



The Kenneth Laurent House and Furnishings





In 1948 Kenneth Laurent commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to build a home that integrated his needs as a wheelchair-bound, disabled veteran with Wright's signature open plan designs. Wright used the opportunity to develop his elliptical plan for the first time; the resulting soft curves, openness and flowing space were utilized in later houses in the 1950s. In conversation with Edgar Kaufmann, Jr. Wright referred to the Laurent House as a serene masterpiece and his "little gem."

The Laurents became friendly with Wright and traveled often to Taliesin commissioning interior furnishings for the home and a later addition to the property. The Laurents moved into their home on May 30th of 1952 and live there still today.



Lot 378

Kenneth Laurent House 4646 Spring Brook Road, Rockford, Illinois

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright

Dates 1949-1952

Lot Size 1.3 acres

Interior Approximately 2,500 square feet. The single-story structure with three bedrooms and two bathrooms features numerous built-in desks, cabinets, shelving and seating.

Furniture Frank Lloyd Wright furnishings include: one pair of barrel lounge chairs, one pair of panel armchairs, six occasional tables, nine hassocks, one hexagonal table, two wrought-iron fireplace grates, one Nessen floor lamp in custom FLW brick red and one Nessen wall lamp in custom FLW brick red. Taliesin designed furnishings include: one dining table, seven dining chairs (one armchair), one entrance table, two Taliesin slatted wall lights, three decorative screens and external lighting elements.

Literature The Kenneth Laurent house is extensively documented in numerous publications including: Frank Lloyd Wright Monograph: 1942–1950 by Futagawa and Pfeiffer, Frank Lloyd Wright: Interiors and Furniture by Heinz, 50 Favorite Houses by Frank Lloyd Wright by Maddex, Frank Lloyd Wright: The Masterworks by Larkin and Pfeiffer

Provenance Commissioned by the Kenneth Laurent in 1948 Consigned by the above

Estimate \$500,000-700,000

Sale of the property is subject to separate terms of sale.







