

Frank Lloyd Wright Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Frank Lloyd Wright Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1894-1958

ID No.: MSS46623

Creator: Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959

Extent: 700 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: 0.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Architect. Correspondence, speeches and articles, excerpts from writings, printed matter, and other material chiefly related to works used by Wright on *Frank Lloyd Wright on Architecture: Selected Writings, 1894-1940*, as well as personal correspondence with William R. Heath.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Gutheim, Frederick Albert, 1908- --Correspondence.

Heath, William R.--Correspondence.

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959.

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959. Frank Lloyd Wright on architecture; selected writings 1894-1940. 1941.

Organizations

Duell, Sloan & Pearce.

Subjects

Architecture.

Occupations

Architects.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, were acquired from 1959 to 1998 through gifts from Frederick Albert Gutheim, Evelyn Heath Jacobsen (Mrs. A. Wilmot Jacobsen), and Jane C. Loeffler, and through one purchase.

Processing History

The papers of Frank Lloyd Wright were arranged and described in 1999. The finding aid was revised in 2009 by T. Michael Womack. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frank Lloyd Wright in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress are reserved. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for further information.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Frank Lloyd Wright are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Frank Lloyd Wright Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frank Lloyd Wright (1857-1959) span the years 1894-1958 and consist of correspondence, speeches and articles, excerpts from writings by Wright, printed matter, and miscellaneous material. The collection contains letters from Wright to his friend, William R. Heath, in which Wright complains of complications arising from his divorce in 1927 and its effect upon his relationship with his daughter, Iovanna Lloyd Wright, and her mother, Olga Ivanovna, whom he later married. The remaining correspondence concerns the publication of *Frank Lloyd Wright on Architecture: Selected Writings, 1894-1940*, edited by Frederick Albert Gutheim, architectural historian and city planner, and consists primarily of letters from 1940 to 1941 from Wright, Gutheim, and the publisher, Duell, Sloan & Pearce of New York, regarding the work's publication.

The bulk of the collection is composed of excerpts from writings by Wright and copies of speeches and articles used by Gutheim. A miscellany file contains a draft of a card designed by Wright in 1928 announcing his marriage to Olga Ivanovna.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Gutheim, Frederick Albert, 1929, 1940-1958 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Heath, William R., 1905, 1927
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1923-1928, 1940-1941
BOX 1	Printed matter, 1931, 1940
BOX 1	Speeches and articles
BOX 1	1900-1932 (10 folders)
BOX 2	1933-1940, undated (6 folders)
BOX 2	Writings by Wright, excerpts, 1894-1940 (8 folders)