

Title: Schrager Auction Galleries, Inc.

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Inclusive Dates: 1878, 1950 – 2010

Quantity: 4.0 cu. ft.

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Abstract: Adolph “Al” Jack Schrager was born in Milwaukee, the second of eight children of Samuel and Sara Schrager. In 1936, at age 18, he began working in the auction business as an apprentice for J.C. Wall & Son on N. Broadway. Four years later, he partnered with Freda Blumberg to open an antique store, the Victorian Shop, on N. 12th St. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and after the war he returned to the auction business. In 1946, he founded Milwaukee Auction Galleries, which he operated until he sold the business in 1973 and moved to California. He continued auctioning in California, but he returned to Milwaukee after he received several requests to auction various estates. In 1985, he opened Schrager Auction Galleries in the former Third Church of Christian Science at 2915 N. Sherman Boulevard. He maintained the auction house until 2010, when he held his final auction in May. Throughout his decades in the auction business, Schrager was well respected because of his honesty and fairness. He passed away in September 2013.

Scope and Content: The collection consists primarily of auction catalogs that span Schrager’s work with Milwaukee Auction Galleries and Schrager Auction Galleries. Also included are auction notices and flyers, newspaper clippings and miscellaneous promotional booklets.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection was processed by Kevin Abing, April 2020.

Arrangement:

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Auction Catalogs, 1965	1	4
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Auction Catalogs, July-December 1993	3	4
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Auction Catalogs, February-April 1997	3	11
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Auction Catalogs, June-December 1998	4	2
Auction Catalogs, February-May 1999	4	3
Auction Catalogs, June-December 1999	4	4
Auction Catalogs, January-April 2000	4	5
Auction Catalogs, June-November 2000	4	6
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Auction Flyers/Inserts, 1987-1995	4	14
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Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Promotional/Information Booklets – “All You Ever Wanted to Know About Auctions But Were Afraid to Ask” presentation by Al Schrager – The National Manufacture of the Gobelines: Caatatalogue of the Tapestries Exhibited in the Galleries, Paris, 1878 	4	16
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