FAQ 50 (July 31, 2007)

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Q: I know the Franklin House was recently renovated. Do you have any old photographs showing how it looked when you lived there?

The house was sold in 2002 and has been completely remodeled inside with modern changes to all rooms. Also, the interior courtyard has been completely changed. Below photographs show the courtyard then and now.

<u>THEN</u>



HOLLYWOOD SHOW PLACE

There is an edifice at 5121 Franklin avenue which sure makes persons from the historland stop and stare on their trip in Holly-

The edifice—you might call it a manuson, if you favor words like that—was built in 1921 by Llayd Wright, the architent, for a cetterd gentleman of means who wanted nomething different. He sen is

"It's the sculptural style of architecture," explains Mr. Wright.

Sculptural architecture, it seems, fits th building right into the landscape.

One of the striking features of the Franklinscenae structure is the mass of stone and remove which emissions so from the roof line. "My goodness, I wouldn't want to live in a face like that," one viewer gasped. "That arned stuff might come tumbling down or ou while you wan trying to open them gues

"Them gates" are huge, iron affairs constituting what would be the door into an ord rary home. There is no danger of the mai of stone and options tumbling down. The or ties building is constructed of steel place both hardward vestically.

The inside of the building is as striking a the outside. One of its features is a bag patin with a fountain in the center. Room in the building are built around the pati and the featurain.



Mother circa 1946



The Three Musketeers



Steve & Kelvin



Father in his office circa 1947

(During the 1950 DA/LAPD surveillance, a microphone was hidden in the wall of this room. As referenced in BDA, in 1952 the new owner, after living in the residence for over a year, discovered a large quantity of pornographic photographs hidden in the overhead skylight near where father is shown seated. The pornographic photos were of father along with other unidentified males and females. The owner described them as "kinky" and indicated he destroyed all of them.



Mother in courtyard circa 1947

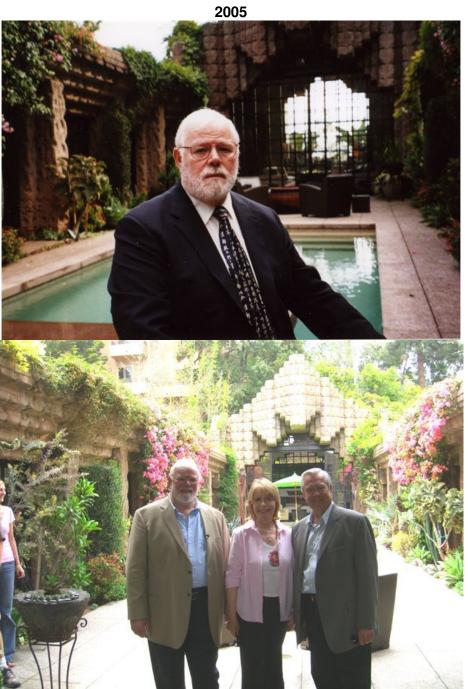




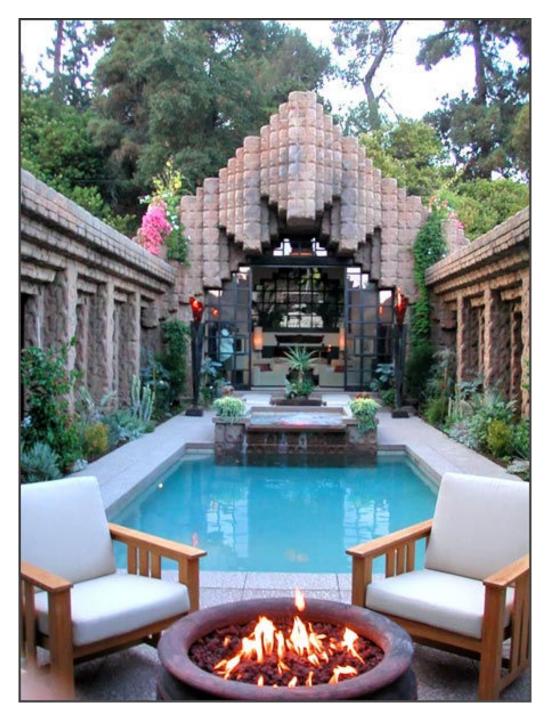


SKH NOTE: At the bottom right of this picture can be seen the concrete lily pond. (empty) In the 1940s, on hot summer days my brothers and I would wade and sit in the pool as we watched the dragon flies swoop in like WW II bi planes, hover then land on the lilies, and take off again on their unknown sorties.

NOW



Author and Roberta McCreary with Bill Kurtis during taping of a television show in 2006.



Below link shows multiple interior views of the Franklin "Sowden" House as it appears today.



http://www.luxuryretreats.de/villa-page/ind/107840.asp