Albert Chase McArthur was born in Dubuque, Iowa in 1881 and educated at the Armour Institute of Technology (later the Illinois Institute of Technology) and Harvard University. From 1907 to 1909, he studied with famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. McArthur continued his education in Austria and Italy, opening an architectural firm in Chicago with partner Arthur S. Coffin in 1912. McArthur moved his practice to Phoenix in 1925 and finally to Hollywood, California, in 1932. While in Phoenix, he designed his most famous work, the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, a project initiated by his brothers Charles and Warren. Construction began in late 1928, with the resort hotel opening in February 1929. McArthur used textile block-slab construction to conform to the surrounding desert environment, softened with perforated design blocks to let in natural light. The Biltmore design illustrated McArthur’s preference to let construction materials themselves suggest appropriate design motifs. After relocating to California, McArthur pursued extensive color theory research. Albert Chase McArthur retired in 1940 and died on March 22, 1951 in Los Angeles, California.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of drawings and other documentary materials generated by architect Albert Chase McArthur. The collection also includes materials generated, acquired, or compiled by his nephew Warren McArthur, Jr. and his son Manfred McArthur in conjunction with preserving the legacy of Albert Chase McArthur as the principal architect for the Arizona Biltmore Hotel project in Phoenix, Arizona. The collection spans the period c.1900-1990s with the bulk of materials related to Albert Chase McArthur’s most important work, the Arizona Biltmore. Other McArthur projects are also represented in the collection. While much of the material is original primary documents, a substantial segment of the holding includes photocopies of documents and drawings. Item level identification is provided for most of the materials in the collection. Important series include: (1) Drawings, (2) Specifications, and 3) Photographs. Important biographical information on Albert Chase McArthur and his career as well as manuscripts compiled by the latter are also contained within the collection.

The Albert Chase McArthur Collection was donated by Manfred McArthur of Los Angeles, California and Warren McArthur, Jr. of Tempe, Arizona, mostly during the period December 1994 to March 1996.
DESCRIPTION

BOX A (1): STUDENT & CHICAGO YEARS

Folder 1: STUDENT WORK circa 1903-4
  Problem 10  Tone Analysis of Persian Rug. Ink/colored media on paper
  Exercise 14  Motion/direction. Ink on paper
  Problem 15  Design based on Persian Rug Analysis. Ink/colored media on paper
  Problem 16  Harmonize 5 tones Towards One of Five. Ink/colored media on paper
  Problem 18  Linear Progression. Pencil on graph paper (two pages)
  Problem 21  Window Design. Ink/colored media on paper
  Problem 23  Color/shape designs. Colored media on paper
  Text on color relationships with instructor's comments. Pencil on paper
  Worksheet/designs re color relationships. Colored media on paper (four pages)

Folder 2: CHICAGO: No date (4852 KENWOOD AVENUE ADDRESS)
  Furniture designs for Mr. Almer Coe. Pencil on paper

Folder 3: CHICAGO (4852 KENWOOD AVENUE)
  Design for stationary (no place, date)
  New Years Greetings, 1918
  Program for Sonata Recital, 1-26-20

Folder 4: NO PLACE: 1912
  Sketch for a Factory (2 xerox copies of page from von Taack-Trakranen, Wasmuths
  Monatshefte fur Baukunst, XI, Heft 9, 1927, p.379, Fig.9.)

Folder 5: CHICAGO: 1913 (No address)
  Window design for George Borman Cosier (Ink on paper)

Folder 6: CHICAGO: c.1913-14 (1011 SCHILLER BUILDING ADDRESS)
  Municipal Water Tower, Kenmore, Ohio  Photographic print (approx. 3"x4.5")
  Municipal Water Tower, Kenmore Ohio  Photographic print (approx. 4.5"x7.5")

Folder 7: CHICAGO: 1914 (1009 SCHILLER BUILDING with Arthur S. Coffin)
  Reduced photographic print
  Flossmore Country Club Ground Floor Plan. Reduced photographic print
  Flossmore Country Club Living Room Floor Plan. Reduced photographic print
Folder 8: CHICAGO: 1915 (No address)
   George Hackl Apartment Building Photographic print (approx. 3"x4.5")
   George Hackl Apartment Building Photographic print 1974 (8"x10")

Folder 9: CHICAGO: 1915 (1009 SCHILLER BUILDING ADDRESS)
   Summer Cottage for William E. Clark Rough Sketches of elevations/floor plans (six sheets). Pencil on tissue

Folder 10: CHICAGO: 1917 (No address)
   107th Street at Rhodes Ave Building Sketch of elevation. Pencil on paper 2 sides

Folder 11: CHICAGO: 1917 Second Floor Site Plan for Apartments. Pencil on paper
   (see here for early version of stamp design)

Folder 12: CHICAGO: 1922 (No address)
   Colored sketch for Parsifal scene design

Folder 13: CHICAGO: 1924 (128 NORTH LASALLE STREET ADDRESS)
   McArthur Plan House #6 & 7 for Phoenix Plan & elevation Reduced photo-reproduction (2 sheets)

Folder 14: CHICAGO: No date (39 WEST ADAMS STREET ADDRESS)
   Residence for Charles H McArthur, Phoenix Ground Floor Plan Photographic reproduction
   Residence for Charles H McArthur, Phoenix Second Floor Plan, Scheme 1 Photographic reproduction
   (see also photo of later plan from von Taack-Trakranen, 1929, p.377. Fig.5 under 1929 listing)

Folder 15: CHICAGO: No date or address
   Oriental Consistory Design for New Cathedral. Plans, elevations & sections. 8 linen sheets

Folder 16: ITEMS PROBABLY FROM CHICAGO OR STUDENT YEARS BUT WITH NO IDENTIFICATION (SOME WITH COLOR)
   Miscellaneous designs (probably student). Pencil on paper (two sheets)
   Designs (for carpet?). Ink on paper (two sheets)
   Sketches of elevations, buildings, garden (four sheets, one double sided)

BOX B (2): PHOENIX YEARS: PROJECTS OTHER THAN THE BILTMORE HOTEL

PHOENIX: 1925 (202 LUHRS BUILDING ADDRESS)
Folder 1: Tourist Hotel at Tucson April 1925 Rendering Pencil on paper & Label
Folder 2: Tourist Hotel at Tucson Reduced photo-reproduction of sketch (four
Folder 3: Temple of Music, Tucson Ink on paper (8 sheets)
PHOENIX: 1926 (202 LUHRS BUILDING ADDRESS)
text of draft specifications
Folder 5: New Hotel & Theatre Project for Phoenix, AZ Photo of sketch for
elevation
Folder 6: D.B. Morgan House. Blueprint of text of specifications
Folder 7: D.B. Morgan House Elevation: Reduced photo-reproduction. Plan:
Xerox from Architectural Record 1929 p.469 (2 copies). Photos of
completed house:
Xerox from Architectural Record,1929 p. 468
PHOENIX: 1927 No address
Folder 8: New Building for the Arizona Gazette. Reduced photo-reproduction of
first study
PHOENIX: 1927 (202 LUHRS BUILDING ADDRESS)
Folder 9: Greenstone subdivision House #A-1 Plan & elevation Pencil on paper
" " " #B-1 Reduced photo-repro
Folder 10: Diversionary tactic to conceal Biltmore site: Proposed Hotel at El
Paso, Texas.
Repro of sketch
Label for same
Folder 11: Repro of floor plan for La Palma Hotel
PHOENIX: 1928 (311 WEST JEFFERSON STREET ADDRESS)
Folder 12: Residence for Mrs. Henrietta Kerr: Sketch #3 Floor Plan. Pencil on
paper

BOX C (3): CONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BILTMORE HOTEL OCT. '28
TO FEB. '29 (Photo Prints & CO'S)

PHOTOGRAPH NUMBERS
#1-60 missing from this collection (possibly at Biltmore Hotel)
#61-69 (64 a&b?)
#70-79
#80-87 & 89
#91-96, 97A&B, 98-100 (panorama of 10-27-28) (copy a)
#98-100 (panorama of 10-27-28) (copy b), 101-109
#110-118
#119-121 (panorama of 11-4-28),122-129
#130-139
#140-142 (panorama of 11-10-28), 143-149
#150-159
#160-161, 162-164 (panorama of 11-17-28), 165-169
#170-171, 173, 175, 177-178, 186 (large mylar casing)
#191-193 (panorama of 11-24-28), 195
#213,216,217,222 (large mylar casing), 219-221 (panorama of 12-1-28), 223-229
#230-239
#240-244, 245-246 (panorama of 12-8-28), 247, 248-250 (panorama of 12-8-28)
#251-259
#260-269
#270-274
#328-330, 354-356, 381-382, 403-405, 450-452, (all panoramas dating from 12-29-28 to 12-2-29)
Miscellaneous un-numbered photos taken during construction (4 items)

BOX D (4): GRAPHIC MATERIALS RELATING TO THE ARIZONA BILTMORE HOTEL

Photo-repro of 12-7-27 pencil sketch (aerial view) of early design stage
Label for same

Photo-repro of site plan for gardens using planting patterns based on the block design
Label for same (gives date of 1928)

Photo-repro of pencil rendering of early design stage of complex
Label for same (gives date of 1928)

Photo-repro of pencil rendering of complex similar to above

Photo-repro c. 1928 of sketch of entrance and forecourt almost as built
Label for same

Reduced photo-repro c. 1928 of sketch of entrance and forecourt above
Label for same

Floor Plans (c.1927?) First floor 3 sheets, second floor 1 sheet, third and fourth floors one half sheet each Ink on paper

Column design (side and rear) Pencil on paper

Studies for precast masonry blocks (2 sheets) Pencil on paper

China pattern Watercolor on card

China pattern Watercolor on card

Block fence around children’s playground (2 sheets) Pencil on paper

Designs, sketches & calculations, misc. dates if any, which may relate to Biltmore
block designs (some color)

Plat for progress report, ground plan with axis/angle markings

ROW 5, DRAWERS 3 & 4: RESTORED/STABILIZED DRAWINGS AND BLUEPRINTS
Arch Spec Stacks

BILTMORE & OTHER PROJECTS "Add Ons":
(Note: list does not reflect order in drawers)

House for Greenstone subdivision, 1927, plan & elevation
  Untitled plan
  Untitled design (block?)
  Untitled house, elevation
  Untitled house, plan
  "   "   "
Set-up sheets, untitled (4)
Set-up sheets (1 measurements), untitled (3)
Untitled detail design
Plan, untitled, 6-12-41
House with stairway, untitled, elevation
  "   "   " plan
  "   "   " sitework
  "   "   " elevation of approximate profile
  "   "   " slabs & windows
  "   "   " roof terrace
  "   "   " elevation
  "   "   " section showing approximate present profile "Donald Cole"
  "   "   " interior
Set-up sheet
Two blank sheets
Plans, elevations & sections of cottages for AZ Biltmore hotel, ink on linen:
  Sheet1: 7-21-28
    2: 8-14-28
    3: 7-9-28 (Five-Room cottage)
Manager's cottage 10-29-28 (5 sheets)
  Four-room cottage, 7-21-28 (C1), Plans, Elevations, Sections
  Six-room cottage, 7-21-28 (C4) "   "   "
  Five-room cottage, 7-21-28 (C3)
Set-up sheets (2--graph & oval)
Blueprint of AZ Biltmore plan of service wing showing revised fuel tank & new location
Blueprint of McArthur Bros branch at Mesa, 1927 (1) (see also below)
Blueprint of AZ Biltmore 2nd floor plan April,'28 (V010)
Yosemite project (?):
- Wall section, floor, window & roof construction
- Untitled--stairway
- Untitled--plan w/stairway
- Untitled--plan w/stairway
- Untitled--wall & gate design
- Untitled--wall & gate design
- Untitled--plan for alterations?

"Recommendations for reinforced concrete design for sewage pumping plant at Tuolumne meadows, Yosemite National Park"

- Sketch re above
- Sketch re above
- Sketch for elevation re above
- Sketch for elevation re above
- West end elevation--no identification

Yosemite May 11-June 2, 1939 (roof & gable)

- Untitled elevation--building with stair
- Untitled elevation

- Blueprint--alterations missing identification
- Blueprint--missing identification (Yosemite plant)
- Blueprint--as above (Yosemite location map)
- Blueprint--"Extension & improvement activated sewage treatment plant Yosemite Valley"

Non-Yosemite projects:
- Blueprint--McArthur Bros Branch at Mesa, 1927 (2)
- Blueprint--McArthur Bros Branch at Mesa, 1927 (3)
- Blueprints--Biltmore Hotel details (3 sheets) (A42,51,58?)
- Blueprints--House for Mr. Manfred McArthur, 1946 (sheets 1,2,4,5,6,8,9,10)

Biltmore Blueprints:
- List of "A" details (numbers & dates)
- Garage (G4) sash & door schedule, 1-18-29
- Garage (G3) sash, 12-11-28
- Plan, Entrance Lobby (A82) 12-27-28
- Ceiling sash for Fourth Floor Corridor (A81), 12-31-28
- Guests' Garage (G6), 1-18-29
- Doors for East Wing & Annex, 11-25-28
- Floor plan, Guests' Garage
- Plan of Cigar Store (A96), 4-4-29
- Doors & Top rails (A95), 2-8-29
- Detail of Plate-glass Finial on Ballroom Roof (A93), 1-28-29
- Cabinet for Cash Register & Display Case for Beauty Parlor (A88), 1-14-29
Glass Shelf & Paper & Magazine Rack (A87), 1-14-29
Details for Telegraph Counter (A85), 12-24-28
Details for Braces of Covered Terrace Columns (A83), 12-28-28
Guests' garage

Second Folder:
Detail of Key Rack (A79). 121-14-28
Section through Main Lobby showing Black Glass Blocks (A77), 11-28-28
Main Passenger Elevator, Sill & Head (A76), 12-10-28
" " Jams (A75), 12-10-28
Hand Rail, Main Stairs (A73), 12-4-28
Cabs for Passenger Elevators (A72), 12-4/10-28
Service Wing First (A7?). 9-6-28
Details, Copper Roof Sunroom (A67). 9-28-28
Copper Ornament & Cornice, Men's Room & Ballroom (A68), 11-30-28
Large Sash on South Side of Sunroom (A69), 12-3-28
Service Wing B (basement?) (A?), 12-6-28
Detail of Glass block on Fleche of Ballroom (A66). 11-30-28
Ballroom Clerestory (A40), 10-3-28
Section of Shelf in Ballroom (A41), 10-3-28
Elevation--Balcony Rail, Living room, East Wing, 10-5-25
Details of Ballroom Ceiling (A43) 10-9/26-28
Rail for Library Balcony & Stairs (A44), 10-11-28
Cottage Roof Construction (A45), 10-11/18-28
Wall between Ladies Hairdressing Parlor & Corridor (A46), 10-19-28
Copper columns on 4th story balcony (A47) 10-17/24-28
GE Refrigerators (A48) 11-17-28
Details of Glass Blocks (A49) 11-2/17-28
Second Floor Plan Service Wing (A50) 10-31-28
Ceiling Sash in Barber Shop (A51) 11-8-28
Detail of Cottage Roof Construction (A52) 11-6-28
Service Elevator (A53) 11-8-28
Detail of Ceiling Sash (A54) 12-20-28
Block Wall Change, Private dining room (A55) 11-16-28
Andirons (A56) 11-12-28
Details, Dining Room Furniture (A57) 11-16-28
Details of WI Gates in Sun Room (A60) 12/28
Details of Service Table (A61) 11-22-28
Details, Steel Windows Schedule (A62), 12-6-28
" " (A63).
Barber Shop Fixtures (A65) 11-27-28
Steel Window Schedule (A64), 11-27-28
Counter space in Lobby (A35), 10-1-28 (3 copies, v.poor to poor condition)
 Typical Full Size Drawer Details (A36), 9-28-28
Section Thru Planting Space (A37), 9-29-28
Details of Bronze Grille (A38), 10-1-28
Door Between Lobby & Sunroom (A39), 10-3-28
Revised Plan Equipment Location (A31), 9-27-28
Revision of Shops (A32), 8-31-28
Details of Copper Roof, Main Building (A33), 9-27-28
Details of Copper Roof, Ballroom (A34), 9-29-28
Dimmer Panel on Second Floor (A28), 8-25-28
Skylights (A29), 12-12-28 (Sheet ID # damaged, identified from list)
Fireplaces (A30), 12-12-28 (" " " " " " )
Gutter, Main roof, A26. 9-27-28
Elevations for Millwork in Lobby (x2) (A27) 10/1-11/8-28
Details, Mens' Room, Ante Room Service Stairs (A16) 10/27-11/6-28
Plan, Vault Door (A18), 9-17-28
Method of Setting Plate Glass (A19), 10-3-28
Stairs (A20), 9-19-28
Details, Ballroom Windows (A21), 9-26-28
Passanger Elevator (A22), 8/25-10/24-28
Details, Fireplaces, Mantles, Hearths (A23), 9/6-10/18-28
Entrance Lobby Stairs (A24), 10-8-28
Dumb Waiters (A25), 11-14-28

Sheet of notes from previous sort
Metal doors (A11), 8-28-28
Reinforced Concrete Vault (A12), 8-22-28
Cast Iron Columns (A14), 8-18-28
Corner Jamb, Cottage Windows (A15), 9-13/27-28
Revised Cottage Layout (A8), 8-24-28
Dining Room Window Elevation (A9). 8-3-28
Ball Room Piers (A10), 8-9-28
Plan of Service Wing (A4), 7-26-28
Block Walls/Steel Sash (A5), 9-20-28
Entrance Detail Head (A6), 8-1-28
Window Dimensions & Schedule (A7), 10-2-28
Elevations & Sections of Concrete Blocks (no title or number on sheet)
Elevations & Sections of Concrete Blocks #15, 8-16-28 (3 copies)
Isometric View of Wall Construction (Office Only)
Millwork Door details (A1), 8-8-28
Living Room Alteration, East Wing (A2), 7/30-10/5-28
Breakfast Room (A3), 7-31-28
INDEX OF ORIGINAL WORKING DRAWINGS (INK ON LINEN), ARIZONA
BILTMORE HOTEL -- In oversize foamcore folders on top of flat files
in Arch Spec Stacks (ROWS 1 and 2)

SHEET SCALE TITLE
00 1/16"=1'0" Key Plan, Index & Symbols
01 1/8" =1'0" Foundation, South Portion & Basement Plan
02  " Foundation, North
03  " First Floor, South
04  " First Floor, North
05  " Second Floor, South
06  " Second Floor, North
07  " Third Floor Plan, Roof Plan, Service Wing (in pencil)
08  " Fourth Floor Plan
09  " Section A-A Near unit line 36 looking North
09  " Section B-B On main axis looking North
09  " Section C-C Thru corridor on 2nd, 3rd, 4th floors, looking North
09  " Section D-D " " " " " " " " South
10 1/4"=1'0" Section E-E Thru Entrance Lobby looking NE, Elevation parallel to Main Axis
10  " Section F-F Thru Entrance Lobby looking West
10 1/8"=1'0" Roof Plan
11 1/4"=1'0" Section G-G Near unit line 41 looking West
12 1/8"=1'0" West Elevation
12  " Section J-J South Elevation on unit line NN looking North
12  " " K-K Thru East Wing corridors looking NW
12  " " L-L Thru East Wing corridors looking SE
12  " " M-M Thru Sunroom, near unit line 49, looking West
13 1/8"=1'0" North Elevation minus Breakfast Room & Annex
13  " East Elevation of main building NE of Annex
13  " West Elevation of Annex
13  " South Elevation of Annex
13  " Northwest Elevation of East Wing
14 1/4"=1'0" Section N-N Thru Ballroom looking East
14  " " O-O Thru Dining Room on main floor looking North
14  " " Q-Q " " " " line 14 looking East

BOX E (5): MOUNTED NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS/REPRODUCTIONS/LECTURE MATERIALS

Folder 1: Lecture materials, notes, note cards, comments to go with o/h slides & copies of o/h slides showing development of Biltmore design
Folder 2: Letters re slide show

Folder 3: 2 items 11-24-27
1 " 1-16-28
1 " 1-22-28
1 " 1-29-28
1 " 2-23-28
1 " 6-9-28
1 " 7-1-28
2 " 7-13-28 (both of same front page)
1 " 7-20-28 ("Wright causes arrest of his former wife" dateline San Diego, 7-19-28)
1 " 7-29-28
1 " 8-5-28
2 " 8-31-28 (front & interior pages of same issue)
3 " Dates and articles no longer legible

Folder 4: 13 items 2-23-29 (Biltmore opening)
4 " 2-24-29
3 " undated

Folder 5: Montage board of clippings and documents used by Warren McArthur for talks about the Biltmore's attribution to Wright

BOX F (6): PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 1 Warren McArthur Sr. House (27 Country Club Drive, Phoenix)
1a 37 N. Country Club Drive, Phoenix, 1956
2 Charles McArthur House, Phoenix
3 17 photos of linen working drawings, Biltmore
4 12 photos of perspectives, 1 design, 6 negatives, Biltmore
5 20 early photos of exterior, Biltmore
6 21 early photos of exterior, Biltmore
7 24 early photos of interior, Biltmore
8 6 photos of garden entrance, Biltmore
9 16 color photos, Biltmore
10 8 photos of people at or of the Biltmore
11 4 photos of Maynard Dixon wall hangings at Biltmore
12 12 photos of blocks, 1 portrait of Emry Kopta
13 4 color postcards (3 of Warren McArthur lawn furniture at Biltmore)
BOX G (7):  BILTMORE PUBLICATIONS & CLIPPINGS
(For additional clippings re attribution see Box H)

Folder 1  Opening ceremonies, tributes
Phx Gazette 2-19-29
AZ Republican 2-23-29
Phx Gazette 2-23-29 (2)

Folder 2  The Architectural Record, July, 1929 (Xerox of cover & pp19-55)

Folder 3  Biltmore anniversaries
Phx Gazette 2-23-79 (2 copies) (Dorothy Goebel)
Arizona Living, February 1984

Folder 4  Ownership-Development-Management
Phx Evening Gazette 1-26-29
" " 2-23-29
No name, date "Wrigley Will Take Over..."
Phx Gazette 1-31-75
Progress Report, July, 1976
AZ Republic 11-14-76
No name, date, "Master plan sets Biltmore apart"
No name, date, "Biltmore to be sold for $125 million"
AZ Republic, 5-31-79
No name, date, two aerial photos showing office park development
Biltmore Greens Advertisement 11-18-77
No name, date, "The Arizona Biltmore 1977" Westin announcement

Folder 5  Biltmore handouts, menus, programmes
Invitations & menus for opening 2-23-29 (xerox)
Fact sheets, press releases, newsletters (7) 1969-1980
Talley Industries reconstruction & decoration handout,1973
Sample stationary, card
Invitation to AZ Museum of History event, 1929
Gold Room Grille Menu with cover
(See also some items in materials from other donors)

Folder 6  Biltmore promotional brochures, tear sheets, booklets
The Lure of Arizona, 1927 (tentative sketch p.6, with inserted
elevation from Warren McArthur of that stage)
Xerox of tear sheet, no attribution, in same layout style as above
(note tubular metal furniture). In Sunny Phoenix, the Arizona Biltmore, no date, folded brochure
Come to Sunny Phoenix. Enjoy the warm hospitality of The Arizona
Biltmore, no date
The Biltmore Beat, April, 1975 (employee magazine)
Folder 7 “Puff Pieces”
Adventuring Luxuriously, Progressive Arizona & the Great Southwest
no date (note description of Wonderbus & other trips run by hotel)
Arizona Highways, April, 1974, pp.19-22
Arizona Republic 11-24-74
Clipping, no name, date, note re sent from California
Tearsheet with photos by Markow
Az Republic 11-23-80

Folder 8 Events at the Biltmore
Phoenix Gazette, 2-23-29
Phoenix Gazette 3-2-29
No name, 4-1-29 (Citizens Honor Empire Builders)
Phoenix Gazette 11-25-74
Az Republic 11-11-81

Folder 9 Fire at the Biltmore
Phoenix Gazette 6-21-73
Arizona Republic, 6-22-73
(See also in materials from other donors, Folder 15)

Folder 10 Biltmore remodeling, expansion, new directions
Az Republic 7-7-63
" " 2-27-66
" " 6-24-73
Arizona Highways, April, 1974
No name, 7-3-75
Phoenix Gazette, 3-2-76
No name, date, $5 million expansion
Az Republic 12-26-78
No name, March 1979
Az Republic, 3-20-89
" " 8-6-89
" " 6-9-91
" " 9-29-91

Folder 11 Historical records at Biltmore
No name, 3-28-84
Az Republic 2-5-85

Folder 12 Tearsheets etc. relating to Wright
Phoenix Gazette, 8-22-28
Stanley Marcus, Minding the Store pp 68-71 & cover
Herbert Jacobs, Frank Lloyd Wright, 1965 pp 110-119, cover, title page & Forward
Pictorial vol 32 #4, 1976
Arizona Living offprint, May, 1983 (handwritten notes in margin)

Folder 13 Tearsheets, published & Mss materials relating to Biltmore:
Whiffen, Marcus & Breeze, Carla, Pueblo Decco, pp. 27-79
Booklet (ASU Archives), Come Stay & Play with Us & folder
Mss from Gusse Thomas Smith collection (mentions interior decoration/textile block design & effect)

Folder 14 History of AZ Biltmore 1925-1984 by Jackie Pettycrew (good source for post 1929 alterations)

Folder 15 Copies of clippings added to the collection April 27, 1999, from sources other than the McArthur family
2 articles, date uncertain, on Jan Blaauws (artist)
AZ Republic, 6-21-73 (Fire at Biltmore)
AZ Living, 9-1-73 (Taliesin Designs)
Phx Gazette, 9-29-73 (Rebuilding)
New York Times, 4-19-79
Sunday Telegram, 2-23-83
Greater Phoenix Business Journal, 6-8-87 (Room Additions)
   Arizona Trend, 10-88
   AZ Republic, 3-20-89
   Az Republic, 11-22-89
   Pictoral, 1989
   America West Airlines Magazine, 9-87 (Ad)
   AZ Republic, 8-6-89
   Elks Magazine, 1-90
   AZ Republic, 2-21-90
   Scottsdale Progress, 2-21-90
   AZ Republic, 5-15-90
   No name, date (re Bankruptcy)
   AZ Republic, 5-16-90
   AZ Republic, 6-24-90
   Alphaphi Quarterly, Winter 1990
   AZ Republic, 9-23-90
   Scottsdale Progress 1-17-91
   AZ Republic 6-9-91

Folder 16 Brochures/releases added to the collection April 27, 1999 from sources other than the McArthur family
The Arizona Biltmore Hotel (offprint from Architectural Record, July,
1980). Color offprint & b/w xerox
Xerox of undated Westin Hotels brochure (includes some photos not
in other parts of the collection)
Set of Westin Hotels Fact Sheets

Folder 17 Clipping added to the collection April 27, 1999 from sources other
than the McArthur family:
AZ Republic 2-12-97 (about Keith Miles' Murder in Perspective--a
mystery set at the Biltmore, see main catalogue)

BOX H (8): THE ATtribution CONTROVERSY

Folder 1 Wright attribution controversy--copies (except where noted) of articles,
letters, memos, handouts and other publications, cited by Warren
McArthur in his lectures
Controversy bibliography (handwritten original)
Articles of agreement architect/owner
Wright disclaimer, June 2, 1930
Copy of page from Arizona State Guide, 1941
Letter from Albert Chase McArthur to Thomas Torney re Arizona State
Guide Wright attribution November 25, 1940 (two drafts, typed &
handwritten)
Our Southwest by Erna Fergusson 1941 (title page & p.168)
Letter from Albert Chase McArthur to Erna Fergusson re Wright
attribution in her book, Our Southwest November 6, 1940 (two drafts,
typed & handwritten, mailed December 6)
Letter from Erna Fergusson to Albert Chase McArthur re her errors
Letter from Walter Frese of January 17, 1941 replying to letter
addressed to Thomas Torney
Letter from Albert Chase McArthur to Alfred A Knopf publisher
re Fergusson matter of February 15, 1941 (typed copy & handwritten
draft)
Letter from Albert Chase McArthur to A Laurence Kocher, ed.
Architectural Record re controversy April 15, 1941
Letter from Roger W. Sherman, managing ed. Architectural Record re
credit for Biltmore
Clipping, Architectural Record, June 1941 publishing letter of April 15
Letter from Charles H McArthur to Editor, Arizona Highways Magazine
of March 5, 1956 re limited Wright role, attempts to intervene,
dismissal
Finis Farr biography, Frank Lloyd Wright 1961 pp. ix, 62-67, 206-213, &
dust jacket
pagination page, pp146, 354 & photo (still assigns Biltmore to
Wright)
Biltmore Hotel handout "Background Information" assigning block
surface designs to Wright
Talley Industries Inc. Quarterly Report June 30, 1975, assigning block
surface designs to Wright, announcing extensions (original)
Biltmore letter, September 1973 (original)
Arizona Highways clipping of April 16, 1974 publishing letter from
Charles H McArthur re Wright involvement (has three pieces of
erroneous information according to penciled notes)
Arizona Republic clipping November 24, 1974/ Architectural Record
ad for Biltmore July 1929
Phoenix Gazette clipping November 25, 1974 crediting design to
Wright
Handout sheet for Biltmore tour by Taliesin of December 1, 1974,
claims Wright as sole designer of Biltmore (Original ?)
The Arizona Biltmore Hotel History & Guide, c. 1974 (shows drawings
from Taliesin files)
Notes from phone conversation by Dorothy Goebel with Bruce
Pheiffer re: drawings in Taliesin files
Travel & Leisure clipping of May, 1975 with credit to Wright
Phoenix Gazette (?) clipping July 2, 1975 re expansion
Memo from Warren McArthur to Wm Mallender of Talley industries,
March 10, 1976
File memo on Warren McArthur letterhead re patents on cement block
(William E. Nelson as patent holder)
Copies of published photos showing Taliesin remodel

Folder 2 Arizona Living color offprint re Taliesin remodel (original) (Shows
some Taliesin drawings)

Folder 3 Notes (typed in 1987) from handwritten papers and letters of Albert
Chase McArthur of around 1940 along with notes from the Finis Farr
biography of Wright

Folder 4 Copies of letters between Manfred McArthur, Talley Industries and
Taliesin regarding restoration of Biltmore following the fire:
Letter from Manfred to Talley (no date) offering plans for restoration
" " Rattenbury (Taliesin) to Manfred 8/8/73 accepting offer
" " Manfred to Rattenbury 8/15/73 asking about FLW
"image"
" " Rattenbury to Manfred 8/21/73 acknowledging Albert
Chase as architect of record
" " Rattenbury to Manfred re receipt of drawings
" " Manfred to Rattenbury asking for statement that Albert
Chase was architect (draft & copy)
" " deKoven Hill (Taliesin) to Manfred denying Albert Chase
as sole designer of Biltmore
Copy of Architectural Record, June, 1941 p.7
Copies of a design

Folder 5 Letter from Warren McArthur to Charles McArthur, November 1975, re Warren's research

Folder 6 Letters from Warren McArthur to Manfred McArthur (handwritten originals)
   1974 (postmark)
   23/9/74 (German postmark)
   October 14, 1975
   October 23, 1975

Folder 7 Courtney Donnell file
   This file contains useful research information as well summaries of Albert Chase McArthur's career in drafts for a travel grant & article
   Correspondence:
   LF
   Donnell to Warren McArthur 10-26-72
   LF Donnell to Gilliland 2-19-73
   LF Warren McArthur to Donnell 1-8-75
   LF Donnell to Warren McArthur 2-13-75
   LF Warren McArthur to Donnell 4-7-75
   LF " " " " 10-18-75
   LF Donnell to Warren McArthur 10-24-75 (surviving enclosures are in same file)
   Questionnaire from Warren McArthur to Donnell 10-26-75
   LF Warren McArthur to Donnell 11-22-75
   LF Donnell to Warren McArthur 11-18-75
   LF Donnell to Warren McArthur 3-29-76
   LF Warren McArthur to Donnell 3-6-76
   LF Donnell to McArthur 10-27-76
   LF Donnell to McArthur 11-29-76
   Rough Drafts:
   Article (?) see letter 10-24-75) C. Donnell, 1973
   Summary for Travel Grant Application, 1973
   Illustrations for Travel Grant Application (5)
   List of addresses for Albert Chase McArthur 1904-1947
   Harvard course card & class report (p.390 only)

Folder 8 Dorothy Goebel materials relating to article in Phoenix Gazette:
   Background materials sent by Warren to Dorothy, Jan & Feb 1976 clipped with handwritten notes:
   Board of Directors, Stock issue, Propectus, Arizona Biltmore Corp
   Contract between Biltmore Corp & McArthur
   FLW licence
   Welcome letter from Lawrence Boyle
Tour handout by Taliesin
Note that this made Warren start his campaign
October '75 issue of Interior Design (2 pages)
Emma Fergusson letter of 1-15-41
FLW letter of 6-2-1930 (note says it was sent with no stamp on the envelope)
Plan of Biltmore
Four copies of elevations showing development of design of front
Copies of pages from Albert Chase McArthur's notebooks
re history of Biltmore, contractual relations, arrival of FLW, patent sculptured blocks
Copy of page from Albert Chase McArthur notebook re harmonic scheme of blocks based on 3, 5 & 7
Page from Freemason Synoptical Index re sacred numbers of 3, 5 & 7
(Note says Albert Chase was a 33rd degree Mason)
Copy of letter from Charles H McArthur to Arizona Highways of 3-5-56
re Wright's "intervention"
Typed draft of letter from Albert Chase McArthur to Dr. Thomas Tormey with copy of Wright statement of June 1930
Pages from Finis Farr biography of FLW
Synopsis of Warren McArthur's presentation
Phoenix History Project Speaker Series
Envelope addressed to Dorothy Goebel
Reduced copy of Goebel article in Phoenix Gazette, 3-4-76
Newspaper clipping of Goebel article in same
Notes taken by Goebel during a phone conversation with Bruce Pfeiffer
Goebel note re delivery of newspaper to Tom Young

Folder 9  Correspondence re John Yellott's defense of McArthur
Letter to Walter Wagner 8-4-80
" from Charles K Gandee 9-22-80
" to Gandee 9-29-80
Page from Progressive Architecture with letters from William Allen Storrer and John Yellott re article "Wrighting Wrongs" in November 1981 issue
Letter from Yellott to Phoenix Gazette 12-26-81
" J. Rohn of Rostland Corporation to Yellott

Folder 10  Letter from Warren McArthur to Architectural Record 10-13-80 (not sent)

Folder 11  Other letters re Wright attribution
Letter from Cornelia and clipping Travel & Leisure May, 1975
Two letters & Minneapolis Star clipping 2-21-78
Letter & UCLA Extension Brochure (Newton Rosenzweig) 2-14-81
Letter & memo from Newton Rosenzweig re "W" 5-9-92

Folder 12  Triglyph article
  LF Marcus Whiffen to Warren McArthur 12-21-87
  Draft of article by Warren McArthur (edited)
  Photocopy of article from Triglyph
  Editor's thanks on Triglyph letterhead

Folder 13  Newspaper clippings (& copies) re attribution controversy
  (some duplicate material in other folders)
  Architectural Record, June, 1941
  No name, 10-14-59
  No name, note says 7-5-75
  Az Republic 5-20-62
  Central Phoenix Sun, 5-3-78
  New York Times 4-19-79
  " " " 7-1-79 (with two handwritten notes)
  " " " 7-22-79
  Az Republic 10-1-80
  Progressive Architecture, November, 1981
  " " February, 1982 (letters re above)
  No name, date (article)
  Az Republic 9-9-81 (multiple articles/copies)
  Arizona Republic, 9-23-81
  Az Republic 10-81 (?)
  Phx Gazette 12-26-81
  Az Capitol Times 8-10-83
  L.A. Times 4-28-87 (?) (see note)
  Scottsdale Daily Progress, 7-8-?

BOX I (9): ORIGINALS & COPIES OF KEY DOCUMENTS CONCERNING
ATTRIBUTION CONTROVERSY

Folder 1  Documents signed by FLW:
  Telegram from FLW to Albert Chase McArthur 1-18-28 (original)
  FLW Disclaimer of 6-2-30 (original)
  Taliesin Envelope (no stamp/postmark) addressed to Albert Chase
  McArthur
  License signed by FLW

Folder 2  Statement re controversy by Albert Chase McArthur:
  Excerpt from FLW autobiography 1943 (1932) (one page)
  Albert Chase McArthur's response (handwritten & 2 photocopies), 1940

Folder 3  Letters to authors & publishers by Albert Chase McArthur re Arizona
  Guide attribution:
LT Dr. Tormey 11-25-40
LT Hastings House 1-8-41
LF Hastings House 1-17-41

Folder 4 Letters to authors & publishers by Albert Chase McArthur re Our Southwest attribution:
   LT Erna Fergusson 12-6-40
   LF Fergusson 1-15-41
   LT Alfred A Knopf 2-15-41
   Handwritten notes from Fergusson's book

Folder 5 Letters to authors & publishers by Albert Chase McArthur re Architectural Record:
   LT Architectural Record 4-15-41
     "      "      5-10-41
   LF      "      5-16-41

Folder 6 LF Charles H. McArthur to Arizona Highways re "Intervention" 3-5-56

Folder 7 The Architectural Record, July, 1929 (original)

Folder 8 Original of contract between AZ Biltmore & Albert Chase McArthur
BOX J (10): BILTMORE LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Folder 1 Articles of Incorporation, 11-24-27

Folder 2 Stock Offer

Folder 3 Contract between AZ Biltmore & Albert Chase McCarthur
   Articles of Agreement between architect & owner
   Handwritten draft of same
   Sample texts of same

Folder 4 Agreement between AZ Biltmore & S.M. Benet, Contractor

Folder 5 Property Acquisition documents
   Handwritten notes (3 pages) on McArthur family listings
   Copies of Deeds between John H. Gage Development Corp, Biltmore,
   & other parties

Folder 6 Frank Lloyd Wright legal
   License to use textile block (2 copies, handwritten note on back of
   one)
   Disclaimer 6-2-30
   Halstead Lumber v Wright (Complaint)
   Reliable Hardware v Wright (Order & Affidavit)

Folder 7 AZ Biltmore Hotel specifications
   Typewritten draft
   Office copy on blueprint paper

Folder 8 Wrigley Lawsuit (Foreclosure)
   Handwritten notes from Federal Archives - California
   Arizona Biltmore Report on financing & affairs through 1929
   Entry in record book re action filed
   December 6, 1930 Demand on Mortgage (to AZ Biltmore)
   " Default Notification (to Gage)
   June 16, 1931 Findings of Fact
   July 1, 1931 Amendment to Memorandum
   July 14, 1931 Petition for Confirmation of Sale
   Wrigley deposition pp. 4-6

Folder 9 S.M. Benet Lawsuit- page from register of actions

Folder 10 San Marcos Hotel Company Articles of Incorporation, 1914

BOX K (11): ALBERT CHASE McARTHUR-GENERATED MANUSCRIPTS,
CALCULATIONS & CALIFORNIA PROJECTS

Folder 1 Harvard College thesis "On the Theory of Projective Ranges and Pencils as Applied to The Generation of Conic Sections," 1907

Folder 2 Office stationary, 1912 & up

Folder 3 Sketches for logo design

Folder 4 Article: "Manifestation of Truth Seen in Garden Plan," 4-1-29

Folder 5 Photo of painting of plant at Grand Canyon, 1931


Folder 7 Notes on "Form Without Substance." No date. Original & copy.

Folder 8 Fragments on a theory of the relationship between music & color

Folder 9 Calculations on a topographic map

Folder 10 International Center (World Fellowship Center?). Five color photos of drawings for unbuilt project, Los Angeles

Folder 11 Draft letter (no date) to Graham R Taylor re International Peace Memorial project

Folder 12 Receipt for blueprint, Grusbeck job, 4-29-38

Folder 13 Calculations for Margaret Wilson residence, May 1938

Folder 14 National Park Service projects, 1939
   Schedule
   Specifications for N.P.Oly 2014-A
   List of Materials, for Trailside Shelter, Moose Lake, Sequoia Natl Park
   Materials & Labor Specifications for Sewage Pumping Plant, Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite National Park
   Further instructions re above
   Calculations probably for above
   Same as above
   Same as above
   Typed specifications pp12-13
Folder 15 Calculations for garage & music room for Mrs. Donald Cole
Folder 16 Load calculations for unidentified 4-story building
Folder 17 Astrological calculations for family members
Folder 18 Rosicrucian Order correspondence, 1944-45
Folder 19 Miscellaneous clippings w/ACM notes
For further Music/Art/ETC. Theory calculations, see all of Box N)

BOX L (12): BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS (ALBERT CHASE McARTHUR)
Folder 1 Ancestors
Folder 2 Astrological Chart
Folder 3 Additional major events
Folder 4 Education
Folder 5 Copy of 1924 Passport
Folder 6 Arizona Registration 1925 (original)
Folder 7 (Auto?)Biographical notes, 6-22-41
Folder 8 Memo from Warren McArthur, enclosing:
  History of Arizona Biographical, 1930
  Harvard Class of 1905 25th Class Report
  C. Donnell summary with Harvard response
  Note from C. Donnell re Otto Wagner (page 2 only)
Folder 9 C. Donnell materials for travel grant application:
  Significance
  Known works
  Bio list (chronological to 1931)
Folder 10 C. Donnell Bibliography, 1973
Folder 11 L.A. Times Obit, 3-23-51
Folder 12 The National Cyclopedia of American Biography, 1954 p. 432, cover & title
Folder 13 Fax Memo, Warren McArthur to Avis Berman

Folder 14 Handwritten list of Drawings by Albert Chase McArthur (Warren, 1975)

BOX M (13): OTHER PLAYERS & FAMILY MATTERS

Folder 1 Maynard Dixon
- Color repro of painting (Virgin Creek Gorge) Feb, 1929
- Clipping (LA Times, 4-15-45) re exhibition at Biltmore (LA?)

Folder 2 Emry & Anna Kopta
- Instructional booklet, "Ornamental Casting" by W. L. Mahler
- Anna Kopta Woman of the Year Award program, 1969
- Arizona Biltmore envelope addressed to Mrs Kopta
- File top re Anna's talk to Penwomen
- Xerox from Albert Chase McArthur notes
- Final draft of speech to Penwomen, 9-14-74
- Thank-you note and program materials re same
- Clipping, News-Sun, 9-20-74
- Clipping, The Flute Player Who Isn't There (no attribution)
- Booklet, "Emry Kopta, 1982"
- Xerox copies of above (2), one with copy of McArthur Journal page attached
- Marketing letter for casts of 3 bronzes depicted in booklet

Folder 3 Warren McArthur (Albert Chase McArthur's father)
- (Wright's "bootlegged house" & apartment project for Warren McArthur, 1892)
- Copy of Grant Carpenter Manson's Frank Lloyd Wright to 1910 pp 47-58, 221 with title page (& extra pages)
- Copy of Ethel M. Colson's A Yellow Dining Room (no publication info)
- Copy of Leonard K. Eaton, Two Chicago Architects and their Clients, p. 112, 164 with title page
- Apartment project for Warren McArthur (plate 56--no other publication information)
- Letter of 3-14-79 from Chicago Historical Society re: locating materials

Folder 4 Charles Henry McArthur (Albert Chase McArthur's brother)
- History of Arizona Biographical entry, 1930
- AZ Republic obit, 5-14-72
- AZ Republic article 5-18-72
- Correction
- Phoenix Gazette obit

Folder 5 Warren McArthur Jr. (Albert Chase McArthur's brother)
- Copy of clipping LA Examiner, 1927 (re flight from Phoenix to LA)
History of Arizona Biographical entry, 1930
Copies of 4 clippings (2 identified as Phx Gazette) 12-18-61
Note from Avis Berman, 6-29-92 re research into furniture
Letter & envelope from Avis Berman re furniture (note of collection
of 150 pieces in Long Island City), 7-7-92

Folder 6 McArthur Bros. Automobile Showroom
  Samples of stationary (2)
  Photo of showroom
  Note of inscription on silver bowl, 1917
  Memo to workers, 1917
  Photo of Electro-Scoot
  Photos (2) of cars sold by McArthur Bros.
  Clipping, Energy (APS) re Electro-Scoot

Folder 7 Warren McArthur (Albert Chase McArthur’s nephew)
  Business cards (2) & receipt
  Enlargement of business card
  Cut of block design
  Certificate of Appreciation, 1976 with photo
  Clipping Phoenix (Magazine?) February, 1977
  Certificate, May, 1981
  Speaker’s Series press release
  Clipping 1-3-76
  Exchange Club announcement
  Copy of Dorothy Goebel article
  Phoenix History Project brochure
  Basic Photography Course Notes
  YMCA Camera Club announcement
  Clipping re photo prize
  Pencil drawings 1-5-75

Folder 7 a Misc. memos, cards & research notes (Warren)

Folder 8 Henderson Stockton (Attorney for Az Biltmore Corp.)
  Original handwritten notes, 1-13-76
  Transferred handwritten notes, 1-13-76
  Handwritten notes, 10-18-77
  American Biographical Encyclopedia entry, 1974
  Memo of 1-16-76 re Court actions concerning AZ Biltmore or FLW

Folder 9 Wonderbus (Tours operated by McArthur Bros.)
  Colored postcard of Wonderbus
  The Journal of Arizona History, Summer, 1980
Ad for Wonderbus, 1/4 page format
Same, one-column format
Progressive Arizona Vol.3 No.4, 1926, article
Clipping, AZ Republic, 9-6-96 re Wonderbus history

Folder 10 Bruce Pfeiffer house clipping
Folder 11 Engraving
Folder 12 Unidentified photo
Folder 13 Misc. brochures:
  Arizona Highways 5/29 (black & white photography)
  Lead bulletin (note use for grain storage) 11/42
  Signs of the Times 11/44
  Copper & Brass Bulletin 5/55
  Ad sheet for Degraco Metal Paints

Folder 14 Maps
  Street map of Phoenix, 1927
  Map of prehistoric canals

Folder 15 Newsclipping re Arizona Granite & Tufa Co sign (1910)
Folder 16 Clipping re Wright's Pauson residence (n.d.)

BOX N (14): McARTHUR'S MATHEMATICAL WORK ON THEORIES OF COLOR,
  MUSIC, DESIGN
  (most folders are titled in quotes according to the titles on the
  envelopes in which the materials were stored by McArthur)

Folder 1 Theory of Color Relations--draft mss of 1935 with tables (new title)
Folder 2 Color scheme & Color relations, 1920's-40's (& drafts, materials re:
  above)
Folder 3 Color Theory, Scale of reference, Reduction in wavelength, 1933
Folder 4 Color Theory, Superceded material, including narrative,
  correspondence, 1933
Folder 5 New Theory of Color Relations, handwritten mss., 1934
Folder 6 Color Theory, Wave-length Calculations, 1936
Folder 7 Frequency & wave length calculations, 1938
Folder 8  Color Theory (?), 1943
Folder 9  Color Theory, Basic Scale of Reference, 1945
Folder 10 Painting, Harmonic Design, Harmonies, c.1948
Folder 11 Color Theory, 1949-50, 1951
Folder 12 Color Theory, Roots of 2 & various numbers, tables of multiples, reciprocals of roots, tables of radians, some prime factors, 1949-50
Folder 13 Quadratic equation, Color Theory (?), calculations, Oct. 1950
Folder 14 Color Theory, 1938, 1939, 1950
Folder 15 Color Theory (?) n.d.
Folder 16 Color Theory? Calculations
Folder 17 Color Theory? n.d.
Folder 18 Color Theory--Prism calculations n.d.
Folder 19 Color Theory--Translation of Partial Tones n.d.
Folder 20 Color Theory--Table 1, 2 & 3 (?)
Folder 21 Color Theory--Tables 3, 4, 5, Vibration Number n.d.
Folder 22 Color Theory--Musical Notes n.d.
Folder 23 Color Theory, Roots of 2 x various numbers, tables of multiple reciprocals of roots, tables of radicals, some prime factors n.d.
Folder 24 Color Theory, Roots of 2 & other numbers, biquadratic equations, etc. n.d.
Folder 25 Color Theory (?)--Roots of 2, Primitive trials n.d.
Folder 26 Miscellaneous calculations, musical frequencies etc.
Folder 27 Solar Time Equations
Folder 28 Calculations, Great Pyramid of Gizeh
Folder 29 Calculations, Miscellaneous
Folder 30 Untitled calculations

Folder 31 Miscellaneous calculations

Finding aid updated by Harold Housley (November 2015)