

## MUSEUMS

*This is the first of a series of articles outlining the holdings of Frank Lloyd Wright materials in various museums and research centers. Future articles will cover the collections of, among others, Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art both in New York, and the Art Institute of Chicago.*

### Prairie Archives

Milwaukee Art Center  
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### Holdings

The Niedicken-Wallbridge Collection of 1600 drawings, a gift to the Archives by Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Jacobsen of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. George M. Niedecken was a prominent figure in the arts in Milwaukee and was the designing partner of the firm. His career began with studies at the Art Institute of Chicago, followed by some time for travel in Europe. After some professional practice in Wright's Oak Park studio in 1903-1904, he returned to Milwaukee. The firm worked on many of Wright's houses, listed below. At various times, Niedecken also associated with Louis Sullivan, Purcell and Elmslie, Spencer and Powers, and others.

The Bently-Merman Architects Collection, composed of 600 drawings by this LaCrosse firm. Percy Dwight Bently was a designer who followed many of Wright's ideas. The practice lasted ca. 1906 to ca. 1925.

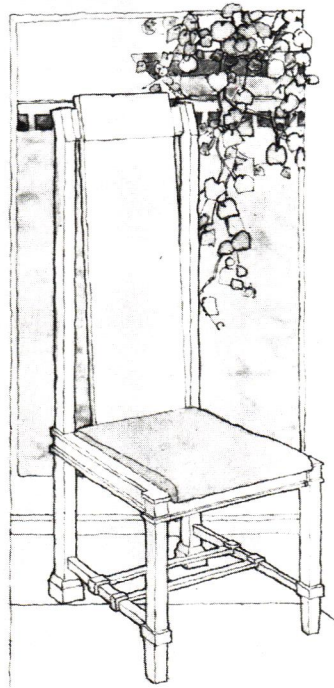
The Michael P. Johnson, Designer, Collection contains an estimated 600 drawings. Mr. Johnson is practicing in Arizona and is a follower of Bruce Goff.

### Frank Lloyd Wright Material

Drawings from the Niedecken-Wallbridge Collection:

- Coonley House, Riverside, Illinois
- Robie House, Chicago, Illinois
- Bogk House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Allen House, Wichita, Kansas
- Irving House, Decatur, Illinois

May and Amberg Houses, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Rugs, furniture lamps and other interior furnishings are included. There are some full-size details, with yarn samples, of the rugs of the Robie and Bogk houses.



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