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Collection Overview

Title: Robert G. Emmond Collection

Dates: circa 1892-1895

Creator(s): Emmond, Robert G.

Extent: 1 folder, several oversized materials and three architectural elements.

Language: English

Repository:

Archive Resource Center of Frank Lloyd Wright Trust

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Administration Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition: Received from Emmond K. Thompson, the maternal grandson of Robert Emmond, and his wife Catherine in December 1994.

Processing Information: This collection was originally accessioned by Meg Klinkow in 1994. It was later sorted and processed by Valerie Harris on June 13, 2006, at which time the archival collection consisted solely of a single household inventory booklet. In 2026, the collection was reprocessed by Archives and Collections Manager, Andria Castillo, to incorporate all materials from the original accession (1994.25), including architectural drawings of the Robert G. Emmond house and related three-dimensional architectural elements.

Biographical or Administrative History

Robert Emmond was an early client of Frank Lloyd Wright. Emmond commissioned what was considered a “bootleg” house in La Grange, Illinois. Bootleg houses were properties built by Wright as independent projects during his employment under Alder and Sullivan. The residence was designed and built in 1892 and considered one of Wright’s earliest designs.

Scope and Content

The Robert G. Emmond Collection contains architectural documents and related materials associated with the design and contents of the Robert G. Emmond house in LaGrange, Illinois. Architectural drawings include elevations and floor plans dated July 16, 1892, and represent a transitional design attributed to Frank Lloyd Wright. The collection also includes architectural elements removed from the building, such as two lead-glass windowpanes and one closet door. Additionally, the collection contains a bound household inventory booklet titled, *The Householder’s Handy Inventory Book* (F.D. Cossitt & Co., LaGrange, Illinois), in which Robert G. Emmond recorded household property for insurance purposes circa 1895.

Arrangement

Arranged in 3 series

Series 1: Architectural Drawings

Series 2: Architectural Elements

Series 3: Household Inventory

Controlled Access Headings

Subjects:

Emmond, Robert G. - Homes and Haunts.

La Grange (Ill) - Buildings, structures, etc.

Container List

Series 1: Architectural Drawings

<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1A-FF1-D4			Side elevation drawing, Robert G. Emmond House	1892, July 16
1A-FF1-D4			Front elevation drawing, Robert G. Emmond House	1892, July 16
1A-FF1-D4			Second story plan, Robert G. Emmond House	1892, July 16
1A-FF1-D4			First story plan, Robert G. Emmond House	1892, July 16
1A-FF1-D4			Rear elevation drawing, Robert G. Emmond House	1892, July 16
1A-FF1-D4			Basement plan, Robert G. Emmond House	1892, July 16
1A-FF1-D4			Side elevation, North, Robert G. Emmond House	1892, July 16

Series 2: Architectural Elements

<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Off-site Storage			1994.25.08 - Living room window from Robert G. Emmond House	c. 1892
Off-site Storage			1994.25.09 - Garage window from Robert G. Emmond House	c. 1892
Off-site Storage			1994.25.10 - Closet door from Robert G. Emmond House	

Series 3: Household Inventory

<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1A-R2-S1	1	1	"The Householder's Handy Inventory Book," from F.D. Cossitt & Co. for the Robert G. Emmond house, 109 S. *th Ave., La Grange, IL	c. 1895

Notes (if applicable)

This collection has been reprocessed by Andria Castillo in 2026 to incorporate two additional series- Architectural Drawings and Architectural Elements (Series 1, Household Inventory, was originally part of his collection). The two windows and closet door are currently housed in Trust's off-site storage facility. All architectural drawings and inventory booklet are housed in the Archive Learning Resource Center 925 Chicago Ave. Finding aid was updated in 2026 by Andria Castillo