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Descriptive Summary

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c. 1950s - 1963, 2023

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Abstract

This collection contains two sets of houseplans produced by Garlinghouse, an annotated issue of Garlinghouse Homes from which the plans were ordered, and a set of photographs of the as-built ranch-style home in Kentucky.

Extent

0.55 Cubic Feet 1 oversize folder

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Administrative history:

Early 20th century designers in the US advertised their house plans by distributing catalogs to homebuilders, lending agents, and manufacturers. The Garlinghouse Company was founded around 1910 by homebuilder Lewis F. Garlinghouse of Topeka, Kansas. Advertising for decades under the tagline "America's Pioneer Home Planning Service," Garlinghouse Company was among the first and most prolific sellers of home plans in the US. Iva G. Lieurance was the company's principal house designer, and her plans appear in several catalogs through the 1950s. We know little about her work beyond what appears in the catalogs. She may have worked for the company as early as 1907, traveling around the country to document attractive homes and adapt their floor plans for customers in the midwest. An application with the Maryland Historical Trust calls Lieurance "the only known woman credited for design work associated with the mail-order house movement."

Source: Winn, Sam. "Ephemera as evidence: uncovering glimpses of women in design history." Special Collections and University Archives blog. August 8, 2016. [The above description is a lightly-edited version of Winn's description of the Garlinghouse Company and Iva Lieurance's working relationship with said company]

Scope and Content

The Garlinghouse Home Collection contains two sets of architectural plan reproductions for Ranch Home No. 9540, an annotated edition of the Garlinghouse "Homes in Brick" publication from which the plans were ordered, and six as-built exterior photographs of the Purcell family home in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. The home was constructed in 1963 and the as-built photographs were taken in 2023.

Related Materials

Special Collections and University Archives has a large and growing collection of Garlinghouse mail-order home catalogs, that, at the time of processing, contains 42 publications. These have been cataloged and added to our Rare Book Room and patrons may request them to view in the SCUA reading room.

Keywords

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged at the item level into a single oversized folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

Set of ranch-style home plans [2 copies - 14 prints], c. 1950s (built 1963)
oversize 1 (folder)

Garlinghouse Homes: "Homes in Brick," c. 1950s
oversize 1 (folder)

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Cover page annotated by previous owners.

Photographs of Purcell family home exteriors, Rockcastle County, Ky. [6 prints], 2023
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