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**J. IRWIN MILLER
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT, 2011-12**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The “J. Irwin Miller Project” was initiated by the Indiana Historical Society in an effort to supplement the J. Irwin Miller Papers, which can be found in the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Family Collection (M 1003). The interviewees are all people who knew J. Irwin Miller personally, whether through his work in business, philanthropy, or politics. The interviewees include:

Annette Barnes—Former employee of Irwin Union Bank, member of the North Christian Church in Columbus, Indiana. Wife of a former Cummins employee/consultant and golf partner of Miller’s.

Thomas Bonnell—Former Cummins employee and consultant with Irwin Management Company. Served as Director of Corporate Facilities and Corporate Real Estate for Cummins, where he interacted with Mr. Miller in making decisions on architects and designs for Cummins buildings around the world.

Edwin Booth—Former Cummins employee who once served as the Chief Electronics Officer and the Director for Latin America and the Far East.

Walter Divan—Former Cummins employee who began working in a Studebaker foundry that was owned by Cummins in South Bend, Indiana. Later moved to Cummins plant in Columbus, Indiana, where he eventually oversaw all of the plant’s manufacturing, assembly, and shipping.

James Gregory—Former corporate chef who contracted through Irwin Management Company, and was responsible for breakfast, lunches, and dinners given at 301 Washington Street, and also some events at the Miller home from 1971-88.

Ann Hackett—Married to John Hackett, who worked for both Irwin Management Company and Cummins from 1964-89. Retired from Cummins and eventually served as the CFO for Indiana University.

Robert W. Haddad—Owner and CEO of Columbus Container. Member of North Christian Church and served on the Board of Directors for the Irwin Union Bank from 1984-2002. Personal friend and golfing partner of Miller’s.

Rick Haynes—Served as the Vice President of Management Development at Cummins from 1972-77. After leaving Cummins to serve as the United States Ambassador to Algeria, he returned in 1981 as the Vice President for International Business Development at Cummins.

Sarla Kalsi—Hired by Cummins out of Columbia University business school in 1967, but switched over to Irwin Management Company in 1968, where she remained until they ended operations in 2012. Served as President and CEO from 1995 onwards. Also served

as Executive Director of the Irwin Sweeney Miller Foundation. Helped the Miller family both make money and give it away.

Ted Marston—Attended Franklin College, and then worked as a biology and chemistry teacher in Columbus, Indiana. Member of North Christian Church, where he served on the committee to find a new pastor with Miller. Asked by Miller to work for Cummins in 1965 or 1966. Two years later, became the Vice President of Human Resources.

Harry McCawley—Associate Editor for the Columbus Republic. Interviewed Miller for the newspaper and also met with Miller occasionally to advise him or keep him apprised of events and happenings in the Columbus community.

William Miller— Youngest son of J. Irwin Miller.

John Nash—Graduate of Indiana University. Interviewed and discussed employment opportunities with both Irwin Management Company and Cummins before taking a position at the age of 29 as Vice President of Irwin Union Bank in 1966.

Donald Perkins—Yale alumnus. Worked at Jewel Companies, Inc. and served for ten years as the Chairman and CEO before retiring in 1980. Served on the Board of Directors for Cummins Engine Company from 1974-99.

Tracy Souza—Began working at Cummins in 1979. Worked in the Corporate Human Resources group, and became an Executive Recruiter in 1986. From 1988-98, she served as Director of Corporate Recruiting. Responsible for giving Miller a recruiting review at the beginning of each year. After leaving Cummins for a time, came back to take over the Cummins Engine Foundation from 2000-11.

Robert Stewart— Served as the Mayor of Columbus, Indiana for twelve years, 1984-1995.

Randall Tucker—Came to Cummins as a trainee right out of college in 1957. Secretary of Cummins Engine Foundation, and also worked in Community Relations before retiring in 1988.

Charles Webb—the Dean Emeritus at the Indiana University School of Music. Personal friend of Miller who played music written for violin and piano with Miller at his homes in Columbus and Florida. Served on the Indiana Arts Commission with Xenia Miller for eight years.

M. Joseph White—Earned at PhD from the University of Michigan, where he used Cummins as a subject for his dissertation. Invited to join Cummins as the Vice President of Management Development in 1981 and served until 1987. Had monthly meetings with Miller to discuss happenings at the company.

Steve Wieneke—Former Cummins employee who worked as a foreman in manufacturing and manufacturing engineering.

Sources: Information supplied by project.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains twenty oral histories of individuals who had contact with J. Irwin Miller, personally and professionally. Interviewees recount their impressions of J. Irwin Miller as a community leader, businessman, and friend. Many recount his keen interest in people and his humbleness. Interviews were conducted in 2011 and 2012 by an Indiana Historical Society volunteer, Charles Rentschler, also a former Cummins employee.

Each interview has two copies on DVD, except Will Miller's which has six.

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