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**TEN NEW ORAL HISTORIES OF INDUSTRY LEADERS
RELEASED FROM THE AMERICAN FURNITURE HALL OF FAME**

HIGH POINT, N.C., Oct. 21, 2011 — The American Furniture Hall of Fame Foundation is now selling 10 additional published oral histories of furniture industry leaders: Douglas Brackett; Paul H. Broyhill; Bert Roy Fenn; Charles O. Gordon; W.G. Holliman, Jr.; Lawrence K. Schnadig; Harley F. Shuford, Jr.; Charles R. Sligh, Jr.; John B. Vaughan; and Elliott S. Wood. The hard cover books include family and company photos.

Twenty-two of the 40-book set have now been published. Those released previously include John C. Bernhardt; Alvin E. Bland; Rose G. Blumkin; Bob Bush, Sr.; O. William Fenn; Rawson Haverty, Sr.; Clyde Hooker, Jr.; Don A. Hunziker; J. Wade Kincaid; Steven M. Kincaid; Joanna C. Maitland, and Edwin J. Shoemaker.

“These oral histories forever preserve original information about our industry and is one of the most important services that the Foundation provides,” says Kurt Darrow, Foundation president. “It is interesting to read the stories from varying personal perspective of our leaders who give us an inside look at the industry and former times. They permanently record information that will be accessible for generations to come.”

In 2008, the Hall of Fame Foundation received a grant from the Furniture Foundation to digitize the transcripts and tapes of 33 previously recorded oral interviews that were in danger of being lost. These interviews, along with eight additional new oral histories, are available for purchase through the Bernice Bienenstock Furniture Library or online at www.furniturehalloffame.com. Individual copies cost \$25 each or an advance order can be placed for a complete set of 41 for \$1,000, plus the cost of shipping and handling.

Other oral histories that will be published next include: Nathan S. Ancell; E. L. Briggs; David J. Brunn; Dan Edmonson; John R. Gerken; Mary McKenzie Henkel;

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Leo Jiranek; William P. Kemp, Sr.; Bernard B. Lane; Hyman Meyers; Steve Millender; Patrick H. Norton; Steve Pond; Joe Richardson II; Irving Sherman; Robert H. Spilman; Howard O. Walker; Art Van Elslander; and Ronald G. Wanek.

The Foundation continues to grow its oral history program and is accepting recommendations for other industry leaders whose stories need to be captured. To send suggestions or receive more information, please contact lestep@furniturehalloffame.com.

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The American Furniture Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. is an international, industry-wide organization founded to honor those individuals whose outstanding achievements have contributed to the continued growth and development of the U.S. furniture industry, as well as to research, collect and preserve our cultural, economic and artistic history. Membership includes eligibility to vote for inductees into the American Furniture Hall of Fame, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. The organization is based in High Point, North Carolina at 202 Neal Place, and can be reached at 336.882.5900.

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