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Name of Creator(s): Twiss, Richard E.

Biographical or Administrative History: Richard Earl Twiss (b. May 28, 1945, d. March 3, 1992) was an architect, Wright expert, Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust (then Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio Foundation) founding board member and donor to the collections.

Scope and Content: This collection documents Twiss's scholarly interest in the architecture and designs of Frank Lloyd Wright and Chicago architecture, his contributions to historic preservation, and the history of the Robie House. It is primarily comprised of correspondence with Donald Hoffmann whose study of the design and history of the Robie house and the families who lived there resulted in the seminal text *Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House: The Illustrated Story of an Architectural Masterpiece*. Other correspondents include Grant Carpenter Manson, Paul Sprague, Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer, William Allin Storrer, Greg Williams and Bruce Goff.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Correspondence to Rick Twiss and copies of his outgoing correspondence was donated by his parents and heirs Wallace and Sarah Twiss in late 1992. Twiss correspondence to Donald Hoffmann was donated by Hoffmann in December 1992 in response to the Twiss donation.

System of Arrangement: I: Incoming correspondence arranged alphabetically by sender; II: Outgoing correspondence arranged alphabetically by recipient.

Processing Information: Originally organized into two collections, the Rick Twiss correspondence and the Donald Hoffmann correspondence. Each was arranged chronologically. Valerie Harris, librarian/archivist, reorganized the collection to comprise a single unit with an alphabetical arrangement in May 2006.

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Index Terms & Subjects

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