

Title: Galesburg Country Home Association records

Date: 1946-1966

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Language of Materials: In English.

Repository:

Research Center of the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust

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Name of Creator(s): Galesburg Country Home Association

Biographical or Administrative History: The Galesburg Country Homes was an idea by a group of friends, many of whom were employed as chemists or biochemists by Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo, MI. Two groups of houses, four designs each, resulted from a visit with Wright at Taliesin. The Acres was the name for 72 acres purchased for less than \$65 per acre lying 10 miles east of Kalamazoo. This seemed a long distance to some, so the group split with some organizing Parkwyn Village in Kalamazoo proper. The subdivision plan for the Galesburg homes was drawn up in 1947. Eric Pratt served as purchasing agent for the Acres Association. Three of the four built structures in Galesburg employ Wright *Brickcrete* textile block and wood. Its use shows Wright moving away from original Usonian principles to newer ways of saving on costs, by way of do-it-yourself masonry buildings.-- Excerpted from *The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright: A Complete Catalog*, by William Allin Storrer (3rd ed.).

Scope and Content: The collection comprises Association meeting minutes, general information, and correspondence between the Galesburg clients and Frank Lloyd Wright and Eugene Masselink at Taliesin. Some materials are photocopies of originals.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Received by Meg Klinkow from Christine Weisblat in 1992.

Collection History: These records were transferred from the permanent accession to the research center collection in Feb. 2006.

System of Arrangement:

Arranged in two series:

Series 1: Association records and information

Series 2: Client correspondence

Processing Information: This collection was originally accessioned into the permanent museum collection and subsequently transferred to the research center collections in Feb. 2006. Black and white photo negatives and contact sheets were transferred from the Weisblat correspondence file to the research center historical photo files. Valerie Harris, librarian/archivist, reorganized the collection in April 2006.

Allied Collection(s): Architectural drawings files: Eric Pratt house

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Index Terms & Subjects

Galesburg (Mich.)

Galesburg Country Home Association – Correspondence.

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959 – Correspondence.

Masselink, Eugene, 1910-1962 – Correspondence.

Container List

Series 1: Association records and information, 1946-1966

Box 1

Folder:

1. General information, ca. 1947-1949.
2. Meeting minutes, Sept. 3, 1946-Sept. 8, 1951.
3. Meeting minutes, Oct. 1952-Mar. 1966.

Series 2: Client correspondence, 1947-1952

Box 1

Folder:

4. Eppstein, Samuel & Dorothy, 1947-1952.
5. Meyer, Curtis & Lillian, from Taliesin, 1946-1951.
6. Meyer, Curtis & Lillian, to Taliesin, 1946-1950.
7. Meyer house, general info and contracts, 1947-1950.
8. Pratt, Eric, 1948-1950.
9. Weisblat, David, from Taliesin, and construction photos (photocopies), 1948-1950.