

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME



Frank Lloyd Wright was recognized in 1991 by the American Institute of Architects as “the greatest American architect of all time”. One of his works of art can be located on Overlook Road in Marion Indiana. The home is on the National Registry of Historic Houses. In 1950, Frank Lloyd Wright (83)

was a patient at the Mayo Clinic and befriended a young doctor from Marion Indiana, Richard Davis. Dr. Davis loved music and had a dream to someday have a family of four and build a custom home, with Mr. Wright’s design. Mr. Wright had a concept drawing he did in 1922, based on American Indian motifs, resembling a Wigwam or teepee. Like all artists who believe in a project, but have not yet landed the proper venue to showcase it, Wright revisited this work in 1924, 1928, 1939 and never gave up hope that someday his art would have life. Dr. Davis liked the uniqueness of the design and decided to pursue it. Frank Lloyd Wright suggested buying an acre or more outside of town, preferably with trees and a stream and he said, “to look for something that no one else would want.” The original cost estimate for the home was \$40,000.00 and in 1953 the building began.

The original contractor quit early on stating that Dr. Davis was in over his head and the complexities of the house would never work. Both, Dr. Davis and Frank Lloyd Wright were determined to continue. They found another contractor who was willing to tackle the house and to be assisted to complete the task. They put a phone on a tree outside; and like the old Green Acres show, they had Monday telephone meetings to confer on the design. The creative house was completed in 1955, and nine years later one of the most creative writers in television history, Madelyn Pugh Davis (“I Love Lucy” show), moved into the house. The Frank Lloyd Wright house remains a Grant County treasure.

