During the 1920's when Shaker Heights experienced its peak of development by the Van Sweringen brothers, the firm of Howell & Thomas was one of the leading architectural firms in Cleveland that specialized in the design of larger homes. From about 1915 to 1930 Howell & Thomas designed dozens of beautiful homes in the Heights area.

HOWELL & THOMAS

The architectural firm of Howell & Thomas was formed in Columbus, Ohio in 1908 where they designed a number of larger residences and East High School. After World War I, they started designing many homes in the Euclid Golf neighborhood of Cleveland Heights which was being developed by Barton DeWitt. It was at this time that Howell & Thomas moved their office to Cleveland and began designing homes throughout the Heights area. In 1922 they designed a group of four English homes for the Van Sweringen brothers located at Shaker and Courtland Boulevards. Two years later, in 1924, their work for the Van Sweringen Company included a group of seven model homes along Parkland Drive and the home of George J. Arnold, Vice President & General Manager of the Van Sweringen Company.

Some of the other more important Howell & Thomas homes were built for Albert Metzger on Torrington Road, for Amos Barron, Julius Feiss, Isaac Joseph, and Barton Denning in Cleveland Heights. They also designed the two symmetrical winged additions to the Shaker Heights Senior High School (now Woodbury Junior High School). Lakewood High School was also designed by Howell & Thomas. Other outstanding examples of their work include the Library and Auditorium buildings for Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, churches in Columbus, Canton, and Oxford, Ohio and Y.W.C.A. buildings in Cleveland and Zanesville. The firm also did newspaper buildings in Pittsburgh, Rochester, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Houston, and Beaumont, Texas.

The self-guided neighborhood walking tours on the reverse side were designed to provide a look at Howell & Thomas work in Shaker Heights. They cover all three major styles - English, French, and Colonial. Some of the design features that make Howell & Thomas homes distinctive include extensive use of leaded glass in windows and false front doors that actually is a highly decorative window which is accompanied by a small, informal side entry. Another outstanding feature is a raised design done in the stucco.

CARL EUGENE HOWELL

Carl E. Howell was born in Columbus in 1879 and died in 1930 in Monrovia, California. He attended college at Ohio State University and studied drawing at the Columbus Art School. After working a few years in the office of Frank Packard in Columbus, he studied further at the University of Pennsylvania. He was awarded the John Stewardson Traveling Scholarship in Architecture and spent a year traveling in Europe.

While at the University of Pennsylvania, he was a member of Sigma Xi, an honorary scientific fraternity. He was also a life member of the Museum of Art, a member of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, the University and MidDay Club of Cleveland, the University of Pennsylvania Club of New York, and the Athletic, Rocky Fork and Columbus Clubs of Columbus, Ohio, the American Institute of Architects, and the American Academy in Rome.

JAMES WILLIAM THOMAS, JR.

James W. Thomas was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on November 8, 1876 and lived until 1973, spending his last 30 years on a family compound in Hudson, Ohio. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1904. The early part of his career was spent in New York City working in the office of noted architect Cass Gilbert. In Cleveland, he became a member of the American Institute of Architects in 1911. He enjoyed a long marriage to Pearl Delehunt. His family included three sons (one of which is a Cleveland area architect) and seven grandchildren.

Each neighborhood tour has a suggested starting point, marked with a star. These walking tours may also be taken by bicycle or in a car. 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.
PARTIAL LIST OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS RESIDENCES

BOULEVARD
1. 2590 Coventry Road
2. 2575 Coventry Road
3. 2593 Coventry Road
4. 3116 Chadbourne Road
5. 3060 Woodbury Road
6. Woodbury Junior High

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