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ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS FOR THE ROBERT  
PUBLICKER HOUSE

Frank Lloyd Wright, 1867-1959

A Finding Aid for  
Architectural Drawings for the Robert Publicker House, 1951  
in  
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

## Archival Description

### Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings for the Robert Publicker House, 1951.
- Coll. ID: 012.
- Origin: Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959, architect.
- Extent: Architectural drawings, 3 sheets.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania  
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- Abstract: The collection consists of three architectural drawings, bound together with one overlay plan, documenting Wright's design for the Robert Publicker House of 1951.
- Indexes: This collection is included in the Philadelphia Architects and Buildings Project, a searchable database of architectural research materials related to architects and architecture in Philadelphia and surrounding regions:  
<http://www.philadelphiabuildings.org>
- Cataloging: Collection-level records for materials in the Architectural Archives may be found in RLIN Eureka, the union catalogue of members of the Research Libraries Group. The record number for this collection is PAUP00-A10.

**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin, and studied engineering at the University of Wisconsin, Madison for two terms. Wright apprenticed with the Chicago architect Joseph Lynman Silsbee, and then with the firm Adler and Sullivan. He first established an independent office in Oak Park, Illinois in 1893-1911, and later in Madison, Wisconsin, 1911-1959, with temporary offices in Tokyo and Los Angeles. Wright's designs had enormous influence on the development of twentieth-century architecture, and are generally best known for their open plans, sensitive use of materials, and complex massing and form.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection comprises three original presentation drawings, signed and dated by Wright in April 1951, documenting his unbuilt design for the Robert Publicker House. This project would have been located on Tunbridge Road in Haverford, Pennsylvania. The drawings have been maintained as a bound presentation set with brown paper cover and interleaving. The original mailing tube (postmarked in Scottsdale, Arizona), in which this set of drawings was mailed to the client, has been preserved.

**Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)**

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959.

Architects--Archives.

Architectural design--History--20th century--Sources.

Architectural drawing--United States.

Architecture, Modern--20th century--United States--Designs and plans.

Architecture, Domestic--Designs and plans.

Architectural drawings--American.

Publicker, Robert, client.

### **Administrative Information**

Restrictions on access: This collection is available for research by appointment only.

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## Container list

### Series I. Architectural Drawings.

Extent: 3 architectural drawings.

Call #    Descriptive Title

012.1            Publicker House, 3 architectural drawings (with one plan overlay)

                  012.1.1 site plan

                  012.1.2 perspective

                  012.1.3 ground floor plan with second floor overlay

### Series II. Mailing Tube.

Extent: 1 item

Call #            Descriptive Title

012.2            Original mailing tube.