

Wright Buildings Set for Archives

Two Oak Park buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright will be recorded and listed officially this fall in the archives of the Library of Congress.

Photographs, measured drawings, and historical reports now are being made of the Wright home and studio, 951 Chicago av., and the Unitarian Universalist church, 875 Lake st., both in Oak Park.

The project is being undertaken by representatives of the Historic American Building survey, a long-range program to build an archive of American architecture.

To Be Joint Project

The program is sponsored jointly by the American Institute of Architects, the Library of Congress, and the national park service.

The Wright home and studio has been owned and renovated during the past 20 years by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nooker.

"The house is replete with architectural detail, inside and outside, that Wright used in later works," said Nooker.

"John Lloyd Wright in his book 'My Father Who Is on Earth,' tells about his father and describes the home as a 'periodically remodeled experimental laboratory of design,'" he said.

First in America

The church, begun in 1906, was the first poured cement building in America. Also known as Unity temple, the church seats more than 400 persons.

It is estimated that the church, which cost \$45,000 to construct in 1906, would cost about \$550,000 today.

The historic survey's current archives already contain about 27,000 drawings, 37,000 photographs, and 6,000 pages of historical data for about 10,000 historical buildings throughout the United States.

Twelve other structures are part of this summer's Chicago area survey. Supervisor of the project is Wesley Shank, professor of architecture at Iowa State university.