA, 2009).
Figure M3  Ted Gomme with John Pertwee G-Plan launch 1953 (HWFA, 2009).

Figure M4  1950s film set (HWFA, 2009).
Figure M5  Vic Wilkins and Leslie Dandy in the prototype shop with experimental styrene moulding and wire mesh chair in background (HWFA, 2009).