

1937-1957

PROFESSORS

Academic Personnel

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

TRUSTEES

Corporation

MERITT, B. D.

Biographical

Meritt's taxes are over \$1,000 a year and he and Mrs. Meritt want to sell house. But real estate agents say recapture clause runs with deed and power of Trustees to buy back (at market) eternal until they formally forego it. House therefore not saleable.

Interview Cherniss June 31, 1957

1944

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GIFTS

Finance

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

FULD, MRS. FELIX

Biographical

Newspaper article, looks like the ~~Sunday Times~~ Newark News.

The estate of Mrs. Fuld is part of the residual bequest to the Institute.

The house and grounds comprise one of the showplaces of South Orange. Extensive grounds are elaborately landscaped and have impressive gardens. At the time the article was published, and it is not certain when it was, Farrier was quoted as saying it was impossible to decide whether the executors would dispose of the estate to some of the people who were offering to acquire it or turn it over to the Institute.

Mrs. Fuld's will was probated by surrogate Hoffman in Newark.

Value of the residual estate was estimated at \$1,000,000.  
Taken from D, File, Fuld, Mrs. Felix

1930-1955

Buildings and Grounds

Facilities

✓Housing

For rather detailed and full discussion of changes and negotiations in both housing and Fuld Hall the supplemental buildings, see Directors' files for Herbert H. Maass, 1930-1955.

D Files, Herbert H. Maass, 1930-1955

1936  
1937

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~~HOUSING~~

Facilities

Memoranda on professors' housing.

Filed in Vertical file under "H" for Housing.

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1936

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✓ HOUSING (PROFESSORS)

Facilities

RIEFLER, W. W.

Biographical

A long report from Riefler on situation in Princeton and the need for the Institute to help professors get their homes. Recapitulation:

(1) The Institute should stand ready to lease professors sites for houses. Lease for lifetime but no less than 50 years. At annual rate to assure 4-1/2 per cent interest on costs to Institute.

(2) Institute to loan full cost of the house to the professors on mortgages at 4-1/2 per cent, monthly amortization, 25 years.

Safeguards: total mortgage not to exceed twice the annual income of the professor from his salary. The mortgagor to take out an insurance policy for meeting the mortgage.

(3) Lessors agree that anyone to whom he might rent or sell would ~~be acceptable~~ be acceptable to the Institute (refers to ground lease).

FA Confidential Files, March 7, 1957

1936

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GENERAL

Facilities

~~HOUSING~~

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A long memorandum on "Housing for Institute Professors"  
dated December 3, 1936. (Extra Copy)

Filed in Vertical File under "H" for Housing.

Extra Copy from D File, Buildings and Grounds, 1932-1936

1937

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✓ HOUSING

Facilities

The Board decided to encourage members of the staff to build their own homes, and accepted Riefler's plan involving the sale by the Institute of land owned by it not essential for its own requirements. The plan proposed that in addition to selling the ground, the Institute advance the cost for the construction of the home upon receipt of the bond of the owner secured by a first mortgage upon the land and dwelling at 4 per cent per annum, monthly amortization payments which would retire the mortgage at the end of twenty-five years, to be supported by life insurance policy on the life of the staff member equivalent to the mortgage. Monthly deductions for the interest on the mortgage, the amortization, taxes on the property, fire insurance premiums and the premiums on the life insurance policy. The houses to be built according to plans developed by each owner with architects, and by a builder selected by the owner.

If the owner severed connection with the Institute before the mortgage was paid off, he would remain liable on the bond and if he died during the interval, the insurance policy would be sufficient to pay off any balance due.

Maass commented that this was a good plan which would bring in as good a return as any other investment the Institute had.

Hardin supported the plan with the statement that itxhad something similar had been undertaken at Princeton and had worked out satisfactorily. The plan was approved.

Trustees' Minutes, 1/25/37, pp. 10-11

1937

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FOUNDERS

Corperation

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

HOUSING

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

Flexner to founders January 26, 1937.

Just before they take off for Arizona, Flexner writes this.

"While I am hoping that we shall meet in Arizona I want to express to you both how deeply I am gratified by the action that was taken at the meeting yesterday and how grateful I am to you both for having made it possible for me to realize at this time of life an institution which, as Professor Veblen rightly said, is unique in this country and perhaps in the whole world.

"You will also be happy to know that I have had confidential talks with a few people this morning regarding the action taken in reference to the housing situation, and their minds

are enormously relieved by the fact that the problem has been solved in a feasible manner...I am sure that the administration of the Institute will in no wise be complicated and that on the contrary we shall have added to the happiness of our professors in disposing of the land which is actually useless to us as far as academic purposes are concerned."

D. Bamberger, Louis, 1937-1944

1937

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✓HOUSING

POLICY

FOUNDERS

FLEXNER, A.

Facilities

Administration

Corporation

Biographical

Flexner to Leidesdorf, February 12, 1937.

He has conferred with Mr. Louis Bamberger in Arizona where they are both sojourning, and have come to an agreement about Faculty housing. "Our object is to help these [younger] men to acquire homes without imposing on them too heavy a financial burden, and at the same time protecting the Institute's investment. It is clear that if the lots are disposed of to them on a strictly commercial basis, the financial burden will destroy our purpose. We concur, therefore, with you in suggesting that the lots be disposed of more cheaply, say at \$1,000 or \$1500 apiece

The houses should be built at a cost as close to \$20,000 as possible. The other provisions that Riefler suggested in his memorandum as regards interest, amortization, insurance, fire and life, taxes, and so forth are

acceptable. In this way the men who take advantage of the offer will have their own homes which they will own, and the whole transaction will be of a strictly businesslike character. Mr. Bamberger is most solicitous that there should be nothing in the arrangement which can now or in the future permit anyone to feel that the Institute is taking advantage of the professors..."

D File, Flexner, Abraham



1937

2/17

/HOUSING

Facilities

RIEFLER, W.

Biographical

BAILEY, ESTHER S.

A letter from Bailey to Flexner (still in Arizona) after receiving a telephone call from Flexner. She checks with Leidesdorf, and talks to his secretary, finding out that the plan for housing suggested in Flexner's memorandum to Leidesdorf of February 12. Flexner's memorandum to Leidesdorf of February 12 was satisfactory. Leidesdorf said that it was, and had already talked with Riefler about it. Then Mrs. Bailey talked to Riefler who said "that he was in a peculiar position being a trustee and a professor." He thought it was generous of the founders to make the price nominal, and that being a trustee it was "like making a gift to himself and he did not feel that he should approve, but that of course it was splendid that he could go forward with the building plans. I am not sure that I make his delicacy of feeling clear."

D File, Flexner, Abraham

1937

4/19

✓HOUSING

Facilities

RIEFLER, W. W.

Biographical

See Minutes of this meeting for precise terms agreed upon between the Institute and professors for Institute financing of professors houses.

Executive Committee Meeting, April 19, 1937.

1938

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HOUSING

Facilities

A resolution approving contracts between the Institute and the following for the cost of land and building to be undertaken by them in connection with professors' housing. Area between Battle Road and Mercer Street, in the Township.

The Rieflers; \$28,520, of which \$1500 was for the lot.

The Meritts, ~~\$34,920~~ \$33, 420, of which \$1500 was the cost of the land.

The Weyls, the sum of \$22,400, of which \$1500 was the cost of the land.

The total amounts were loaned at a rate of interest approximating 4 per cent, with amortization annually.

Trustees Minutes, Volume 3, January 24, 1938, page 14

1938

10/14

HOUSING

Facilities

RIEFLER, WINFIELD W.

Biographical

Treasurer of the Institute to Riefler, October 14, 1938, regarding housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1938, 10/14.

D File, Riefler, Winfield W., Riefler Housing

1938

NOTES

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~~HOUSING~~

Facilities

~~BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS~~

Facilities

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

*Veblen*  
Veblen has ~~sent~~ to Flexner a note which he proposed sending to Maass suggesting that building lots on the Institute ground might be available to members of Princeton University Faculty. The note was not sent.

Flexner writes to Veblen, December 7, 1938. "It is in the highest degree desirable that some Princeton University people, and ~~may~~ preferably some towns people also should be permitted to build there if land is available, in order that we might not have a solid block of Institute people living in such close contact." He does say, however, that Institute professors should have precedence over outsiders or Princeton University people.

~~V File, Flexner, Abraham~~

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1938

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✓ HOUSING

Facilities

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

Veblen to Flexner, December 9, 1938.

He doesn't doubt that Flexner is right as a matter of policy in opening Institute lots to outsiders, but he believes it should be discussed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He suggests that lots on Battle Road are worth between \$5000 and \$10,000 each, and asks whether or not there should be a difference between ~~outside~~ and what outsiders and Institute people pay, and if so, what it should be.

Flexner to Veblen, December 12, 1938.

He agrees with bringing it up for discussion at the Committee.

V. File, Flexner, Abraham

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Two lots sold recently to Princeton  
reverts then 1944

10/14

HOUSING

Facilities

RIEFLER, WINFIELD W.

Biographical

Treasurer of the Institute to Riefler, October 14, 1938, regarding housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1938, 10/14.

*See 5/6/48 Chrono for letter from to Strauss.  
appraised value \$42.5 m*

D File, Riefler, Winfield W., Riefler Housing

October 14, 1938

Dr. Winfield W. Riefler,  
Battle Road Extension,  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Riefler:

The Institute has now received what appears to be the final bills in connection with your property.

During the course of construction of your house, architects' requisitions were received by the Institute and paid by them. These requisitions had previously been submitted to you for approval. In addition, certain invoices also approved by you were submitted to the Institute for direct payment. Requisitions on architects' services and payments of invoices represent the items contained in the total of "direct payments" listed below.

In addition, payment was made by the Institute for construction of road, sewer, plot development, electric facilities, etc. These facilities cover the entire plot set aside for professors' housing and amounts so expended have been allocated proportionately to the professors' houses now constructed and to the remaining vacant lots. You will find below a summary of the amounts directly expended for your property, as well as your proportionate share of the cost of the items constructed for the benefit of the entire housing property.

Direct payments	\$27,748.72
Land	1,500.00
Road	920.44
Sewer	325.10
Plot development	33.67
Electric contract	<u>104.09</u>
Total	<u>\$30,632.02</u>

30 632  
27 749  
2,883

You will note that the total amount representing the final cost of the property exceeds the present mortgage thereon in the sum of \$2,112.02. Mr. Maass has advised us that he will prepare an additional mortgage to cover this excess.



Dr. Winfield W. Riefler - Page 2

October 14, 1938

In accordance with previous advices to you, monthly deductions have been made from your salary covering interest, principal, estimated real estate taxes, insurance, etc. These deductions had been made on a tentative basis pending receipt of final information. While we have not received information concerning the exact amount of real estate taxes for the year, we have recalculated the monthly deductions which will now be made on the following basis:

Mortgage - principal sum	\$30,632.02	
Monthly payment on interest and principal at \$6.06 per M		\$187.86
Estimated real estate taxes 1/12	500.00	41.67
Fire insurance paid (3 years) 1/36	29.44	.82
Annual life insurance premium 1/12	372.68	<u>31.06</u>
Total		<u>\$261.41</u>

You will appreciate that it will be necessary for us to adjust the monthly deductions from time to time as conditions require. For example, when the exact amount of the real estate taxes is finally determined, we will adjust the monthly figure. As and when additional fire insurance premiums are paid, we will similarly make the necessary adjustments.

In accordance with the agreement, salary deductions were made beginning with March 1, 1938, and the total of such salary deductions through payment made October 1, 1938, amounted to \$2,025.36. The amounts which should have been deducted for this period would aggregate \$2,091.28 representing eight monthly deductions of \$261.41 each. There is, therefore, a balance due to the Institute of \$65.92. At your convenience, we would appreciate your check in this amount.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would forward to us promptly any bills received by you in connection with real estate taxes, fire or other insurance covering building, and premium on life insurance policy. The Institute will then pay this bill and will make monthly deductions over the period covered by such payment.

Sincerely yours,

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

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Treasurer

1939

January - June

✓HOUSING

Facilities

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

EARLE, E. M.

What action did Flexner take which was adverse to building of duplex houses by Earle, Lowe, Herzfeld and Goldman with I. A. S. financial assistance? Aydelotte took up matter in June, 1940.

Earle papers, D, Housing

1939

2/11

~~FAE~~ ✓ HOUSING

Facilities

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

Biographical

Panofsky to Flexner, February 11, 1939.

He raises two questions about his house on Battle Road; one, the recapture clause entitling the Institute to re-purchase the house at any time up to June 11, 2113 and to take possession of it within one or two months even after his debt has been completely paid off. This, he feels, is very prejudicial to the interests of himself or his heirs insofar as any action which might be taken by the Institute at some time in the future. He, therefore, asks whether the recapture clause may not be modified by transforming it into an option providing that Panofsky or his heirs should offer the Institute an opportunity to purchase it if they wish to dispose of it. Such a privilege should only be exercised after his debts are completely paid off.

He also points out that whereas the cost of the land as purchased from the Institute was \$1500. He has paid the improvements which accounted for an additional \$1383, bringing the total price to \$2883.

D File, Panofsky, Erwin, 1936-1944

X 1939

12/18

✓HOUSING

Facilities

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

LARSON, J. FREDERICK

Aydelotte to Larson, December 18, 1939.

He wants a conversation with Larson alone about plans to remodel Olden Manor. The Welches are moving April 1. Mr. Maass was worried at Larson's estimate of \$10,000, and Aydelotte felt that Larson should not bind himself to such a ~~sum~~ small amount. Aydelotte has told Maass and the other Trustees that in the long run it would be better to remodel the house in such a way as to make it a dignified and adequate Director's house.

He also cautions Larson to omit for the moment the sites indicated alongside Olden Manor in drawing proposed plan of lots for faculty houses. "It occurs to me that we had

better not open ~~up~~ those sites up to faculty choice until we have studied a little more the comprehensive building plan for the whole of the Institute grounds."

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1939

12/23

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Estimate by Larson for building unit housing for members.

Filed in Chronological file under 1939, 12/23.

D, Housing for members proposed

1939

12/27

HOUSING

Facilities

Budget of Costs Housing for Members, Institute for Advanced Study, by Jens Fredrick Larson, Architect, Hanover, New Hampshire, December 27, 1939.

Filed in Chronological File under 1939, 12/27.

D File, Housing

1940

1/19

HOUSING

Facilities

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Aydelotte to Maass, January 19, 1940.

He takes the position that perhaps Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld might approve of having the Institute build the cooperative 4-family house on the Institute grounds, and rent it to the professors. He is led to think that this might be true by the fact that the Bamberger Mrs. Fuld gave the amount of the Institute's donation to the Firestone Library.

If the founders do not build the ~~new~~ 4-family house, the professors shall build it themselves, and get a mortgage from the Institute. "My principal concern is that we should not sell them the land on which the building is to stand but should rather give them a long lease at \$1.00 a year."

He then goes into complications which could arise if the Faculty builds on Institute land. He recommends a



restriction in this event that if any professor dies, the land should be sold only to another professor approved by the Institute. Absent such a person, we should have to agree that the Institute should buy the house.

The problem of valuation is a knotty one. If a nominal depreciation charge of 2 per cent per year were agreed upon, the danger is that the professor would not keep his house in good repair. To achieve a ~~ix~~ valuation by three appraisers - two of whom would be chosen by the Institute, and one by the professors, and the third by the two, might make unhappiness. To purchase the house might be a good plan for the Institute, then to rent ~~ix~~ it to the professors. If we do not count the value of the land, I am convinced that we could do this in such a way as to obtain a net ~~xxixxi~~ yield of either 5 per cent on our investment plus an amortization charge which would liquidate the cost of the house in 30 years. He thinks that this is an investment attractive, and "there is no question that the professors involved in this case would like it better and would prefer to pay a good rent rather than to own the house themselves."

After he discussed this matter with Mr. Bamberger, Mr. Bamberger ~~gwa~~ suggested that the Trustees do not deal with the situation, but leave it to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with power to act, with the understanding that no solution would be reached if he did not approve of it.

D File, Housing, Duplex-Proposed

1940

2/21

✓HOUSING

Facilities

MORSE, M.

Biographical

Morse to Aydelotte, Feb. 21, 1940, regarding housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1940, 2/21.

D File, Morse, Marston Mortgage

1940

3/2

✓ HOUSING

HERZFELD

Facilities

Biographical

Aydelotte to Herzfeld regarding Herzfeld's building house.

D, Herzfeld

1940

3/2

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Aydelotte to Larson, March 2, 1940.

"I am now ready to make a report to the Board, asking authorization of these two two-family houses. Could you send me a duplicate set of plans and ~~xxx~~ plot plan, omitting for the time the members' houses, which the members of the Board would not understand?...

"I do not expect to provide a duplicate set of plans for every member of the Board. I will send a memorandum to each member and then probably go around to see each person with a set of plans. This will give me an opportunity to talk the matter over and explain it..."

D File, Housing - Duplex - Proposed

1940

3/7

HOUSING

Facilities

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Aydelotte to Maass.

Sends plan with proposed Report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. Veblen and he subscribe to it. "Please pardon typed signatures. My right arm is still in a plastic cast. I hope to get it out as soon as the weather becomes fit for golf but I see no point in doing it until that time."

Professors Earle, Goldman, Herzfeld & Lowe

The actual report is filed in the Chronological File under 1940, 3/7.

D File, Housing Duplex

1940

3/12

✓HOUSING

Facilities

GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY

Maass to Aydelotte, March 12, 1940.

He discusses with Aydelotte matters which will be brought up in the Executive Committee: (1) The duplex houses for the occupancy of members of the Faculty. These were houses contemplated for the professors, who were expected to put up half the cost of the entire project. The two duplex houses for which he got figures that day are estimated to cost of \$70,000, exclusive of garages, lighting fixtures, wallpaper, screen, refrigerators, and other incidentals. He estimated it would appear that the tenants would have to supply approximately \$10,000<sup>\$21,000</sup> and I am wondering ~~if they can~~ <sup>if they can</sup> in whether they are in a position to do so." He recommends that before making any report to the Building Committee or recommendations thereto, the entire cost and a proper allocation of amounts to be contributed by each of the four interested professors should be at hand.

(2) Olden Manor. He finds Aydelotte's and Mrs. Aydelotte's plans for Olden Manor's remodeling acceptable, but questions expense.

(3) The Gest Oriental Library. In February, 1939, Maass personally loaned Mr. Gest \$250 upon the understanding that he was then ~~negotiating~~ negotiating with Dr. Flexner to sell to the Institute the puppet collection of works of art which formed a part of the collection, but which had not previously been purchased by the Institute. Apparently the sale of these items to the Institute was concluded in May, 1939. At that time Maass' loan was repaid. He understands that the purchase of the puppets was accomplished by virtue of an anonymous gift. The entire matter was concluded with Mr. Gest through the Princeton office. He asked whether he is not correct in assuming that the Institute through this transaction now owns the puppet collection and the works of art.

D. File, Herbert H. Maass, 1939-1946



1940

3/29

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Conditions adopted for lease of IAS land at \$1 per acre, and for building and financing of 4 homes for professors. Also application of lease provision to 4 professors who had already built homes

~~Franklin~~ Exec. Comm. Mtg. - 3/29/40 - pp. 2-3

1940

4/12

✓ HOUSING (FACULTY)

Facilities

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

J. Fredrick  
Earle to/Larson, April 12, 1940. Larson is an architect.

Thanks him on behalf of his colleagues, Aydelotte,<sup>and</sup> Veblen,  
for the work which he has done and his voluntary assumption  
of responsibility for the failure of the housing venture.

Earle File, Institute for Advanced Study - Faculty Houses

1940

5/13

✓HOUSING

Facilities

Rescinded motion approving duplex housing plan.

Tr. Min. - 5/13/40 - p. 1

1940

8/17

LOWE, R. A.

Biographical

EARLE, H. H.

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Memorandum for Professors Lowe and Earle from Dr. Aydelotte,  
August 17, 1940, regarding their housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1940, 8/17.

D, Lowe & Earle Housing

1941

3/25

✓HOUSING

Facilities

Long letter from Harrison M. Thomas to Otto S. Schairer  
of R. C. A. regarding I.~~ASS~~S. housing.

Filed in Vertical file under "H" for Housing.

D, Housing Situation in Princeton

1941

4/21

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

The faculty passed resolution asking Trustees to provide housing for visiting members.

Faculty Minutes, 4/21/41

1941

6/16

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

✓ HOUSING

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

LARSON, J. F.

Aydelotte asks Larson what he knows about Arthur C. Holden of 570 Lexington Avenue who is doing notable work in pre-fabricated houses, because the housing situation in Princeton is becoming impossible. Holden is doing work in defense housing. Larson replies that he doesn't know about Holden's work, but will look into it. He doesn't think that defense housing would look well at the Institute.

Larson to Aydelotte, July 7, 1941. Has conferred with Holden, and has made a plot for Holden's use in grouping houses. Houses are to be double with a few single--double houses to have single entrance for appearance. He has got a secondary plot for the future.

D, Larson, J. Fredrick, 1941-

1941

6/16

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Aydelotte to Larson, June 16, 1941.

Announces the R. C. A. large research laboratory project is coming to Princeton which will bring about 350 new families to the neighborhood.

D, Larson, J. Fredrick, 1941-



1941

7/18

HOUSING

Facilities

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Aydelotte's memorandum to Maass, July 18, 1941.

Reports on a conference with Messrs. Holden and Larson on the question of building small pre-fabricated houses for the use of members of the Institute. The houses discussed were pre-fabricated, some single, some double. He sends a plot plan, and some preliminary budget figures. Aydelotte expresses himself as not believing that the house of this type would be practical unless we could rent them for a figure which would pay interest, taxes, insurance and upkeep, and at the same time amortize the building within a reasonable period. Members and secretaries have to pay \$500 to \$600 per year for apartments, the nicest of which would be inferior to these houses. "If we could build them so that we could afford to rent them for \$500 per year, the demand for them would be keen and they would be a great boon to the Institute. To make this work out, however, I think they should be built for about \$3,000 per family in order to allow sufficient

margin for furniture, upkeep and heat as well as taxes,  
insurance and amortization."

D File, Housing for Members - Proposed

1942

1/26

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

(69 Alexander Street)

✓ HOUSING

P. 2. Discussion of sale raised by Maass. League of Nations staff occupying.

P. 4. Maass saw Sarnoff regarding housing in Princeton--  
opined I. A. S. would have to do something to furnish housing.

Trustees' Minutes, 1/26/42

1942

✓ HOUSING

AYDELOTTE, F.

HARDIN, JOHN R.

MAASS, HERBERT H.

Facilities

Biographical

2/12

2/16

AYDELOTTE TO Hardin, February 12, 1942.

Maass has sent him a draft of the contract which he showed Hardin which suggests that the contract is very formidable and unattractive from the point of view of the professors, and suggesting that a simple sale of the land would be better.

The disadvantages are two-fold in Aydelotte's judgment:

1. These professors (I think fortunately) prefer the lease system as lessening their investment.

2. It is, I think, greatly to the interest of the Institute to keep possession of this land. While sale of the lots might be better for the professors, I think that for the Institute to retain title to them

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is better for the Institute as a whole, and it is the interest of the Institute as a whole that we should consider.

He goes on to say that the houses built on Institute land are, in fact, the property of the Institute, "and the rights of the professors are only the rights to occupy them and to sell that right of occupation in case they should leave or die."

"Why not regularize this arrangement by drawing up a simple form of contract making the house the property of the Institute, obligating the builders to pay for them at the regular rate and to keep them in repair, allowing changes only with the consent of the Institute, and leasing the house to the professor at \$1.00 a year for a period of fifty years, subject to renewal? There should then be a further clause saying that this right to occupy the dwelling house on these terms may be sold by the professor or his estate at any time to any purchaser approved by the Institute. If no such purchaser appears, the Institute should then undertake to pay the professor for his rights at some fair valuation." He asks Hardin's opinion.

Hardin under date of February 16, asks Maass what he thinks of it and wants to see the contract before advising Aydelotte.

JRH Correspondence from January, 1940 to November, 1945

1942

2/12

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

EARLE, E. W.

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Letter from <sup>?</sup>Lowe to Nassau, February 12, 1942, regarding housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1942, 2/12.

D. Lowe/ & Earle Housing

HOUSING

Facilities

Land leased to Professor Panofsky on same terms as for Prof. Earle and Lowe.

Tr. Min. - 4/20/43 - p. 2



1944

12/5

HOUSING

Facilities

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Minutes of the Trustees, Volume IV, December 5, 1944. On page 6 of the Director's report appended to the minutes he raises again the question which he took up with them pre-war; namely, the need for housing for members in the crowded community of Princeton. This was the kickoff for the campaign for the Minesville houses.

Minutes Trustees, Volume IV

1945

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BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

✓HOUSING

Facilities

LOWE, E.A.

Biographical

Further discussion of benefits, etc. to Prof. Lowe

Spec. Mtg. of Board - 3/2/45 - pp. 1-2

1945

3/16

✓HOUSING

Facilities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

Aydelotte to Lowe, March 16, 1945 regarding housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1945, 3/16.

D File, Lowe, E. A.

1945

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5/10

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

The Self-styled Princeton Community Development Council at 130 Nassau Street through its chairman, Shirley W. Morgan, addressed a form letter to eleven institutions and business firms in Princeton which had evidently located in Princeton during the war with a warning that if ~~imaxx~~ their building plans were loosed on the community immediately after the termination of hostilities, everybody would be competing with everybody else for limited materials and labor, and, therefore, get minimum buildings at maximum cost. They aimed to hold a meeting for the purpose of organizing an orderly program of construction over three to ten years.

Aydelotte to Morgan, May 10. He suggests individual negotiations between the Committee and the firms and institutions addressed. For the Institute's part, it had to secure housing accommodations for its people.

D, "p"

1945

8/7

✓HOUSING

Facilities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

Asst.Treasurer of IAS, Ira A. Schur, to Aydelotte, August 7, 1945  
enclosing copies of Lowe's account to July 31, 1945.

Filed in Chronological File under 1945, 8/7.

D File, Lowe, E. A.

1945

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

MAASS, HERBERT H.

Aydelotte to Maass, October 14, 1945.

Lowe has a chance to sell his house for \$30,000 cash. This represents a profit. It is to be sold to Zworykin of the R. C. A. Corporation. Veblen thinks the Institute should buy the house, and thus retain control of it. If the house were sold to Zworykin, Lowe would expect to insert in the Deed the recapture clause which is part of the contract for all professors houses. He asks Maass' advice.

Maass to Aydelotte, October 17, 1945.

"I hardly think it was intended that the Institute finance the erection of houses by professors with the idea that they would ultimately make a profit on the sale thereof,

but rather

but rather that such profit, if available, should enure to the benefit of the Institute. In other words, if a professor wants to dispose of his house, I think it should be turned over to the Institute at the cost thereof to him, and thus leave the Institute free to determine whether to sell the house to Dr. Zworykin or anyone else, thus getting the profit for its own benefit. This, I think, is one of the reasons why the recapture clause was placed in the contracts. It may well be that we should not apply this rule in the case of Professor Lowe, but I think the whole subject matter should be discussed at the Trustees' meeting on Friday."

D File, Herbert H. Maass, 1939-1946

1945

July ?

✓ Housing

Facilities

Lowe, E. A.

Biographical

Lowe only professor who sold his home on IAS ground  
without providing that IAS could recapture it later.

*Wanted? Mass?*

*See Minutes 1/19/45-*

*ISI authorizing sale w/ stop*

*reception cl. to whom - local*

Oppenheimer Interview, 10/24/56



1945

10/19

✓HOUSING

Facilities

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Corporation

TRUSTEES

Biographical

LOWE, E. A.

Report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, October 19,  
1945, by Veblen.

Filed in Chronological File under 1945, 10/19.

Extra Copy from D Files

1945

10/19

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

The Board approves sale of Lowe's home to Dr. & Zworykin  
with the recapture clause to remain in the deed.

Land 1500 (w/ 4% mt)

Final at appeal mt.

Resumption apparently will 9/23

D, Lowe, E. A.

1945

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HOUSING

Facilities

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Aydelotte to Holden, November 20, 1945.

Acknowledges Holden's letter of November 16 and his opinion that temporary types of housing such as Quonsett huts or Government prefabricated buildings are not feasible. Aydelotte expresses himself as hostile to the idea of such ugly and temporary structures, but states that he had to explore every possibility since the situation is so desperate for housing.

Aydelotte says the Institute needs 20 or 30 apartments consisting of living room, bedroom, bath and kitchenette, plus, if possible, a garage. He suggests a story and a half with a bedroom over the living room and a garage between each two apartments, and the quadrangle shape to the whole thing. He tells the architect, Holden, that rents will have to be held down to \$50 a month, \$500 per year for Institute personnel for 10 months in the year; furniture not to cost more than \$5,000 apiece. He suggests in the

circumstances full standard substantial building.

D File, Housing for Members - Proposed

1945

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✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Letter from Holden, MCloughlin & Associates by Arthur C.  
Holden to Aydelotte, November 23, 1945 regarding Institute  
housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1945, 11/23.

D File, Housing

1946

✓ HOUSING

MEMBERS

AYDELOTTE, F.

Facilities

Academic Personnel

Biographical

The plans about which Aydelotte talked to the Trustees for the Institute to rent some 20 apartments in Stanworth evidently fell through, first on the ground that priority provisions for veterans might render it illegal to enter into a master lease. (Guernsey to Aydelotte, May 27, 1946,) and also because New York Life was reluctant to have the Institute furnish the apartments and rent them furnished. (Aydelotte to Maass, May 28, 1946).

But the matter was still under consideration on September 8, 1946; although the end of it is not revealed by the file.

D, New York Life Insurance Company

1946

3/14

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

*John C. Sims, Jr.*

Two reports by ~~Aydelotte~~ to Vebben at his request, giving him the results of conferences with Mr. Wilson of the Precision Built Housing Company of Trenton, New Jersey on a pre-fab housing development project to be erected directly north of the first house on Olden Lane below the Institute driveway. There are large trees there, a street frontage of approximately 140-150 feet, and depth 200 feet. Electricity, water and sewage are accessible.

Houses to be pre-fabricated of standard types or several types. Four two-family units and two or three larger one-family units would probably satisfy the immediate demands. He sends blue prints. The buildings will be frame, and finished with clapboard and wood, or perhaps fireproof, shingle roof or perhaps brick veneer for the sides. Cost per double unit, \$6,000 to \$7,000 per family unit. The larger 1-1/2 story houses would probably cost between \$9,000 to \$10,000. Figures might be less. Completion within 90 to 120 days. Houses are well-constructed and enduring. He makes a supplemental report the same day

suggesting location for both the housing project the the E. C. P. would be the trapezoid bounded by Olden Lane, the old trolley car line, Springdale Road and Goodman Avenue. The same facilities are available there; Fire hydrants also.

"At the termination of our work [on the Computer], the laboratory building could be broken up and converted into small homes of exactly the same type which would comprise the small ~~hmk~~ housing. It is my belief that if the Goodman Avenue road is extended and properly surfaced, that it will be unnecessary to pave the old car line at this time."

He promises to discuss with von Neumann the possible aspects involved in the small housing scheme, including the following one:

- (1) The Computer Project interest financially in the promotion
- (2) The finances of the project, i. e. interest, amortization, expenses rents, etc.



(3) Problem of buying in from the government the Computer Project laboratory building at the termination of the work and cost of conversion into dwellings.

(4) Operation and direction of project, including maintenance, etc.

D File, Housing for Members - Proposed

1946

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

with Mr. Maass

Prof. Veblen discussed/a proposal for erection of 5 or 10 Precision-Built houses near the end of Goodman Road. It was felt that these houses were not the type needed by the IAS; referred back to Committee on Buildings and Grounds, who were to seek advice of other members of Faculty.

1946

5/3

HOUSING

Facilities

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Aydelotte reported to the Faculty meeting that he thought the most favorable arrangement for housing for the Institute members, would be for the Institute to sign a master lease with the New York Life Insurance Company for 15 or 20 units in the housing they are now constructing. The Institute would then furnish the apartments and sub-let them to its members.

D, Faculty Minutes, May 3, 1946

1946

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R. G. P.

Academic Activities

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

✓ HOUSING

COMMITTEES (ON BUILDINGS & GROUNDS)

Corporation

29914 Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, May 15, 1956; letter from Aydelotte to John Furlow, Kelly Engineers, May 16, 1946; and copy of a memorandum of conversation with Mr. G. Harmon Garney, New York Life Insurance Company by Frank Aydelotte.

Extra copies from D Files filed in Vertical File under "B" for Buildings and Grounds.

Extra Copies from Files in D Office

1946

5/20

~~HOUSING~~

Facilities

Aydelotte reports to the Faculty on the proposed lease of 20 apartments from the New York Life Insurance Company near Bayard Lane; uncertain whether the Institute will receive a master lease or an agency. Rental including utilities, hot water, refrigerator and gas stove, but no furniture, will range from \$50 to \$95 per month. Meanwhile, the members leaving the Institute must cooperate in securing their vacated apartments for new members. Aydelotte is also exploring the possibility of securing vacated military camps in the vicinity to be served by bus.

D, Faculty Minutes, May 20, 1946

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GENERAL (E.C.P.)

Facilities

✓HOUSING

Prof. Veblen, Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds, presented plans for estimates on building for electronic computer. Estimated total cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000. This price will include the additional space required for the meteorologists. Toward this cost it will be possible to allocate \$23,000 from the Army contract for this year.

"The President of the Board of Trustees and the Director have had various conversations with Mr. G. Harmon Gurney of the New York Life Insurance Company in connection with the group of apartments which the New York Life Insurance Company is now constructing in Princeton on land acquired from Princeton University near Bayard Lane. It is our hope that we may be able to lease twenty of these apartments for a period of years for housing our members. The New York Life Insurance Company expects to charge rents ranging from \$50 to \$87 a month for the type of apartment which will be mostly needed by our members. The plan is that the Institute should furnish these apartments and rent them for such rents as our members may be able to pay even though this may result in some pecuniary loss. There may be some legal reasons which may make it impossible for the New York Life Insurance Company to grant us a master-lease. In that case we have indicated that we should be satisfied if we were designated as agent for the Company for the rental for a certain group of apartments.

"\*Over and above this the Institute is making an effort to retain for future members those apartments now being occupied by members of the Institute who expect to leave at the end of the present academic year. This will mean that the Institute will itself become the lessor, will be responsible for the rents and will be able to assign the apartments to those who seem best entitled to them.\*"

It was moved, seconded and carried that the action of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be approved in awarding of contract for ECP and to refer questions of location, etc. back to Committee for further discussion and action with power.

In a discussion about housing for Institute members, it was felt that the IAS would take a loss on the NY Life Insurance Co. apartments, but that this was better than trying to embark on a building program during the emergency period.

On motion of Dr. Fulton, and seconded by Dr. Weed, the Chairman and Director were authorized to continue negotiations with the NY Life Insurance Co. and with landlords in and about Princeton in an effort to provide adequate housing the IAS staff and members.

1946

6/27

✓HOUSING

Facilities

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

A meeting of Morse, Panofsky, Riefler and Miss Miller with Dr. Aydelotte. Solutions to the shortage of housing suggested. The best solution would be to rent a block of apartments from the New York Life Insurance Company which has been hesitant about leasing these apartments to the Institute, Dr. Aydelotte suspecting that they preferred not to rent to Jews, though they have said nothing to this effect. The committee decided to submit the New York Life a tentative list of tenants including Jews but no Hindues or Chinese. Aydelotte submitted the following: (1) To lease rooms and apartments beginning July 1, wherever they can be found--Institute paying the rent. (2) To house two or three men in the Lawrenceville School where they would mingle with the boys, make speeches in chapel, and so forth, preferably foreign members--idea welcomed by Head Master. (3) Explore possibilities of the Hun School. (4) To purchase the Grover house, a housekeeper and maid and operate it as a hotel for about 10 familites--estimated cost about \$25,000, estimated annual service \$2,000. (5) To try to buy a chicken farm near Rosedale with four apartments.



(6) Quonset hut 100 x 40 which might be converted to a garage later.

The committee considered buying the Maxwell house, but it had been damaged by fire.

Panofsky thought it was better to build a permanent building than take losses on rents at the Grover house. Aydelotte reported he had an architect drawing up plans, but had not presented anything yet. Riefler thought it would be impossible to build because of cost and lack of materials.

Morse proposed as a last resort that cots be put in some of the rooms at Fuld Hall. The building was especially well equipped for housing men with good bathing facilities. Bus would have to make an extra trip to town for breakfasts. Question: Would building be taxed if so used? Riefler said Princeton University paid taxes on its dormitories. Aydelotte proposed to consult a lawyer about this.

The Committee considered asking members of the faculty to do everything possible to house members, but it was finally

decided to ask only Professor Veblen who had space.

Committee also recommended: (1) Trying to secure rooms in the Rockefeller Institute, and (2) in St. Joseph's monastery (for Catholics only), and (3) Rooms in large private homes in Princeton.

of the Faculty

D, Standing Committee/Minutes

(1940-1946)

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

A signed copy of a memorandum to the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study by Stanley C. Smoyer representing numerous residents of Newlin Road and the Battle Park area. Asks the Institute not to locate ~~inxxx~~ its housing project in the area between Goodman and Cook, Olden Lane and Springdale because of its diliterious effects upon the fashionable housing area which it will invade.

John F. Fulton, Institute for Advanced Study, 1942-47

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

TAXATION (Township of Princeton)

Government Relations

Executive Committee decided 4/21/46 on location of Mineville houses as finally placed; Trustees ratified 10/18/46.

Decided on advice to make contribution to Township in lieu of taxes. Ratified by Board

Exec. Comm. Mtg. 8/21/46 pp. 1-3

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HOUSING

AYDELOTTE, F.

Facilities

Biographical

Newlin Road neighbors are protesting the plans of the Institute to erect four six-family unit dwellings and ~~four~~ seven two-family units between Cook and Goodman Roads. Aydelotte stressed the excellent quality of these buildings which were not prefabricated, but individually constructed at Mineville, New York, and which are now being "Panalized" for transportation. It is hoped to have the first houses ready in 60 days, and the whole project completed in 90 days. Professor Earle who had seen the houses at Mineville emphasized their satisfactory quality, (Originally stated in the minutes as "unusual aesthetic charm") and of the fact that they have never been occupied. Panofsky commented on the efforts to make a pleasing arrangement of the houses.

D, Faculty Minutes, September 16, 1946

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APPOINTMENTS  
BUILDINGS AND G ROUNDS  
✓ HOUSING  
MITRANY  
GENERAL

Academic Personnel  
Facilities

Biographical  
Personnel

Committee action for five-day week was affirmed.

Director reported on housing, including protests of the Newlin Road neighbors. Earle judged Mineville houses satisfactory having seen them. Panofsky said Newlin Road inhabitants protected by appropriate screen and placing of Mineville houses.

Director reported congestion might make it necessary for some of the members to live in their offices. Alexander questioned legality of using offices for such a purpose.

Director announced Mitran accepted permanent membership under terms approved by Board. Pauli to remain in Zurich.

Morse emphasized importance of new appointments to the Faculty "in order to restore the balance between the three Schools."  
Faculty Minutes, 9/16/46

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✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Terms of contract with Johnson and Sons for erection of Mineville houses.

Tr. Min. 10/18/46 pp. 7-8

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Facilities

Director's Report on Minerville Housing

Tr. Min. 10/18/46 Appendix I pp. 2-3



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11/19

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

TAXATION

Government Relations

Report of the Director (p. 3 of Minutes). Proposed gift  
to the Township of \$1,000 in lieu of taxes.

Minutes, Executive Committee, 11/19/46

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HOUSING

Facilities

The Mineville houses will be ready in the spring, while the improvement of the roads, planting, and so forth, will take more time.

D, Faculty Minutes, February 3, 1947

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## HOUSING

## Facilities

Director made report on progress of housing project. 17 families now occupying houses and hoped remainder would be ready of occupancy in few weeks' time. Latest estimate from John A. Johnson and Sons of the cost of moving the 38 apartments from Mineville and re-erecting them on Institute property is \$212,693.06. To this added 10 o/o fee and original cost of houses purchased from Government, just under \$30,000. Additional sum of \$15,000 needed for roads and paths making total cost of project approximately \$280,000.

Exec. Comm. 2/18/47 p. 4

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HOUSING

Facilities

"A request of Dr. Paul A. Clement's that the Institute should set aside certain plots of from five to ten acres each which might be purchased by members who wish to erect houses in rural surroundings was considered and referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for study. It was the general opinion of the members of the Executive Committee that it would be inadvisable to alienate any of the Institute property at present."

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

"The Chairman reported briefly on the status of the Institute housing project, pointing out that it would cost the Institute between \$300,000 and \$325,000 and that although we could expect no interest on the investment, it would be possible for the Institute to amortize a substantial part of the cost over a period of twenty to twenty-five years...."

Brd. Mtg. 4/1/47 - pp. 4-5

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HOUSING

SALARIES

AYDELOTTE, F.

MAASS, HERBERT H.

MILLER, BERNETTA

DAUNCEY

SCHAAP

Facilities

Academic Personnel

Biographical

April 11, 1947, Aydelotte to Maass. Schedule of rents Minesville Housing ranging from \$60 to \$75 for a one-bedroom to a three-bedroom apartment, including water, cost of fuel for heating and cooking, light, garbage pickup and care of grounds. Each apartment has a Coldspot electric refrigerator, gas range, and is heated either by a furnace or a space heater. Occupant handles furnace except in the dormitory. Rents fixed

from April 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 after which subject to adjustment by Trustees.

Represents joint consensus of Veblen, Miller, Riefler, Panofsky, Morse, Stewart and himself.

These are competitive with University apartments renting at \$40 which are held down by O. P. A. restrictions.

Veblen does not agree. Wants meeting. Not concerned about the amount of rent as about the question of admitting secretaries to these apartments.

April 21, Aydelotte to Maass. He speaks free / rent for Miss Miller who manages the project and who Aydelotte wants to have her apartment rent free.

April 23, Maass to Aydelotte. Thinks too much is being made of the allocation of the ~~work~~ housing, but ~~think that~~ he and Leidesdorf agree that a business survey is necessary in

the hope of saving some charges applicable to Fuld Hall, the grounds, the apartments and other outbuildings.

Aydelotte agrees but thinks that it will result in more cost if it is done. The help at the Institute is getting less and the help at the University doing the same things. He understands Wes Dauncey may be leaving. Thinks salaries of the Institute are lower than those of the University and wants power given to him and Schaap to make adjustments. (April 24, 1947)

Oppenheimer is coming in May to look over the Institute.

Maass agrees that Aydelotte and Schaap may look over the salary situation with power.

D, Maass, 1947-



1947

4/18

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

An estimate of the cost of the Minewille houses which the Institute purchased from the Government, including roads to the computer building:

EXTIMATE ON COST OF 38 HOUSING  
as of April 1, 1947

Contractor as estimated 2/15/47	\$212,693.00
Contractor 10 o/o commission	21,269.00
Cost of Houses	30,000.00
Landscaping estimated	15,000.00
Roads estimated	15,000.00
Furnishings of 20 apartments	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$313,962.00

A schedule of rents was adopted by the Trustees ~~and fellows~~ ranging from \$75 a month for 3 bedroom apartments to \$40 a month for dormitory rooms. Furniture was also available for rent.

In view of the valuable contributions made to the housing Julian Bigelow was voted an honorarium of \$1000.

The Committee also recommended that \$15,000 be allocated in budget for construction of roads.

Report of Committee on Buildings and Grounds was accepted as presented and ordered filed.

Tr. Mtg. 4/18/47 pp. 4-5

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/HOUSING

Facilities

Letter from Aydelotte to Maass, 4/21/47 in regard to Institute housing.

Filed in Chronological file under 1947, 4/21.

D File, H. H. Maass 1947-

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Letter from Aydelotte to Maass, April 24, 1947, in regard to  
Institute Housing problems.

Filed in Chronological File under 1947, 4/24.

D File, H. H. Maass (1947-

1947

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Vernetta Miller was given priorities for six members for housing. It was decided that because of their larger salaries, Dirac, Toynbee, and Siegel should not be considered for Institute housing.

Faculty Minutes, 5/26/47

1947

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✓HOUSING

WINTRINGER, GEORGE C.

Facilities

Biographical

George C. Wintringer to Aydelotte, June 25, 1947, regarding final payment on the contract of the John A. Johnson & Sons company for the reconstruction of the Mineville houses.

Expenses of the company: \$230,124.61, on which they are entitled to a fee of 10 per cent.

D, Leidesdorf, S. D., 1946-

10/3

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

Letter from Aydelotte to Oppenheimer, 10/3/47 regarding housing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1947, 10/3.

A File, J. R. Oppenheimer

1947

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

HOUSING

Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Veblen recommended that:

- (1) a special committee including Dr. Oppenheimer be appointed to study problem of additional space for members and to report back to Trustees.
- (2) that this committee be authorized to provide an Institute garage and workshop
- (3) Minor alterations in Fuld Hall be authorized in order to make present facilities of greater use.

Veblen referred to a letter from Julian Bigelow expressing satisfaction<sup>k</sup> with new housing facilities on the part of one of the users. He thought this was the general feeling among tenants.

Tr. Min. 10/9/47 p. 11



HOUSING

Facilities

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Contracts are being let for additions to Fuld Hall. Twelve garages are under construction in the housing area. The Director's house is being completely furnished at the Institute's expense.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, February 10, 1948

1948

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

STRAUSS, LEWIS L.

Biographical

RIEFLER, W. W.

Strauss had asked about the Riefler house on Riefler's leaving.

Mrs. Leary sends information for which he thanks her May 13, 1948. Information not available. He says that at his next visit to Princeton he will make a point of looking at the house and asks for some idea of the price for which it would rent. In other words, if he bought it but couldn't live in it for a year or two, he was told \$250 to \$275. (May 15, 1948)

May 15, 1948, Leary to Strauss:

/ ~~May 15, 1948~~ The Institute has not decided what use to make of the house.

D, Strauss, Lewis L.

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DIRECTOR

✓ HOUSING

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Administration

Facilities

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Leidesdorf, August 17, 1948.

On maintenance and furnishing of Olden Manor.

D. Leidesdorf, S. D., 1948 1946-

1949

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

/ HOUSING

1949, April 22, report of William Bradley to Oppenheimer. analyzing the Turnbull house which is for sale. Estimates total cost \$92,000 with minimum improvements. Yearly operating costs estimated at \$9,150. If rentals ~~estimated~~ of \$100 a room per month were charged on the second floor and \$50 a month on the third floor and assuming the house to be fully occupied for six months of each calendar year, Bradley estimated that it would be necessary for the Institute to subsidize the operation at the cost of approximately \$5,000 a year. The Turnbuls were told no.

D, Turnbull House

1950

2/21

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

The Director reported housing facilities inadequate. Asks the Trustees to think about a plan for 30 family dwellings and accommodations for about 20 single members, plus club facilities which should be financed by outside money. The Trustees inclined to the belief that library space should have priority.

Executive Committee Minutes, February 21, 1950

1950

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✓HOUSING

Facilities

CHERNISS, HAROLD

Biographical

The Board approved a first mortgage of \$27,000 for  
Harold Cherniss.

Executive Committee Minutes, Feb. 21, 1950

1951

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✓ HOUSING

Facilities

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Leidesdorf, August 2, 1951.

Regarding extension of the lease of Joseph Wright to  
Veblen's house at 85 Battle Road which he gave to the  
Institute.

D, Leidesdorf, S. D., 1946-

1952

December

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

For answers to the questionnaire see source below,  
December, 1952.

D File, House Committee Questionnaire



1954-55

✓HOUSING

BUDGET

Facilities

Finance

Extra minutes, etc., the 1954-55 budget for I. A. S., and Application for Loan Assistance under Title IV of the Housing Act of 1950 all found in source below.

FA (Elsa Jenkins) 3/19/57 , File No. 11

1954

August

✓ HOUSING

Facilities

Application for Loan Assistance under Title IV of the  
Housing Act of 1950 to the Housing and Home Finance Agency,  
August, 1954.

Filed in Vertical File under "H" for Housing.

D, Housing Project, 1955, Miscellaneous

4/29  
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✓HOUSING

Facilities

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

Veblen (4/29) Aydelotte (5/6) to Morgan in regard to new housing project. Both deplore destruction of Minesville housing and obliteration of Cook Road. Both deplore quadrangular plan on grounds of view from family dwellings and attendant regimentation in common living and play/space; both dislike the architectural plan. Aydelotte believes it should be more in style of Fuld Hall. Veblen holds the modern house plan, in reality a return to 2 or 3 thousand years B. C., Abandoned for more aesthetic plans when it was possible within 20 years. It will be as ugly as Mid-Victorian is to us today.

A File, E. A. Lowe

1956

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Facilities

Letters from Oppenheimer to Maass, February 13, 1956, and  
Henry M. Stratton II to Oppenheimer February 10, 1956.

Filed in Chronological File under 1956, 2/10.

D, Faculty Housing

1956

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FOUNDERS

Corporation

✓HOUSING

Facilities

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

GÜDEL

Biographical

MILLER, BERNETTA

EINSTEIN, A.

MAASS, HERBERT H.

AYDELOTTE, F.

FLEXNER, A.

VON NEUMANN, J.

Interview with Bernetta Miller, March 15, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Miller Interviews.

Interview with Bernetta Miller, 3/15/56