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Name of Creator(s): Greene, William B.

Biographical or Administrative History: William B. Greene was an industrialist in Aurora, Ill. He commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to design his house, built in 1912 as one of only four Wright houses in the lower Fox Valley. In 1926 Greene hired Harry Robinson, a former Wright draftsman, to build an addition which nearly doubled the size of the house, to accommodate Greene's growing family. The house remained in the Greene family until 1983.

Scope and Content: This collection comprises bids, proposals, contracts, invoices, manufacturer information and correspondence generated during the construction, landscaping, and remodeling of the Wright-designed William B. Greene house (1912 and 1926) in Aurora, Ill.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: This collection was donated in Dec. 1982 by William Alexander Greene.

System of Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Related Archival Materials: Interior and exterior photographic views are housed in the historical photos file. See also the architectural drawings flat files.

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Index Terms & Subjects

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Robinson, Harry Franklin, 1883-1959.

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William B. Greene house (Aurora, Ill.).

Aurora (Ill.) – Buildings, structures, etc.

Container List

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Folder:

1. 10 informational sheets from United Gypsum Co., 205 W. Monroe, Chicago, Ill., n.d.
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5. Letter from Harry Robinson re: dining room table and library table design, n.d.

6. Letter from L. Sylvester and Son re: payment and guarantee of work, n.d.
7. Cancelled checks and bank account passbook, 1910-1913
8. Specifications for earth work; masonry; lath & plaster work; glass work; sheet metal work; wood work; painting, Sept. 16, 1912.
9. Specifications for heating system; water & gas system; electric system, Sept. 16, 1912.
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16. Preliminary studies and proposals for alteration/addition, July 1, 1925-March 31, 1926.
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18. Receipts and quotes for electrical fixtures, storage equipment, and appliances; receipt signed Harry Robinson for architectural services, April 21-30, 1926.
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21. Orders and receipts for construction (windows & electrical), supplies and furnishings, May 19-June 4, 1926.
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26. Statements for materials, interior decorations, and roofing, Aug. 28-Sept. 11, 1926.
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29. Statements for general contracting, plumbing and decorating, Nov. 5-22, 1926.
30. Statements for lumber, stone, shingles and plumbing fixtures, Nov. 22, 1926-May 5, 1927.
31. Correspondence between Greene and Harry Robinson re: settling their account, March 3-4, 1927.
32. Heating specifications for Greene house alteration, n.d. [2 copies]
33. Plumbing specifications for Greene house alteration, n.d. [2 copies]
34. Electric wiring specifications for Greene house alteration, n.d. [2 copies]
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36. Greene house and land appraisal; financial reports, Dec. 31, 1940; May 12, 1941; Nov. 15, 1942.