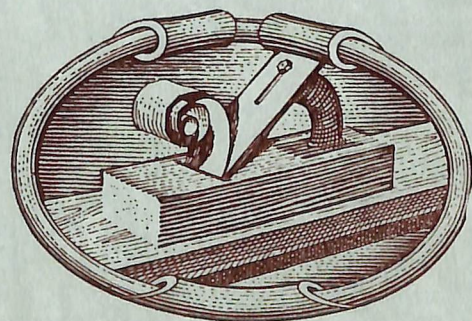


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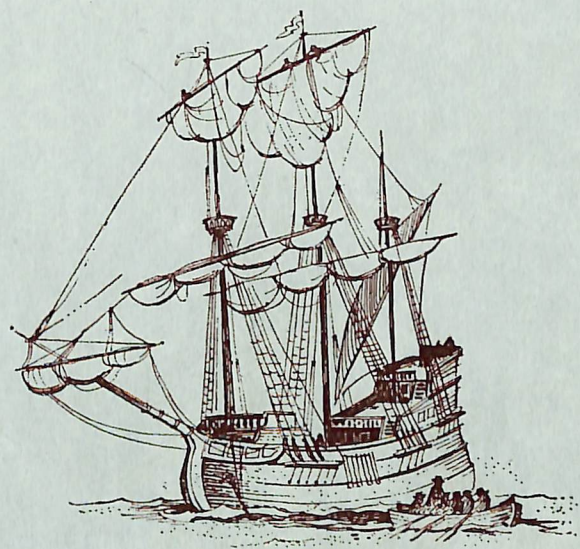
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HISTORICAL MAP SHOWING PART OF THE
EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

Cowansville, the present home of the Vilas Company is situated on the eastern rim of Brome County in Quebec's famed "Eastern Townships" area, some 50 miles south-east of Montreal. This territory is rich in the tradition and history of Canada's early days. United Empire Loyalists made their way here from New England as early as 1782. The famed expedition of the legendary "Rogers Rangers" through the Eastern Townships in 1759 is but one more of many reasons why it will always hold a leading place in early Canadian history. Sir Alexander Galt, one of the "Fathers of Confederation" represented this district in Parliament and was said to be the original drafter of the British North America Act.



Origins of the Vilas traditional styles in furniture

At the time when the first settlers in North America started to make their own furniture there were three major influences at work on the designs they created.

The first influence originated in the traditional skills in cabinet making that the immigrants brought with them.

The second influence was exerted upon them by the exceptionally fine timber they found growing in their new homeland.

Finally, the majority of the immigrants, especially those who landed in New England, had crossed the ocean to escape the extravagances of the Jacobite regime in England. Their furnishings reflected

the basic designs of the Jacobean models but without their impractical ornamentation.

The first settlers were honest, devout people who liked their furniture to reflect these characteristics.

The end result was a style that was simple, in excellent taste as simple things invariably are, and entirely functional.

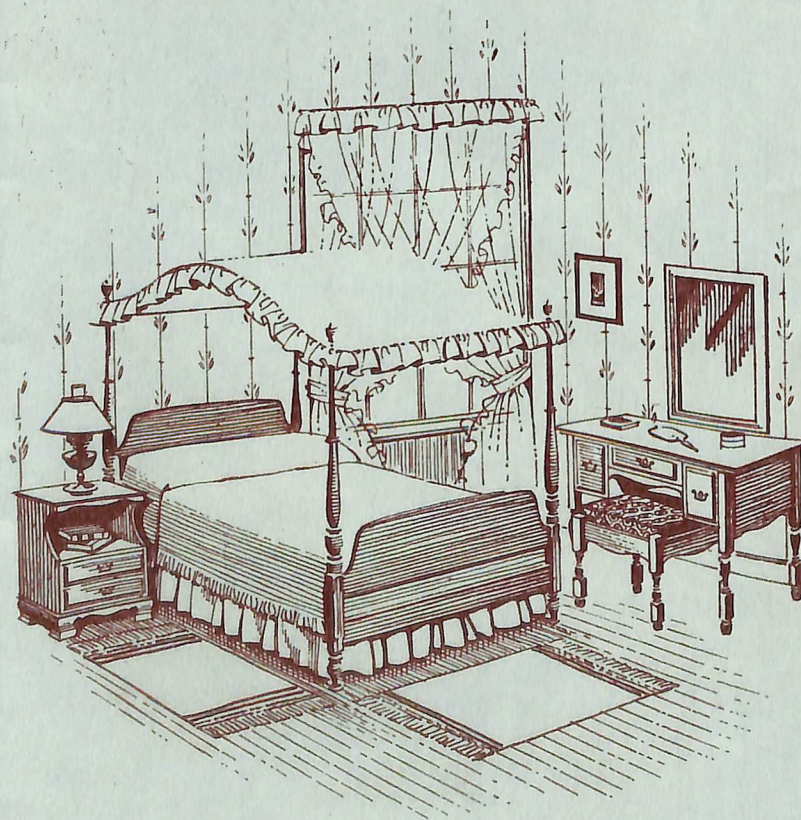


In the years that followed, as life became less grim, a brighter note crept into the designs. They lost none of their intrinsic simplicity, their good taste or their functionalism but they lost a little of their severity and gained more comfort and elegance.

Today, all these qualities...simplicity, taste, functionalism, elegance and comfort are to be found in such fine furniture as the Vilas 'Confederation Collection' in the traditional style. And because this furniture reflects the feelings of another more tranquil age it adds a tone of casualness and restfulness when it is introduced into a modern home.

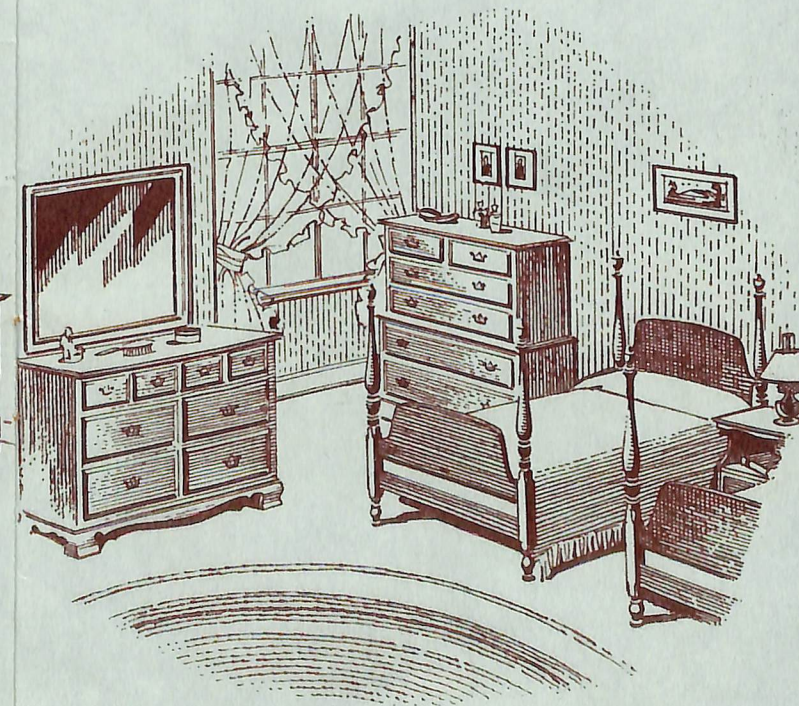
The Brome County Collection

The name of Vilas has been connected with Brome County since the year 1813, when Aaron Vilas moved to the district from the State of Vermont. The actual formation of the County did not take place until 1855, when the division of the Eastern Townships was revised by the County Council. Aaron Vilas was a member of this Council.



Those were pioneering years, when a man's hands, aided by the few tools he had brought with him, built a life for himself and his family, in an attempt to reconstruct a semblance of the civilization they had left behind. From the purely functional furniture of those early years, has come the Vilas "Brome County" collection... graceful, superbly crafted, yet maintaining that fundamental simplicity that links it with its heritage.

Today's modern Vilas factory is situated at Cowansville, in Brome-Missisquoi County. What could be more appropriate, therefore, than to have one of the most charming and distinctive groupings being currently produced named after the County with which it grew up.



Rev. Aaron Vilas, 1810-1895

THE Vilas family, an off shoot of the Villiers family which counted amongst its numbers the Dukes of Buckingham, first came to North America from Britain early in the seventeen hundreds.

The first of the family to settle in Canada's Eastern Townships was Aaron Vilas who moved there from Vermont in 1813. He was a farmer, a very active member of the Baptist Church and lived to the ripe old age of 93. He was succeeded by his son, another Aaron Vilas, who not only took on the farm but took his father's interest in the Baptist Church a step further and became a Minister of the free-will Baptist Church.

He was also a craftsman of no small ability and satisfied a strong urge to use his hands by building fine, custom made furniture and established, what is now known as the Vilas Furniture Company, in 1840.

As a Minister, the younger Aaron Vilas' parish covered a wide area. To get round it he rode horseback from one house or hamlet to another. During these visits to the scattered homes around the countryside he saw a wide variety of pieces of furniture in their original traditional styles and was stimulated to experiment in the construction of chests and other pieces which embodied these styles.

The younger Aaron Vilas' love of fine wood work and well built furniture has been inherited by some of his descendants who are actively interested in the Vilas Company today.

A True Canadian Heritage

One of the most typical pieces of early colonial furniture is the chest. In it the early settlers stored their modest possessions. As they grew more prosperous, their possessions increased and so, of necessity, did the size of chests. First a drawer was added to the bottom and the lid, which was unconnected to the rest of the chest, was set on hinges. As the chest became taller the lid became awkward to open and close so the whole top section was replaced with drawers.

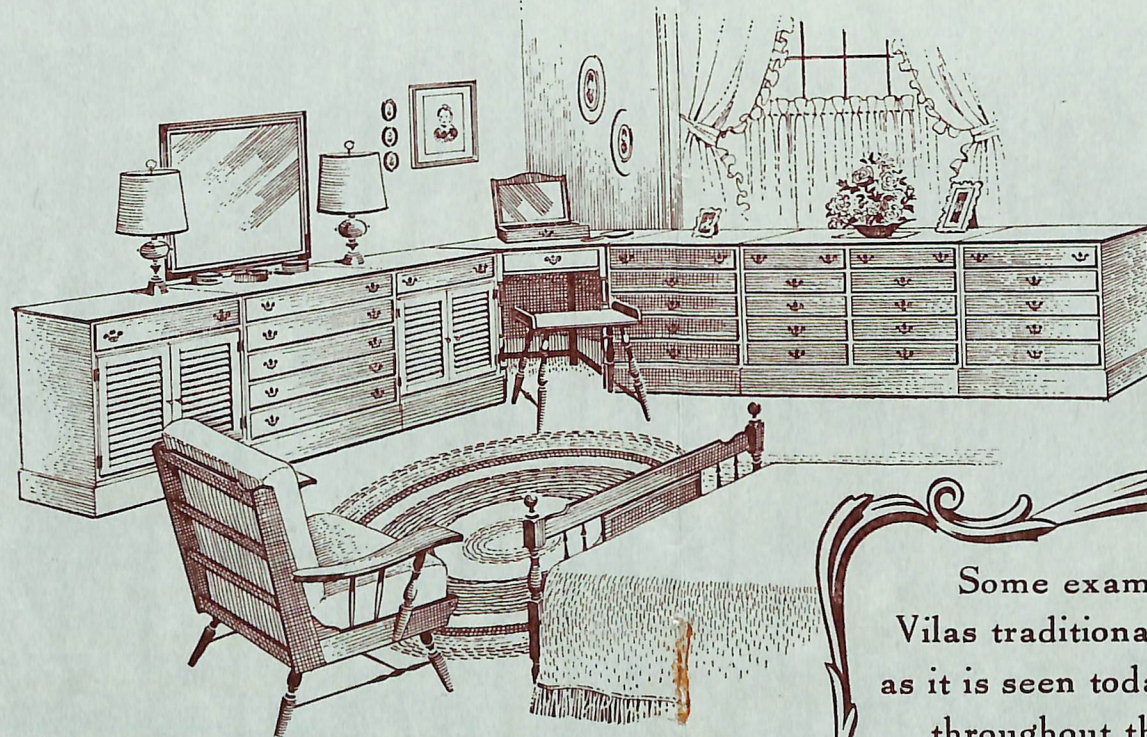


It is somehow fitting that the first piece of furniture, in the company's possession, known to have been made by the founder of the present firm of Vilas, was a chest. Today it is proudly displayed at exhibitions or in the factory showroom.

The man who made it was named Aaron Vilas and it is said to have been made in 1867... the year of Confederation. This fact has been commemorated in the Vilas 'Confederation Collection' of fine furniture.

The House of Vilas

Aaron Vilas founded what is now the Vilas Company, in 1840. Originally an iron foundry, the Company passed through evolutionary phases, during which it produced first farm machinery, then school furniture and ultimately became what it is today... Canada's leading manufacturer of Colonial Rock Maple furniture.



Some examples of
Vilas traditional furniture,
as it is seen today in homes
throughout the length
and breadth of Canada.

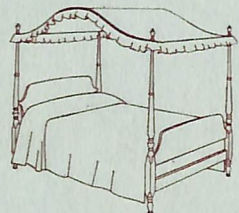


In 1893, when the Company was under the control of W. F. Vilas, the plant was moved from East Farnham to Cowansville, some four miles from the site it occupies today. Here, in the heart of the Eastern Townships magnificent, hardwood maple woodlands, the precision craftsmanship, which was originally developed to construct complex farm machinery, was put to work with a different purpose.

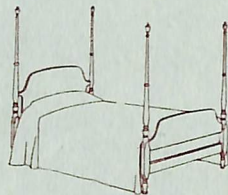
Today, furniture craftsmen have replaced the wheelwrights of old, though the perfections of hand finishing have been reinforced rather than replaced by the use of the most up-to-date machines. Designers, who were more mechanical draughtsmen than anything else, have been replaced by others whose standards are those of the artist.

So when you buy a piece of furniture made by Vilas, remember the Company's long history of fine craftsmanship and the integrity and skill of its artisans. Look for proof of these claims in every piece of Vilas furniture you buy. Look for the dovetailed, centre-guided drawers with dust-proof divisions. Look for the authentic lines, the corners and edges "worn" to simulate age and wear... and know that the Vilas trademark burnt into every piece is proof that you are buying truly fine furniture... furniture which will give you service and satisfaction for many years to come.

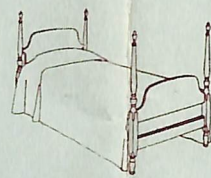




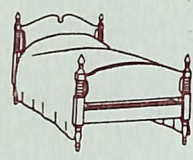
16-145-3'3" or 16-147-4'6"
Canopy Bed
with 16-045-3'3" or 16-047-4'6"
Canopy frame
Overall height 71"



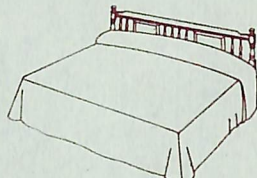
16-145-3'3" and 16-147-4'6"
High Poster Bed
Head Panel 37" H.
Foot Panel 28" H.
Post 64" H.



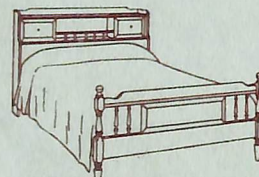
16-105-Poster Bed 3'3", 16-107-4'6"
Posta 46" H.
Hd. Panel 37" H.
Ft. Panel 28" H.



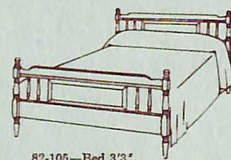
99-105-Poster Bed 3'3"
99-106-4' and 99-107-4'6"
Hd. Posta 41" H.
Ft. Posta 31" H.



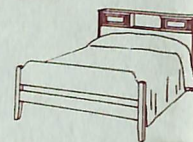
82-127-Continental Spindle Bed 6'6" with twin frames
Width of head end 79 1/2"
Depth 23 1/2"
Panel Height 34"



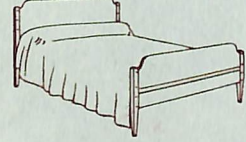
82-111-Headboard Bed 4'6"
Head: 39 1/2" H.
Depth: 10"



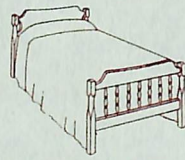
82-105-Bed 3'3"
82-106-4' and 82-107-4'6"
Head: 36 1/2" H.
Foot: 26 1/2" H.



29-109-Headboard Bed 3'3"
29-110-4' and 29-111-4'6"
Head: 38" H.
Depth: 9 1/4"



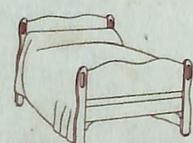
29-105-Bed 3'3"
29-106-4' and 29-107-4'6"
Head: 38 1/2" H.
Foot: 24 1/2" H.



32-105-Spindle Bed 3'3"
32-107-4'6"
Head Panel: 33" H.
Foot Panel: 25 1/2" H.



29-117-Bunk Bed 3'3"
Height: 61"
Convertible to Twin Beds



66-105-3'3" Bed
66-106-4' and 66-107-4'6"
Head: 37" H.
Foot: 27" H.



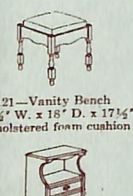
16-102-Mr. & Mrs. Dresser
50" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.
with
82-103-Mr. & Mrs. Mirror
Plate Glass 26" x 38"



16-116-Chest on Chest
33 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 48" H.



16-119-Vanity Table
40" W. x 18" D. x 30" H.



16-121-Vanity Bench
16 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 17 1/2" H.
Upholstered foam cushion



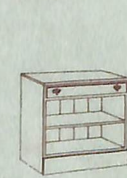
26-102-Mr. & Mrs. Dresser
48 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.
with
82-103-Mr. & Mrs. Mirror
Plate Glass 26" x 38"



26-100-Single Dresser
38 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



26-736-Louvered Door Bookcase
28 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



26-742-Open Bookcase
28 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



26-120-Portable Mirror
18" x 14" x 5" H.



26-114-Student's Desk
48 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



26-104-Chest
28 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 40 1/2" H.



82-102-Mr. & Mrs. Dresser
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Plate Glass 26" x 38"



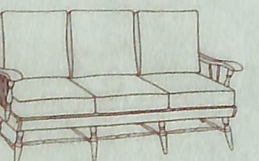
82-100-Single Dresser
40" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.



82-116-Chest on Chest
30" W. x 18" D. x 45 1/4" H.



82-104-Chest
30" W. x 18" D. x 42 1/2" H.



60-61-Settee
72" W. x 34" D. x 33" H. overall



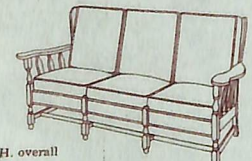
60-63-Wing Chair
30" W. x 34" D. x 33" H. overall



60-65-Swivel Rocker
30" W. x 32" D. x 33" H. overall



60-66-Ottoman
22 1/2" W. x 17 1/2" D. x 15 1/2" H. overall



63-61-Settee
72" W. x 36" D. x 34" H. overall



63-62-Love Seat
52" W. x 36" D. x 34" H. overall



63-64-Platform Rocker
32" W. x 32" D. x 35" H. overall



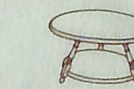
63-63-Wing Chair
32" W. x 36" D. x 34" H. overall



63-65-Swivel Rocker
32" W. x 32" D. x 35" H. overall



63-66-Ottoman
23 1/2" W. x 17" D. x 16 1/2" H. overall



10-707-Coffee Table
Revolving Top, Diam: 32"
Height: 16"



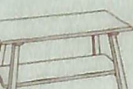
10-732-Crib-Coffee Table
36" W. x 18" D. x 18" H.



10-733-Coffee Table
50" W. x 18" D. x 17" H.



10-708-Lamp Table
21" W. x 16" D. x 26" H.



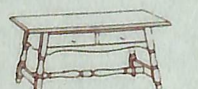
10-705-Coffee Table
36" W. x 18" D. x 18" H.



10-734-Step End Table
30" W. x 16" D. x 24" H.



10-735-Dough Box End Table
19" W. x 18" D. x 24" H.



10-706-Coffee Table
40" W. x 20" D. x 18" H.



10-712-Butterfly End Table
28 1/2" W. x 26" D. x 23 1/4" H.
10 1/4" Wide with leaves down



82-113-Night Table
18" W. x 15 1/2" D. x 29" H.



82-114-Vanity Desk
50" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



29-100-Single Dresser
40" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.
with
29-101-Single Mirror
Plate Glass: 18" x 24"



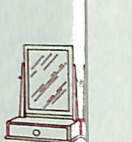
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50" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.
with
29-103-Mr. & Mrs. Mirror
Plate Glass: 26" x 38"



29-116-Chest on Chest
30" W. x 18" D. x 45 1/4" H.



29-121-Bench
22" W. x 12" D. x 16" H.



29-120-Portable Mirror
19" W. x 9 1/4" D. x 21 1/4" H.



29-104-Chest
30" W. x 18" D. x 42 1/4" H.



29-113-Night Table
16" W. x 14" D. x 28" H.



29-140-Kneehole Desk
44" W. x 22" D. x 30" H.



29-118-Twin Chest
28 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.



29-114-Student's Desk
50" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



66-121-Bench
24 1/2" W. x 14" D. x 17 1/4" H.



66-140-Vanity
44" W. x 18 1/4" D.



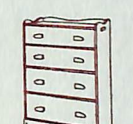
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50" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.
with
66-103-Mr. & Mrs. Mirror
Plate Glass: 26" x 38"



66-100-Single Dresser
40" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.
with
66-101-Single Mirror
Plate Glass: 18" x 24"



66-104-Chest
30" W. x 18" D. x 42 1/4" H.



66-104-Chest
30" W. x 18" D. x 42 1/4" H.



21-317-Serving Table
36" W. x 18" D. x 30" H.



21-311-Welsh Dresser Top
34 1/2" W. x 10" D. x 30 1/4" H.
on
21-310-Buffer Base
37 1/2" W. x 17" D. x 31" H.
Leaves up 56 1/4"



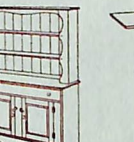
21-301-Refectory Table
38" L. x 32" W. x 30" H.
Open 56" L.



21-304-Side Chair
Seat: 15 1/2" x 15 1/2"
Overall Height: 33"



21-305-Arm Chair
Seat: 17" x 19"
Overall Height: 33"



22-311-Hutch Top
50" W. x 10" D. x 36" H.
on
22-310-Buffer Base
50" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.



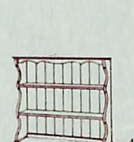
22-301-Refectory Table
48" L. x 36" W. x 30" H.
Open: 72" L.



22-304-Ladder Back Side Chair
Seat: 16 1/4" x 16 1/4"
Overall Height: 36 1/4"



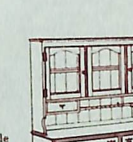
22-303-Ladder Back Arm Chair
Seat: 18 1/4" x 20 1/4"
Overall Height: 36 1/4"



41-303-Drop Leaf Extension Table
48" Diam. x 29" High
27" Wide with leaves down.
Fully extended 68"



41-311-Hutch Top
40" W. x 10 1/4" D. x 37" H.
on
41-310-Buffer Base
40" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.



42-315-China Top
58" W. x 10 1/4" D. x 37" H.
on
42-313-Buffer Base
58" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.



42-314-Hutch Top
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on
42-313-Buffer Base
58" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.



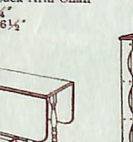
42-303-Drop Leaf Extension Table
54" Diam. x 29" H.
28" Wide with leaves down
Fully Extended 74"



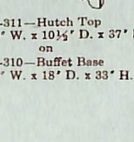
42-304-Side Chair
Seat: 17 1/2" x 15 1/2"
Overall Height: 37"



42-300-Drop Leaf Harvest Table
59 1/2" L.
23 1/2" W.
29" H.
Leaves up: 50" wide



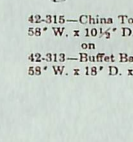
42-316-Corner Cupboard
31 1/2" W. x 15" D. x 76" H.



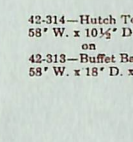
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28" W. x 15" D. x 23" H.
Tier Top: 14" x 15"



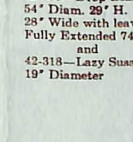
10-710-Trellis End Table
25" W. x 14" D. x 24" H.



10-741-Drop Leaf Coffee Table
40" W. x 18" D. x 17 1/2" H.
Leaves up 36 1/2"



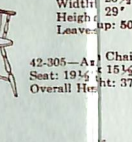
10-704-Bookcase
29" W. x 9" D. x 38" H.



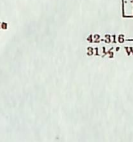
26-738-Bookcase
48 1/2" W. x 10" D. x 48" H.
on
26-102-Mr. & Mrs. Dresser
48 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



26-739-Bookcase
38 1/2" W. x 10" D. x 48" H.
on
26-100-Single Dresser
38 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



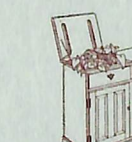
26-740-Bookcase
38 1/2" W. x 10" D. x 48" H.
on
26-736-Louvered Door Bookcase
28 1/2" W. x 18" D. x 30 1/4" H.



10-745-Cabinet Book Shelf
with adjustable shelves
58" W. x 11" D. x 53" H.
on
10-744-Cabinet Base
58" W. x 18" D. x 26 1/4" H.



10-701-Writing Table
38" W. x 18" D. x 34" H.



10-743-Dry Sink
with lift lid, copper insert and casters
40" W. x 18" D. x 33" H.



10-702-Kneehole Desk
44" W. x 22" D. x 30" H.



10-703-Kneehole Desk
44" W. x 18 1/4" D. x 30" H.



42-306-Deacon's Bench
Seat: 44" W. x 17" D. x 32 1/2" H. overall
Available with foam rubber cushion



21-707-Rocker
Seat: 17" x 19"
Overall Height: 31"



42-700-Colonial Rocker
Seat: 19 1/2" W. x 15 1/2" D. x 37" H. overall