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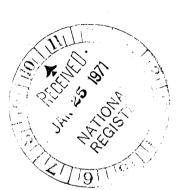
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The two-story hillside house is constructed of concrete block cast with a design on the faces, and these designs are exposed on interior and exterior walls; some of the blocks are pierced to admit light.

Between the house and garage is a covered loggia leading to the main entrance; a long hall paralleling the kitchen and lighted from perforations in the concrete block walls, leads to the living room. A portion of the living room roof is raised to provide for clerestories; beside two corner windows and another, there are large French doors on the south to a shallow balcony. On the lower level are bedrooms and baths. From the living room is a wide view of the city through french doors and corner windows.

The plan and the structure of the house are as originally designed. However, the laundry room below the garage was remodeled as an apartment in 1932 by R.M. Schindler; and in 1940 he inserted panels of plywood in a portion of the broad opening between kitchen and living room and built shelves on the living room side. The kitchen was remodeled by architect Robert Clark in 1956 and a steel-framed window was substituted for the wooden one. Architect John Lautner replaced wood frames of the corner windows in the living room with steel ones in 1968; this repair did not change the proportions of the window divisions.



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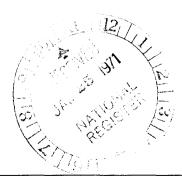
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One of four textile block houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the early 1920s for Southern California, of wide interest to architects and historians because they are unique in Wright's work. They come out of a Wright period characterized by surface and applied ornament, beginning with the 1914 Midway Gardens, Chicago and lasting through the textile block houses. Wright at the time was preoccupied with "common" materials -- the lava stone of Japan which was "underfoot," and which he used for the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo (1916-1922); concrete block, a "gutter" material, as he called it, and he proposed to lift it from the gutter and make of it a noble material.

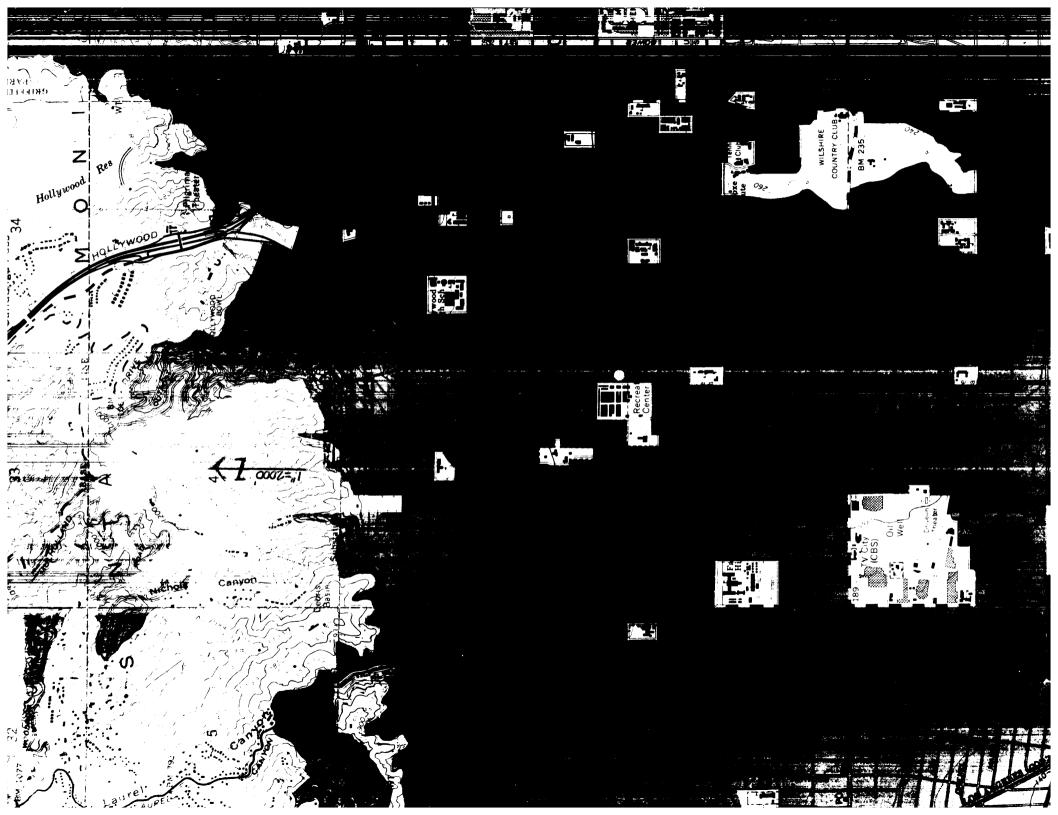
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Wright conceived these four houses as expressions of the semi-arid climate of Southern California. Each of the four has a different motif, drawn from nature, carried out (along with Mayan motifs) throughout the houses. The houses represent a variation on a structural theme that offers an insight into the creative process of America's foremost genius in the field of architecture.



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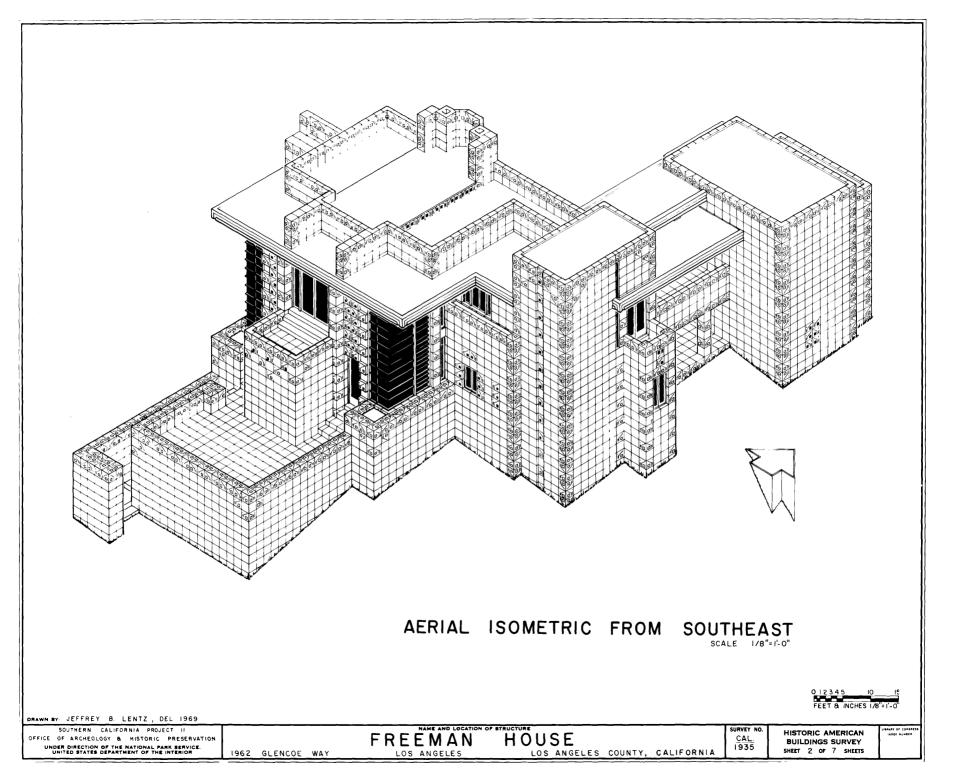
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