

markus, in berlin's sony center there is something similar: parts of the old grand esplanade hotel (destroyed in WWII) have been moved 75m to be enclosed entirely by the modern sony center.

Search on "double envelope" or "envelope house".
They were a fad in the 1970s or so.

I recall being in a very LARGE museum somewhere that had a series of rooms deconstructed from a "fancy" house and reconstructed inside the museum. And of course there are those museums that house "houses" (temples) from ancient Greece, Egypt, Mesopotamia, etc.

A number of years ago the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia acquired the home of Maud Lewis (a well known Nova Scotian "naive" artist) and reassembled it in one branch of the gallery...It's pretty tiny though!

Well, I don't know of houses around houses here, but there is a museum

around a house:

<http://www.agns.gov.ns.ca/maudlewishouse/>

There are numerous instances in the United States of pioneer cabins being added on to until the original cabin disappeared entirely within the house. I've observed a few of these -- in one case the cabin, which had once housed a whole family, had been turned into a pantry.

Where I live there is a creek (hardly a river) that runs through it. Though its name is the Rio Ruidoso - meaning noisy river. As you might suspect, the first homes to be built in this area outside of National Forest properties, were summer cabins along the creek. And again, as you might guess, today this property brings big prices. Many of the 100 year old cabins are still there, but quickly disappearing as people today acquire them and tear them down in order to build substantial homes.

One of these old cabins, quaint, with a great stone fireplace, was purchased for \$239,000-USA recently. The original cabin is about 800 sq ft, if that big. Instead of tearing the old cabin down and starting afresh, the buyers decided to salvage the fireplace and some of the other features of the original. But they are NOT increasing the floor space measurably. Possibly doubling it to about 1,600 sq ft. And so far, according to friends of theirs who are friends of mine, they've sunk another \$320,000 into the new construction - so far! But, as it goes for people with money, it's only money after all!

Here's a web site I put up several years ago for the friend I just mentioned, who just happens

new home builders. And her cabin is typical of what these old places look like, although she has renovated hers to some extent.

<http://www.zianet.com/job/>

> >yeah, all the time. It's called overbuilding.

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> Yeah...like overshoes! I like that...

and like overcrowding. Do you also like tuberculosis?

Dilletante

I only know of one other one... Eldridge Smerin designed a house around a house in the Highgate Conservation area of London. You can check out his projects in a flash slideshow at:

http://www.eldridgesmerin.com/the_flash/frameset.html. I think the house and some of the renderings are on that site.

Here is more info about the house.

houses

Our assistant prosecutor tells of a landowner who built a house inside a barn, I guess to keep it out of sight and to claim it falls under the state's agricultueal structure exemption. Had to be surreal.

I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members. --Groucho Marx

when I was a firefighter we had one for live fire training
what it was a travel trailer/small mobile home with traditional
stickbuilt rooms and roofs connecting/added on to it.
Property owner wanted it cleared off.

what we call 'progress' is the exchange of one nuisance for
another nuisance.

h. ellis

Hi Markus,

I haven't seen it but have a question.

What is the point in doing that, putting one house around another?

Thank

I always wondered this about Bilbao museum. As that's what is done there ,except first the fancy forms was as empty pipe meshwork placed on top of a traditional square building, but what architects talk about is actually just the outer shell that then had another house built inside. Seem a bit double work from my point of view, beside it's my opinion ,that these early computer meshes is not realised as what they are ; a thin fancy surface making no floors or walls.

P.C.

HA HA HA!!! My neighborhood is FULL of such "houses." It was originally platted as a "mobile home" community. The lots were larger than most such mobile home (trailer house) lots and some built substantial conventional homes on the lots - or bought several lots in order to build large houses.

But over the years (about 40 now) the people with trailer houses have enclosed them in "shells" to hide the original exterior, enlarge with additions, etc. so that nowadays it's difficult for a passerby to distinguish which were originally mobile homes and which weren't. My house was never a trailer but it was added onto in three distinct stages, from what I can guess. And yes, there are still a few trailers here and there that have not been converted.

Check www.ja.houses.com

You are probably referring to double-skin facades. Yes there are several projects in Europe.

One of these is the Business Tower in Nurnberg.

<http://www.josefgartner.de/referenzen/referenzen2e.htm>

..... ...First of all, along that matter, you would when you could like to turn around the concepts of " Reima Pietilä ", to define what you are looking for, precisely!!!!!!!!!!!!!!..... ..

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Ahmed Ouahi, Architect
Best Regards!

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whats about frank gehry's house? you know that?

The firm Public has a house that has been published a bit that follows the same Russian Doll concept.

<http://www.publicdigital.com/projects/sumei.html>

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That should read "Public."

Not exactly...

but you know the Gehry house is a bit like that...

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Yes, there is an advanced training academy (?) in Herne, Germany.

<http://www.archinform.de/projekte/1...197b753c85144ce>
and a picture of it

<http://www.archinform.de/medien/000...197b753c85144ce>

sincerely
Florian

two refs from germany:
the refurbished headquarter of the christian democratic
party (cdu)
in berlin is designed on the same principle (but here, to
some, is a
tongue-in-cheek message: is there less than meets the eye?)

the german architecture museum in frankfurt is a similar feat:
here a
house was built inside a house ... encapsulating the content
of the
museum ...

theres quite a famous house in highgate, london by elridge smerin that was built around an existing house(although it looks completely new, done for some clever planning dodge i think) as far as i know it the only single family house ever to be shortlisted for the stirling prize