William Mark Taylor Biography Relative to Frank Lloyd Wright's Solarhemicyclo

In 1962 my father William Robert Taylor purchased what is frequently called Jacob's II. He was moving our family from the Boston area where he taught history at Harvard to do the same at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. At the time I was 10. My involvement with the house spans from 1962, through the 1980 closing of the house when the radiant floor broke, then on to a purchase in 1982 followed by a massive restoration, and finally the sale to the current owners in 1989. I have 27 years of history of the house from being 10 and living with my new family through being a dad of 2 girls in this home.

A rough idea of what it took to restore the famous house can be gained from viewing http://www.solarhemicyclo.org