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Collection Overview

Title: Alfred MacArthur Correspondence with Frank Lloyd Wright
Dates: 1926-1940
Creator(s): MacArthur, Alfred
Extent: .21 linear feet
Language: English
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Processing Information: Received by Cherly Bachand in December 1998 and remained in the collections processing backlog until it was formally accessioned in June 2005. Processed as a permanent accession by Susan Lerner, Collections Manager, in March 2006 and then received by Val Harris, Librarian/Archivist for addition to Research Center manuscript collections.

Biographical or Administrative History

Alfred MacArthur was born June 20, 1885, in Saskatchewan, Canada. His occupation was insurance and was married September 22, 1906, to Josephine Rockwell in New York. They both had two children, Georgiana and Robert. MacArther separated from Josephine and remarried in 1918 to Mary Sheldon. They both had two children, Edward and Alexander. He died December 13, 1967, in Libertyville, Illinois and was buried at the Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. The MacArthur's lived in the Oak Park home for a period after the Home and Studio were converted to duplex apartments per Alfred's daughter Georgiana MacArthur Hansen.

Scope and Content

This collection is comprised of personal correspondence between Alfred MacArthur and Frank Lloyd Wright, primarily regarding the Lloyd Lewis house, designed by Wright in 1939; and related material.

Arrangement

Letters and typed material arranged chronologically, three photographs stored together in one folder.

Controlled Access Headings

Subjects:

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959 – Correspondence.
MacArthur, Alfred – Correspondence
Wright, Olgivanna Lloyd – Correspondence
Lloyd Lewis House (Libertyville, Ill.)

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1A-R2-S1	1	1	Copy of editorial published by *Twin City Reporter* in re to Frank Lloyd Wright and Olgivanna Lloyd Wright's adultery	1926. November 5
1A-R2-S1	1	1	Olgivanna Lloyd Wright letter to Jane, with marginal note by Frank Lloyd Wright	1926, November 16
1A-R2-S1	1	1	Rebuttal to the editorial by Frank Lloyd Wright	n.d.
1A-R2-S1	1	2	Frank Lloyd Wright letter to Alfred MacArthur	n.d.
1A-R2-S1	1	2	Announcement of marriage between Frank Lloyd Wright and Olgivanna Lloyd Wright	1928, August 28
1A-R2-S1	1	3	Frank Lloyd Wright letter to Alfred MacArthur	1934, March 13
1A-R2-S1	1	4	Alfred MacArthur letter to Frank Lloyd Wright	1939, December 12
1A-R2-S1	1	5	Frank Lloyd Wright letter to Alfred MacArthur	1939, December 20
1A-R2-S1	1	6	Alfred MacArthur letter to Frank Lloyd Wright	1940, March 4
1A-R2-S1	1	7	Frank Lloyd Wright letter to Alfred MacArthur	1940, March 5
1A-R2-S1	1	8	Alfred MacArthur letter to Frank Lloyd Wright	1940, March 8
1A-R2-S1	1	9	Photograph of Olgivanna holding Iovanna	ca. 1925-1926

1A-R2-S1	1	9	Photograph of Frank Lloyd Wright, Alfred MacArthur, and unidentified man	ca. 1920
1A-R2-S1	1	9	Photograph of Frank Lloyd Wright and Iovanna Wright	ca. 1926-1927

Notes (if applicable)

Finding aid was updated in 2026 by Andria Castillo. When collection was originally processed, three photographs with accession number 2005.06, were separated and integrated within the Historic Photograph Collection. They were reintegrated in the collection in 2026.