The Diagram of Frank Lloyd Wright's "Usonian Automatic" construction system with concrete blocks and paneling through the tonkens house, south facade. Photograph by Matt McCachran. 2009. From the University of Cincinnati digital collections & repositories @uc libraries.

The tonkens house, interior view of fireplace and exterior window details. Photograph by Udo Uberoi. 1970, 1974. From the university of Cincinnati digital collections & repositories @uc libraries.

The perspective drawing of tokens house, north entrance front, by Frank Lloyd Wright. Photograph by Rosalie Henredon. 1957. From the university of Cincinnati digital collections & repositories @uc libraries.

Frank Wright, Construction engineer, purchased most of the tonkens house land in 1937. Construction began the following year, but the one tonkens house model was not to prove Wright's "guinea pigs." In 1939, he purchased the land west of Cincinnati for his Taliesin Wisconsin studio and school, and drew up a contract for the tonkens house that was more suited to his capacity for clients. But, the house was completed in 1940.