Boulter House

Wright's "future house."

The version of the second story, with the mezzanine. Photographs by Erissa MacKaron. 2003. From the University of Cincinnati Digital Collections & Repositories @UC Libraries.

The wooded slope, with access to the mezzanine balcony cantilevered through the glass wall. Photograph by Erissa MacKaron. 2003. From the University of Cincinnati Digital Collections & Repositories @UC Libraries.


The relationship between Wright's Usonian designs and his ideas for a "guest house" was a major inspiration for the first conceptualization of the Boulter House. A "preliminary" site survey and analysis was developed in 1950, and a "guest house" for the Boulter family was to be located on an adjacent lot. The steepness of the hillside would require substantial cantilevering and extensive glazing of the "first floor" (the second floor of the house), in front of the "mezzanine" on the south side of the house.