

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: DERBY HOUSE**

**LOCATION:** 2535 East Chevy Chase Drive

**OWNERSHIP:** Private

**USE:** Residence

**LAND AREA:** 3281 square feet

**ZONE:** R1R-II

**DESIGNATION:** Glendale Register  
National Register

**YEAR BUILT:** 1926

**STYLE:** Pre-Colombian/Mayan/Islamic

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

Lloyd Wright, student and son of the most famous architect of this century, Frank Lloyd Wright, designed this house. A highly regarded architect in his own right, Lloyd Wright's reputation is securely founded on his expressionistic design of the Wayfarer's Chapel (1949) and the Hollywood Bowl (1922).

The house on East Chevy Chase Drive, designed in 1926, clearly demonstrates that at this particular time, Lloyd Wright was strongly influenced by the work of his father. Adapting what he believed to be a pre-Columbian of Mayan architectural design, he specified the liberal use of pre-cast and knitted concrete blocks. The end result, however, appears in retrospect to owe more to the Islamic influence than to Mayan.

This house is, also, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

