Biographical Sketch

Blaine Drake was born in Ogden, Utah on September 10, 1911. After graduating from high school in Ogden he enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley. While at Berkeley, he attended a lecture by the noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright and was inspired to pursue an apprenticeship with Wright, becoming one of Wright's original apprentices at Taliesin, Wisconsin in 1933.

Drake continued his apprenticeship with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West in Arizona, where he met his future wife Hulda Brierly, who had come to Taliesin West in 1935. The two were married in 1936. The Drakes moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1941, where Blaine Drake worked for an engineering company, before returning to the Arizona desert in 1943, when Drake accepted a job with Goodyear Aircraft.

Drake established his own architectural practice in Phoenix in 1945. Over a long career, he designed approximately 200 projects, nearly two-thirds of them built. Most of his work was in the Phoenix area and focused on residential architecture. However, he also designed office buildings, medical facilities, apartment buildings, and churches. One of the few Wright apprentices to pursue a successful independent practice, Drake was an advocate of energy-efficient design in the desert. He received national and international recognition for his work. Blaine Drake retired from architectural practice in 1985. He died on March 12, 1993, survived by two sons, Peter and Eric.
Scope and Content Note

Collection holdings include a wide variety of drawings as well as textual records (mostly job files) and photographs. A total of seven series are present in the collection.

Series One, Drawings and Presentation Boards, contains oversize materials organized generally by project sets (arranged sequentially by project number or alphabetically by client name) that may include perspectives, floor plans, site plans, elevations, sections, detail drawings, and specifications. Original drawings on tracing paper and presentation drawings/boards comprise the bulk of materials in this series which is included in 48 oversize folders.

Series Two, Job Files, is comprised of 22 boxes that contain materials such as correspondence, specifications, financial and legal documents, miscellaneous printed materials, photographs, receipts, and invoices for the various Drake projects. Original Drake labeling has been retained for the folders in this series.

Remaining series in the collection are housed in 2 boxes. Prominent among the latter are the following: Series Three, Biographical/Personal, which contains a comprehensive list of Drake's projects as well as manuscript writings (most notably "F.L.L.W.: My years With Frank Lloyd Wright"), handwritten poems, and sketches; Series Five, Printed Matter, which includes clippings from various newspapers and magazines relating to Blaine Drake and his work; and Series Six, Photographs, which consists of 15 folders containing numerous photo prints, negatives, and slides as well as some textual materials related to Drake designed buildings.

Provenance

The collection was donated to Arizona State University in November 1992 by Blaine Drake.

Container List

Series One: Drawings and Presentation Boards

Subseries One: Drawings

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Contents: Mountain Cabin, Semoff House, Stern Alteration, King Store Remodel, Green House, Foster House, Eldean House.
Folder 2 Projects 48-06B thru 49-C, 1948-1949

Folder 3 Projects 50-03 thru 51-11, 1950-1951

Folder 4 Projects 51-A thru 52-07A, 1951-1952

Folder 5 Projects 52-07B thru 52-B, 1952
Contents: Hammels House, Jacobs House, Madden House Addition, Scoville House.

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Folder 6 Projects 53-03 thru 54-03A, 1953-1954
Contents: Sussman Addition, Browning Office Alteration, 1905 E. Rose Lane House, Zorn House, Jones House.

Folder 7 Projects 54-03B thru 55-03, 1954-1955

Folder 8 Projects 55-05 thru 55-10, 1955

Folder 9 Projects 56-B thru 56-12A, 1956

Folder 10 Projects 57-03 thru 58-C, 1957-1958
Contents: Foutz Medical Apartment Building, Smith Animal Hospital, Brophy House Addition, Greth Ortiz Medical Clinic, Foutz Medical Pharmacy Building, Stickelber House, Beck House, Camelback Inn Casas.

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Folder 11 Projects 59-03 thru 59-07, 1959
Contents: Zimmerman House, Koppen House, Lincoln Addition, Curran House, Weinstein Apartments, Camelback Inn Chapel, Camelback Inn Addition to La Senita,
Camelback Inn Addition Second Floor B Plan, Mariassy Alteration.

Folder 12 Projects 59-08 thru 59-E, 1959
Contents: Omundson House, Clore House, Mr. Stewart’s Office-Camelback Inn, Staff Recreation Building-Camelback Inn, Additions to Casas-Camelback Inn, Allison Addition.

Folder 13 Projects 60-B thru 61-03, 1960-1961

Contents: Camelback Inn Casas Addition, Colpitts Addition, Fogarty House, Camelback Inn Dining Room Addition, Camelback Inn Ivory Tower Suite Addition.

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Folder 15 Projects 63-03 thru 63-09B, 1963

Folder 16 Projects 63-A thru 64-A, 1963-1964

Folder 17 Projects 65-03 thru 66-01, 1965-1966
Contents: Zimmerman Office Building, Drake House, Richert House, Cashion Manor House, Model House Project, Banville House, Eyman Apartments.

Folder 18 Projects 66-03A thru 66-11, 1966

Folder 19 Projects 67-02 thru 68-03B, 1967-1968
Contents: Motel and Restaurant, Drake House, Kalos Store Building, Harold Additions, Copper Hills Hotel Addition, Winkler Warehouse Building, Doctor's Sheltered Care Nursing Home, Stirling Addition.

Folder 20 Projects 68-03C thru 68-09, 1968
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Folder 21 Projects 69-04 thru 71-04, 1969-1971
Contents: Post-Donato Office Building, Drake House, Harris House, Quatros Haciendas, Holland House, Mao House.

Folder 22 Projects 71-05 thru 71-07, 1971
Contents: Quatros Office Building, Abraham House, McCutcheon House, Muzzy House.

Folder 23 Projects 72-02A thru 72-A, 1972
Contents: Kaufman House, Plastic Surgeons Ltd. Medical Office, Rourke House, Martin House, Boynton House, Carpenter House, Garofalo Office Building.

Folder 24 Projects 74-05 thru 76-07, 1974-1976
Contents: MacWilliams House, Elliott House, Spotnitz House, Brecheisen Addition, McCall Addition.


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Folder 26 Projects A thru K, Undated

Folder 27 Projects L thru DD, Undated

Folder 28 Projects N thru U, Undated

Folder 29 Projects V thru Z, Undated

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Folder 30 Misc. Projects A-B (client name), 1963, undated
Contents: Allison Remodeling, Atwater Residence, untitled project, Brecheisen
Residence, Brecheisen European Motors Showroom.

Folder 31 Misc. Projects B-C (client name), 1953-1963, undated

Folder 32 Misc. Projects D-E (client name), 1950-1967, undated

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Folder 33 Misc. Projects F thru K (client name), 1948-1958, undated

Folder 34 Misc. Projects L thru O (client name), 1950-1968, undated
Contents: La Prade Residence, Larson Apartment Project, Lincoln-Various Projects, McGregor Remodeling, Maloney Apartment Building, Manker Residence, Manos Restaurant, Mariassy Project, Murdock Residence, Office Building-5210 N. 16th Street, Office Suite-Scottsdale.

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Folder 36 Misc. Projects R thru S (client name), 1949-1983, undated
Contents: Randall and Moeckel Ranch House, Recker Residence, Rogers Alterations, Rose Lane Residence, Rupena Warehouse Building, Schammel Additions, Schmidt Pool and Terrace, Semoff Residence.

Contents: Shapiro Residence, Shoemaker Residence, Silverman Residence, Smith (Chalice Studios), Smith and Green Inc. Office Building, Stouffer Residence, Student
Union Building (Phoenix College), Sussman Addition and Remodeling, Twentieth Century Homes Residence Lots (Paradise Valley Estates).

Folder 38 Misc. Projects W thru Z (client name), 1949-1968, undated
Contents: Wallbaum Additions, Washburn Residence, Weirich and Feltman Apartment Building, White Mountain Hospital Alterations, Wright Cabinet and Seat, Eyman 22-unit Development.

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Folder 39 Drake Portrait Reproductions, Undated
Folder 40 Unidentified Perspectives and Blueprints, Undated
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Folder 1 Projects, 1939-1950
Contents: Desert Cabana (Taliesin West), Scottsdale Shops, Owen Residence, Wright Residence, Hobson Residence, Graham Apartments, Bimson Pool Cabana, Glass Residence and Office, Alden Residence.

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Folder 2 Projects, 1950-1955
Contents: Hawkins Residence, Foutz Office, Drake Residence, Scoville Residence, Connor Residence, Congregational Church, Allison Residence.

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Folder 3 Projects, 1955-1959
Contents: Roberts Residence, Student Union, Washburn Residence, Foutz Medical Building, Smith Residence, Stickelber Residence, Koppen Residence.
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Folder 4 Projects, 1960-1964
Contents: Unitarian Church of Phoenix, Straub Residence, Bank Building for George R. Gillespie, Manker Residence.

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Folder 5 Projects, 1965, undated
Contents: Zimmerman Office Building, Neill Residence, Durham Residence (President's House, Arizona State University).

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Folder 2 Drake, 1951-1952
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Folder 5 Drake (5210 N. 22nd St.), 1953-1954, undated
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Box 6

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| Folder 7 | Holcomb, 1951-1953, undated |
| Folder 8 | Holcomb, 1955-1957, undated |
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| Folder 2 | King-Glendale, 1947-1949, undated |
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Folder 3 "Beautifully Correlated Homes," *The Diplomat*, March 1956
Folder 4 "Within Garden Walls," *House and Garden*, August 1951
Folder 5 "Poolside Pueblo," *Das Ideale Heim*, May 1957
Folder 6 "Villa H.R.S.," *Mobel Decoration*, June 1957
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Folder 5 Miscellaneous, Undated

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