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Summary Information

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Creator: Taliesin Fellowship

Title: Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation Archives : Taliesin Fellowship

talk transcripts and audio recordings

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Physical

261 digital audio files (Sound recordings)

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Description:

Language of the

Material:

English.

Abstract: "Talk to the Taliesin Fellowship" was a regular lecture series at

Taliesin where Wright addressed the fellows and apprentices on a range of philosophical and personal topics. The collection consists of transcripts and audio recordings of those talks as well as additional talks given by Wright to various public audiences.

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Biography

Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) was an American architect internationally recognized for his innovative building design, the Taliesin architecture school and fellowship, and his philosophy of "organic architecture."

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Administrative Information

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- Sound recordings
- Open reel audiotapes
- Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959
- Taliesin (Spring Green, Wis.)
- Taliesin West (Scottsdale, Ariz.)

General Note

Part of The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation Archives (The Museum of Modern Art | Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library, Columbia University, New York

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Collection Inventory

Series I: Transcripts of Fellowship Talks

Scope and Contents

This series includes transcripts of 236 of Fellowship talks dating from 1948 until a few weeks prior to Wright's death in 1959. The format of the transcripts are unbound typescripts and are arranged

chronologically. About 50 of those transcripts include manuscript annotations likely in Wright's hand. Audio recordings exist for nearly all of the talks represented in this collection. Associated reel numbers are listed under the title of the talk. Use the reel number to search for the corresponding digitized audio recording in Series III.

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