

Architect MUNROE W. COPPER JR. FAIA

Architect Munroe Copper, Jr., whose outstanding traditional architecture has brought national recognition to Shaker Heights, was born in Philadelphia in 1897. The only son of Munroe and Priscilla Van Tin Copper, "Monty"- whose great uncle, William Van Tine, designed Henry Ford's home in Dearborn-grew up with three sisters, and distinguished himself at an early age by earning scholarships first to the Philadelphia School of Industrial Art and then to the City's School of Art. His college career at the University of Pennsylvania was interrupted by his enlistment in the Navy at the outbreak of World War I; he subsequently graduated with the Class of 1920. In 1921, the young architect was employed by the Cleveland firm of Walker and Weeks. By 1924, Copper - who would become known for his mid-western adaptation of colonial Pennsylvania architecture - had

started with his own firm in partnership with Donald Dunn.

COPPER'S WORK

Munroe Copper's work can be found in 13 states and includes 2,000 homes - over 100 of them in Shaker Heights - and 59 churches, as well as restaurants, office buildings, hospitals and condominiums. His principal works include St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Ashtabula (1964); First Presbyterian Church, Mansfield (1965); Oglebay Mansion Museum, Wheeling, West Virginia (1956); Lake Ridge Academy, North Ridgeville (1968); and Bonne Bell offices and lab, Lakewood (1969). He has prepared designs for such prominent Ohio families as Bolton, Firestone, Augustus and Hoover.

HOBBIES & CIVIC AFFAIRS

Throughout his life, the interests of Munroe Copper have been diverse. He is a former horseman, a woodcarver, a restorer of antiques and a watercolorist. In 1925, Copper bought property in

Gates Mills, and built his present home in 1931. He was soon elected to the Village Council, and in 1946 was appointed chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board. He also served on the Historical Society Board of Trustees and as treasurer of the Cleveland Garden Center.

HONORS & AWARDS

Munroe Copper was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1951, and in 1961 he was admitted as a professional member to the Church Architectural Guild of America. In 1973 he received the "Excellence in Design" Award from the Greater Cleveland Growth Association for Country Club Colony Condominiums.

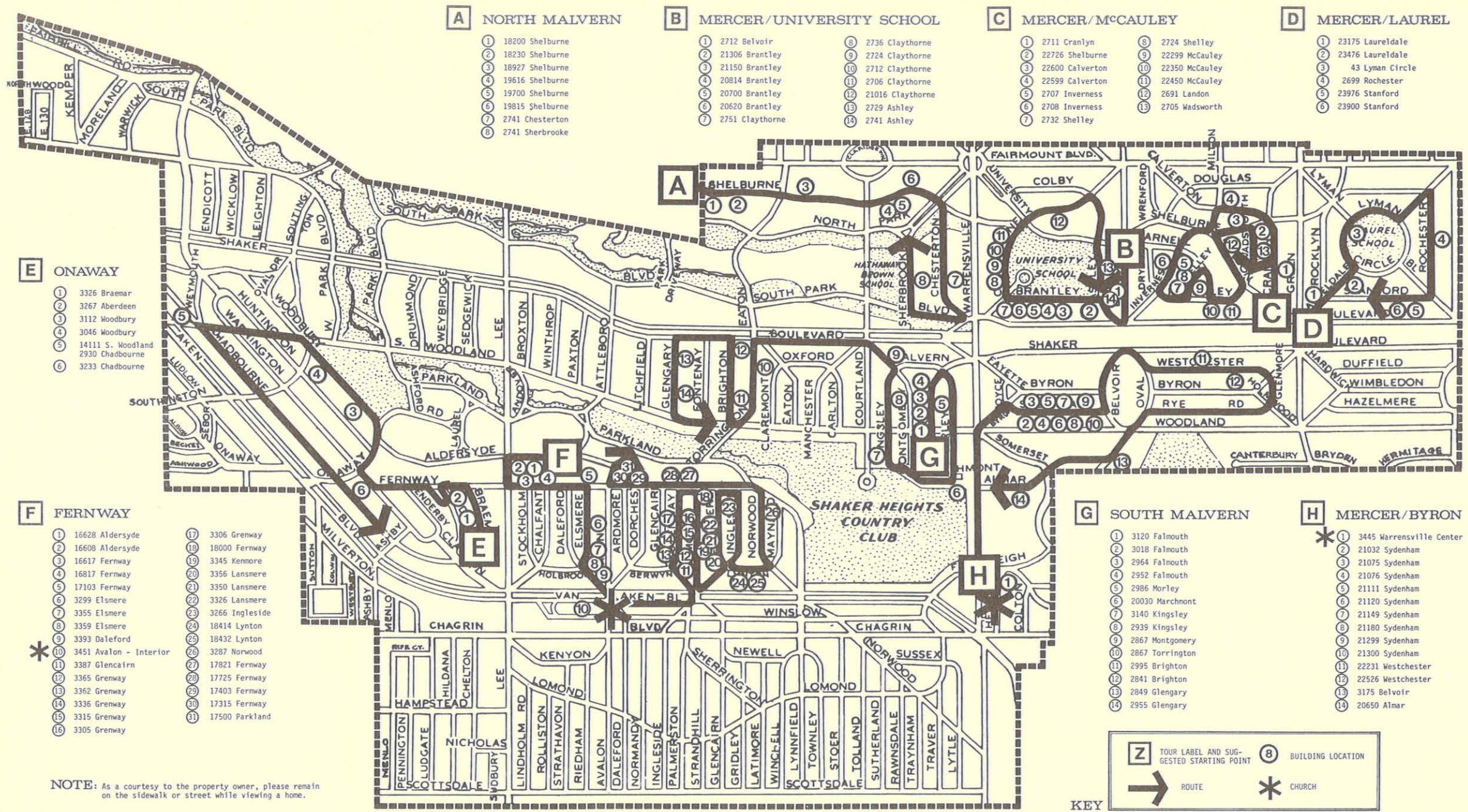
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Munroe Copper married the former Marguerite Letts in 1921. He has two sons, both of whom are architects; two daughters; 18 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Walking Tour

The self-guided neighborhood walking tours on the reverse side were designed to provide a look at Mr. Copper's work in Shaker Heights. They cover all three major traditional styles. Look for symmetry, simple forms, shallow gabled or hipped roofs, siding, fieldstone, or brick on colonials. English designs emphasize asymmetry, have a variety of windows, steep gables and more stone and brick tapestry work. French homes typically have masonry painted white with steep hip roofs and romantic elements such as turrets.

Each neighborhood tour has a suggested starting point, but is laid out in a loop so that one may start at any point along the route. You may choose one or two to walk or many to bicycle. This is a tour of exteriors only. So as a courtesy to the property owner, please remain on the sidewalk or street when viewing a home.



A NORTH MALVERN

- 1 18200 Shelburne
- 2 18230 Shelburne
- 3 18927 Shelburne
- 4 19616 Shelburne
- 5 19700 Shelburne
- 6 19815 Shelburne
- 7 2741 Chesterton
- 8 2741 Sherbrooke

B MERCER/UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

- 1 2712 Belvoir
- 2 21306 Brantley
- 3 21150 Brantley
- 4 20814 Brantley
- 5 20700 Brantley
- 6 20620 Brantley
- 7 2751 Claythorne
- 8 2736 Claythorne
- 9 2724 Claythorne
- 10 2712 Claythorne
- 11 2706 Claythorne
- 12 21016 Claythorne
- 13 2729 Ashley
- 14 2741 Ashley

C MERCER/McCAULEY

- 1 2711 Cranlyn
- 2 22726 Shelburne
- 3 22600 Calverton
- 4 22599 Calverton
- 5 2707 Inverness
- 6 2708 Inverness
- 7 2732 Shelley
- 8 2724 Shelley
- 9 22299 McCauley
- 10 22350 McCauley
- 11 22450 McCauley
- 12 2691 Landon
- 13 2705 Wadsworth

D MERCER/LAUREL

- 1 23175 Laureldale
- 2 23476 Laureldale
- 3 43 Lyman Circle
- 4 2699 Rochester
- 5 23976 Stanford
- 6 23900 Stanford

E ONAWAY

- 1 3326 Braemar
- 2 3267 Aberdeen
- 3 3112 Woodbury
- 4 3046 Woodbury
- 5 14111 S. Woodland
- 6 2930 Chadbourne
- 7 3233 Chadbourne

F FERNWAY

- 1 16628 Aldersyde
- 2 16608 Aldersyde
- 3 16617 Fernway
- 4 16817 Fernway
- 5 17103 Fernway
- 6 3299 Elsmere
- 7 3355 Elsmere
- 8 3359 Elsmere
- 9 3393 Daleford
- 10 3451 Avalon - Interior
- 11 3387 Glencairn
- 12 3365 Grenway
- 13 3362 Grenway
- 14 3336 Grenway
- 15 3315 Grenway
- 16 3305 Grenway
- 17 3306 Grenway
- 18 18000 Fernway
- 19 3345 Kenmore
- 20 3356 Lansmere
- 21 3350 Lansmere
- 22 3326 Lansmere
- 23 3266 Ingleside
- 24 18414 Lynton
- 25 18432 Lynton
- 26 3287 Norwood
- 27 17821 Fernway
- 28 17725 Fernway
- 29 17403 Fernway
- 30 17315 Fernway
- 31 17500 Parkland

G SOUTH MALVERN

- 1 3120 Falmouth
- 2 3018 Falmouth
- 3 2964 Falmouth
- 4 2952 Falmouth
- 5 2986 Morley
- 6 20030 Marchmont
- 7 3140 Kingsley
- 8 2939 Kingsley
- 9 2867 Montgomery
- 10 2867 Torrington
- 11 2995 Brighton
- 12 2841 Brighton
- 13 2849 Glengary
- 14 2955 Glengary

H MERCER/BYRON

- * 3445 Warrensville Center
- 1 21032 Sydenham
- 2 21075 Sydenham
- 3 21076 Sydenham
- 4 21111 Sydenham
- 5 21120 Sydenham
- 6 21149 Sydenham
- 7 21180 Sydenham
- 8 21299 Sydenham
- 9 21300 Sydenham
- 10 22231 Westchester
- 11 22526 Westchester
- 12 3175 Belvoir
- 13 20650 Almar

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KEY

- Z TOUR LABEL AND SUGGESTED STARTING POINT
- 8 BUILDING LOCATION
- ROUTE
- * CHURCH

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING TOURS A LOOK AT ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS BY MUNROE W. COPPER JR. IN SHAKER HEIGHTS