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BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
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Name: THOMAS PYM COPE of (address) Winter St., Lincoln, Mass.

Born: June 24, 1897 at Philadelphia Died: Sept. 10, 1977 at Lincoln Mass.

Parents: Walter Cope and Eliza Kane

Married: Elizabeth W. Barringer of Philadelphia on 1929

Children: Daughter - Felicity

Education: School - Germantown Friends School; Middlesex, Concord, Mass; Marienfeld, N. C.; University of Penn. - Architectural School; Penn Academy of F. A.

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

1923-27 - Stewardson & Page - Jr. & Sr. draughtsman, Phila., Pa.

1929-30 - Charles A. Platt - Sr. draughtsman, New York

1937-43 - Partner - Purves, Cope & Stewardson, Phila., Pa.

1956-61 - Associate - Shepley, Bullfinch, Richardson & Abbot, Boston, Mass.

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

AIA - Philadelphia, 1932 - V.P. 1939 - Sec. Nat'l Committee on Unification and State Organizations 1937-43, Critic in Design, R. I. School of Design, 1961-62

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

Trustee - The Library Company of Phila.
Century Association - 1937

Trustee - Augustus
St. Gaudens Memorial,
Cornish, N.H.

Trustee - The University Barge Club (Treas. & Pres.)

Trustee - The City Parks Assoc. (Exec. Sec. 4 yrs)

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

1943-50 - Overseas, Dept. of State with FEA, UNRRA & IRU (United Nations)

1952- SE Penna. Regional Planning Commission

1952-54 - Exec. Dir. Unitarian Service Committee, Boston, Mass.

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

Edgemont Township Building Code - 1942-1943

General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

Tom Cope's life spanned the two world wars and his career was one of many interruptions. He drove an ambulance during the first world war and stayed in France afterwards with the Friends Reconstruction Unit. In the second world war and after, he was chiefly with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration working with displaced persons in North Africa, France, Berlin, China and Austria.

Cope's architectural career was unfortunately limited to only fifteen years of actual practice but, during that time, he did a surprising amount of work. He set high standards for his work and lived up to them. He was a convinced traditionalist, but not hide bound. He was deeply concerned with every aspect of his buildings from the basic plan and design to the minutest mechanical detail. Cope had a small, well equipped carpentry shop and was a fine craftsman. All his life he sketched and painted in water color and oil. He was a man of his time.

EXECUTED WORK:

- Residence Dr. Edward D. Churchill, Belmont, Mass.
- Residence Thomas P. Hazard, Peace Dale, R.I.
- Residence Rush Sturges, Narragansett, R.I. (year round, 245,000 cu. ft. stone and brick)
- Residence The Misses Winsor, Paoli, Pa.
- Residence Frank A. Keene, Westchester, Pa.
- Residence Judge Covington, Craftsbury Common, Vt.
- Main Office Ross Bros., Lybrant & Montgomery, Phila.
- Remodelling Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital, Philadelphia.
- Remodelling TB Dept., Jefferson Hospital, Phila.
- Work Shop Theatre - Bryn Mawr College and Baldwin School
- The Dunes Club, Narragansett, R.I. (Won limited Competition after original club opened July 4, 1939) (Some 900,000 cu. ft. at ave. of under 20¢ and 40 individual cabanas.)
- Residence William F. Almy, Paoli, Pa.
- Residence John O. Platt, Paoli, Pa.
- Monument to James Logan for Fairmont Park Art Association, Phila.
- Reconstruction and alterations - Philosophical Society Building, Independence Square, Phila.

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

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