Architects
PHILIP SMALL & CHARLES ROWLEY

Philip Lindsley Small and Charles Bacon Rowley were traditional architects who specialized in Colonial and English revival architecture.

PHILIP L. SMALL
Small was born in Washington, D.C. in 1890 and died in Cleveland in 1963. Educated at Adelbert College of Western Reserve University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Small practiced architecture for 40 years. He served in World War I in the Field Artillery, and after the Armistice, he taught pencil sketching as part of an art education program for soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces at the Art Training Center at Bellevue, near Paris.

The firm of Small and Rowley was founded in 1921 and dissolved in 1928 when Small went to work full time for the Van Sweringens. He later founded Small, Smith, Reeb and Draz, where he worked until his retirement in 1961. Elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, Small also served as Building Commissioner and Chairman of the Architectural Advisory Board in Hunting Valley and on the Ohio Regional Commission.

CHARLES B. ROWLEY
Rowley, 93, lives in Harwich Port, Mass. with his wife of 69 years. He was born in Springfield, Ohio, in 1890 and educated at M.I.T. Registered as both an architect and a mechanical engineer, Rowley was senior partner in his own firm from 1928 until 1961. At that time, he sold three-fourths of his stock to members of his firm, then known as Rowley, Payer, Huffman and Caldwell, Inc. He served as consulting architect for the True Temper Corporation until 1968.

Rowley, was active in civic affairs, serving for 25 years on the Shaker Heights Board of Architectural Review. He was also elected to the Shaker Heights Board of Education, where he served as vice president for four years. Rowley was an Associate Member of the American Institute of Architects.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
One of Small and Rowley's greatest undertakings was the remodeling of farm buildings to create the Daisy Hill mansion (now Roundwood Manor) in Hunting Valley for the Van Sweringens. During this same time period, Shaker Square was designed. Small and Rowley also remodeled the Van Sweringen home on South Park Boulevard in Shaker Heights and completed Moreland Courts.

Small is known for the Cleveland Play House, Karamu House, the Country Club and the interiors of Higbee's downtown store (including the Silver Grille). In Shaker Hts. Small designed many residences, a group of demonstration homes for the Van Sweringen Company in 1924 and the Sedgwick apartment building in 1929. His designs can be seen on the campuses of Case Western Reserve University (student activities building, for Western Reserve; library and humanities and physics and lecture hall buildings for Case); and Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, among others.

Rowley's work includes the Shaker Heights Main Library, 3450 Lee Road; the Newell Bolton Estate in Mentor; the Mayfield Country Club and the Clifton Club; three dormitories and a speech building at Kenyon College and remodeling of the former Plain Dealer building into the Cleveland Public Library (second building). He also designed the innovative Ferro-Enamel House at 2077 Campus Drive in South Euclid, and the Wheeling Steel House in Wheeling, West Virginia. The South Euclid home was the world's first house constructed of porcelain on steel.

Walking Tour
The self-guided neighborhood walking tours on the reverse side were designed to provide a look at Small and Rowley's work in Shaker Hts. They cover all three major traditional styles. Although the majority are Colonial and English Revival designs, look for symmetry, simple forms, shallow gabled or hipped roofs, siding fieldstone, or brick on colonials. English designs emphasize asymmetry, have a variety of window, vertical 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.
Neighborhood Walking Tours A Look at Architectural Designs by Small and Rowley in Shaker Heights