

Collection #  
SC 3520

**BILL BLASS  
NOTE AND PHOTOGRAPH, CA. 1994**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 manuscript folder, 1 photograph folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** Ca. 1994

**PROVENANCE:** Friends of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, Inc., October, 2018

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 2018.0312

**NOTES:**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William Ralph Blass (1922–2002) was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At the age of seventeen, he moved to New York City, where he attended the Parsons School of Design. After serving in the military during World War II, he joined the fashion house of Anna Miller and Company around 1946. In 1959, Anna Miller merged with Maurice Renter Ltd., and Blass was named head designer. In 1970, he acquired Renter and changed the name to Bill Blass. He was one of the first to expand his designer line beyond clothing, and his creations were known for their classic good taste. Blass sold his company in 1999 and retired the following year.

### Sources:

Encyclopedia Britannica On Line [www.britannica.com/biography/Bill-Blass](http://www.britannica.com/biography/Bill-Blass), accessed 23 October 2018.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection includes a typewritten note signed note by Blass on the importance of libraries, and an autographed photograph, ca. 1994. It formerly hung in the Kokomo Public Library before being acquired by the Indiana Historical Society in 2018.

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Autographed typed note by Blass, ca. 1994

Autographed photograph of Blass, ca. 1994

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