

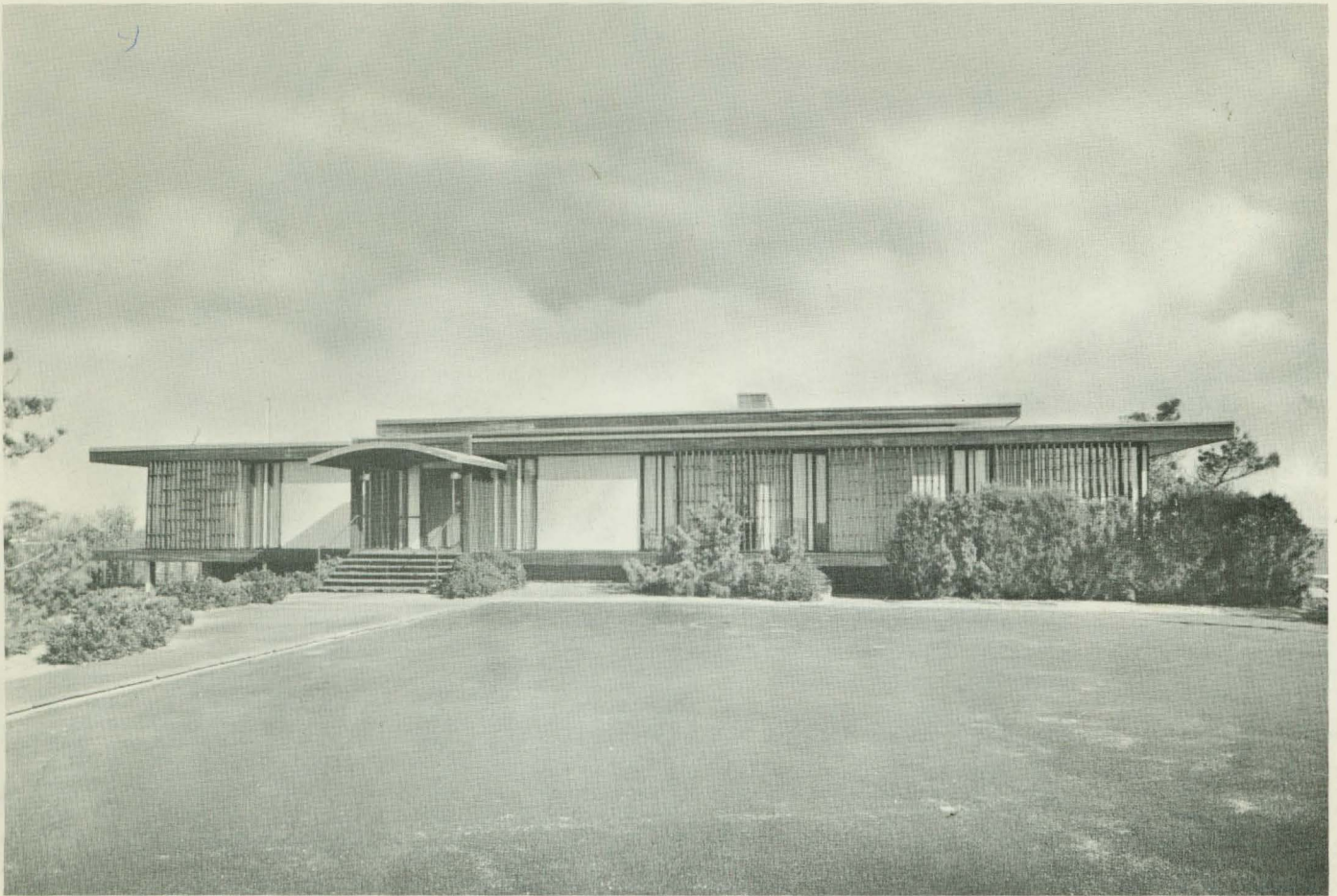
# PROVINCETOWN

Cape Cod

MASSACHUSETTS







# *Perfection in a Contemporary Year-Round Estate*

*A Significant Example of Modern Architecture and Construction  
At the Tip of Cape Cod*

Excellence in every detail and an inspiring sense of spaciousness and exceptional beauty pervade this luxuriously appointed summer or year-round estate. Everything throughout has been carefully planned for maximum comfort, and the residence lends itself perfectly to either informal or lavish entertaining. It is without doubt one of the finest homes of contemporary design along the New England Coast.

Custom-built and completed in 1957 under the direct supervision of Walter Gropius' associates, The

Architects Collaborative, Cambridge, Massachusetts, with interiors by Design Research, Inc., it is difficult to conceive of a dwelling better equipped for present day living. Scrupulously maintained throughout, the estate includes in addition to the residence a modern 4-room year-round Colonial cottage with 4-car garage, a 6-room Gate House with 2-car garage and furnace room, and a heated 25' x 50' deluxe swimming pool with cabanas. The property enjoys welcome privacy and seclusion amid its 4½ acres of professionally landscaped grounds.

OWNER: Mrs. Carl Murchison, 2 Commercial St., Provincetown, Mass. Tel.: Provincetown 133.

PROPERTY: 2 Commercial St., Provincetown, Barnstable County, Mass.

INSPECTION: Only by appointment with owner on property—tel.: Provincetown 133.



Planned for air and sunshine, the massive Thermopane windows flood the entire living area with light, commanding sweeping views of nearby ocean, bay, and sand dunes in three directions — just about as far as one can get on the Atlantic without being on an island.

The two-level house and the plan of the main family rooms suggests the Japanese influence — in fact, a Japanese temple was used as a basic motif. The site of the house on the crest of a hilltop gives direct access to the outdoors from each floor. Principal rooms are on the upper level to take advantage of the sea-side views. The lower level contains guest accommodations, as well as functional and service rooms.

All furniture is imported Scandinavian except for the large custom-built tables, sofa and cabinets. Major rooms are banded with a lighting frieze of vertical walnut strips and plastic placed below the clerestory windows. This decorative motif is used throughout: for the stairs, a panel over the fireplace, on the shoji

screens, and for the entrance. Interior finishes are planned for ease of upkeep, with walls of teak, walnut, and brick. Apart from the slate and carpeted-floored living areas, flooring consists of cork in the kitchen, ceramic tile in the baths, and vinyl tile in the rooms on lower level. The house is well insulated: double glass is used throughout, and batt insulation is used in exterior walls and roof. The exterior sun shades are cypress.

Terraces around the residence are made of terrazzo for the dancing area, with scored concrete around the pool. Walks are cut bluestone, washed gravel, or pre-cast concrete slab. A high, ¼ inch plate glass fence serves as a wind screen along the east side, while preserving the maximum view.

The entire property is superlative in every way, combining enviable seclusion, beautiful location, unexcelled recreational advantages, and a superbly built residence that embodies all the best in modern architecture and appointments.

#### TABLE OF FACTS

**LOCATION:** Provincetown, Barnstable County, Mass. Within a short walk of shopping area and P. O. Year-round scheduled service to Boston from local airport, only 3 miles from residence. Also frequent air service from Hyannis Airport. 35 miles to Boston and New York. Buzzards Bay, 50 miles; Boston, approx. 135 miles over new limited access highways.

**GROUNDS:** APPROX. 4½ ACRES with several hundred feet frontage along the road; adjoining the original site of the Pilgrims' landing. Winding 600' long macadam driveway leads up to main residence situated on a high tree-studded knoll overlooking water in 3 directions. About 2 acres professionally landscaped, including yew and red cedar hedges, ink tree bushes, flower beds and borders, flowering shrubs and evergreens, including many Japanese black pine. Trim lawn edges driveway and outbuildings, with several walks through grounds. The setting combines privacy and seclusion, and enjoys wide views of Provincetown Harbor, bay, and ocean, as well as nearby sand dunes. There is an automatic underground lawn sprinkler system. Filtered and heated 25'x50' swimming pool with concrete terrace and cabana.

**RESIDENCE:** 9 ROOMS (4 master bedrooms, 5 baths, help's quarters in cottage). 2-level Contemporary, built in 1957. In perfect condition inside and out. Constructed of special Ohio brick, glass, and cypress with overhanging sheathed fascia around house. One of the "20 Best Houses" featured in the Mid-May 1959 Architectural Record. House has built-in radio and hi-fi system to all rooms and pool. Ultra modern baths. Custom-made Thermopane and casement windows; slate floors; full insulation; 4-way complete air-conditioning. Oil hot-water heating unit with recessed radiators with forced circulation. Town water, with water softener and purifier. PS electricity, plus auxiliary electric generator plant.

**FIRST FLOOR:** Wide Entrance Hall leading to spacious LIVING ROOM with fireplace — Italian Breccia marble extending around chimney and marble hearth. DINING ROOM with custom-built walnut cabinet with Formica front. Additional matching cabinet in living room contains the installations for

AM, FM, high fidelity, tape recording, and connects to loudspeakers throughout the house and the grounds. A custom-made, built-in TV is included in the living room. There is also a large built-in bookcase along the 50' wall between dining room and living room. Both rooms open onto a wide L-shaped GALLERY with slate tile floor and breakfast area. Streamline KITCHEN with sitting and dining areas, sound-proof walls and ceiling. The kitchen suite extends for 40' and contains a beautifully designed Bath Room and many service cabinets. There is also a stainless steel electric dumbwaiter for service from the lower level. White Formica is used extensively in the kitchen and in other service rooms. Good-sized Utility Room. 2 master BEDROOMS, each with private Bath. 1 Bath contains a shower alcove as well as tub; the other, a large shower alcove only.

**LOWER LEVEL:** Wide Hall, as well as long narrow Hallway. Leading directly into the hallway is a 2-car, heated garage with radio-controlled doors. Guest BEDROOM, Bath. BEDROOM or Study with Bath. Storage Room or DEN. Laundry. 2 Storage Rooms — one a 500-cu.ft. cold storage room for furs and woolens. Large furnace room with air-conditioning units. All mechanical equipment is isolated from rest of house for sound deadening. Floor in furnace room floats free from the walls to prevent noise transferal.

**COTTAGE-GARAGE:** Detached, for 4 cars. Has over-head electric-controlled doors, own heating unit, and work shop. In the wing there are 4 ROOMS comprising LIVING ROOM, 2 BEDROOMS, Bath, and KITCHEN with dining nook. Has own oil heating system.

**GATE HOUSE:** 6 Rooms (unfinished). First floor has 3 rooms, furnace room, and 2-car garage. Second floor has 3 rooms. Own oil heating system. Building now used for storage. Easily converted to separate apartment.

**CABANA** at swimming pool. Has 2 bath houses, 2 lavatories, laundry, and furnace to heat water for showers. COOLING TOWER for air-conditioning in rear.

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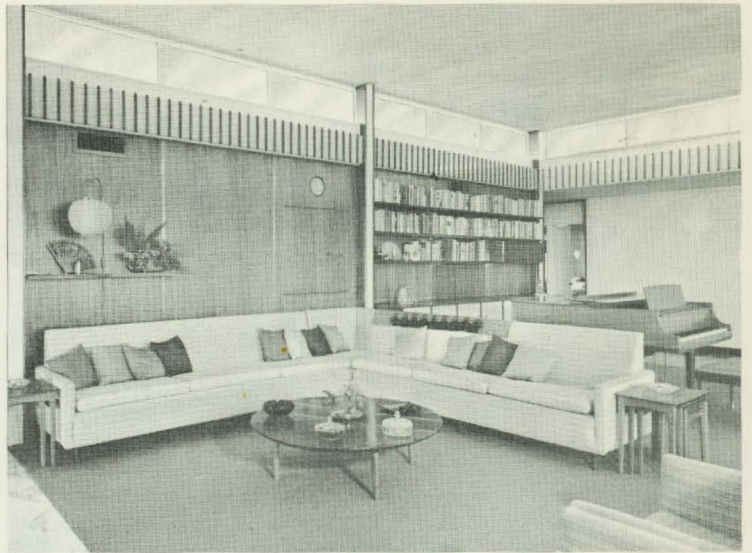
TAXES: Approx. \$6,634

MORTGAGE: Free and Clear





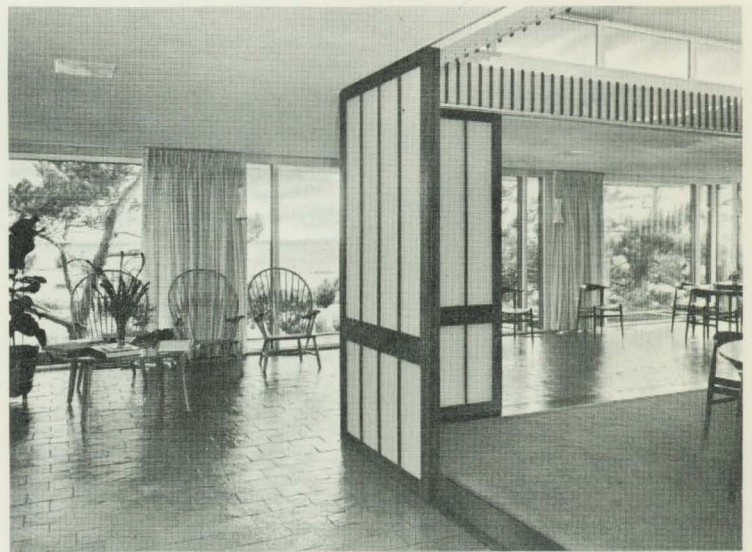
*Living Room with Marble Fireplace*



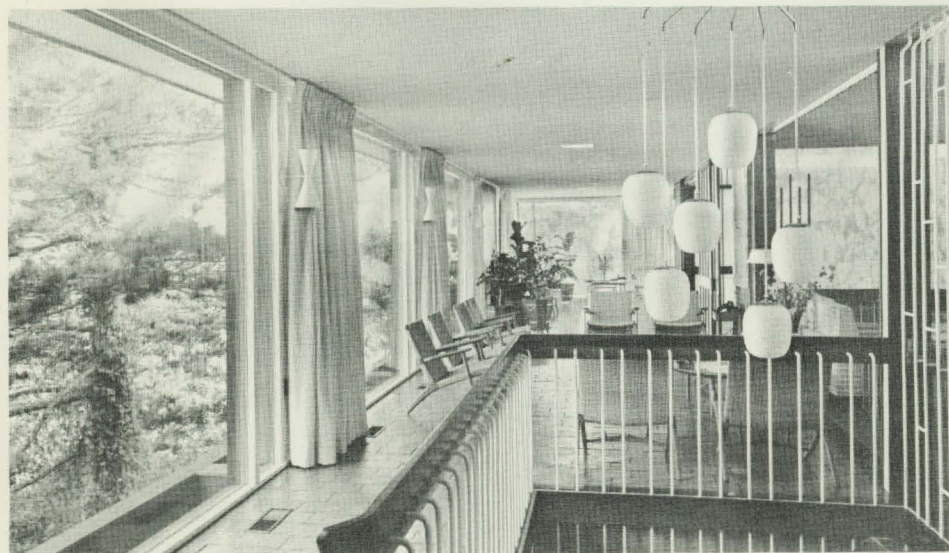
*Opposite End of Living Room*



*Dining Room with Custom-Built Cabinet*



*Portion of Gallery off Dining Room*



*80 Foot Gallery Along East Side*



*Walnut, Teak and Iron Stairway*

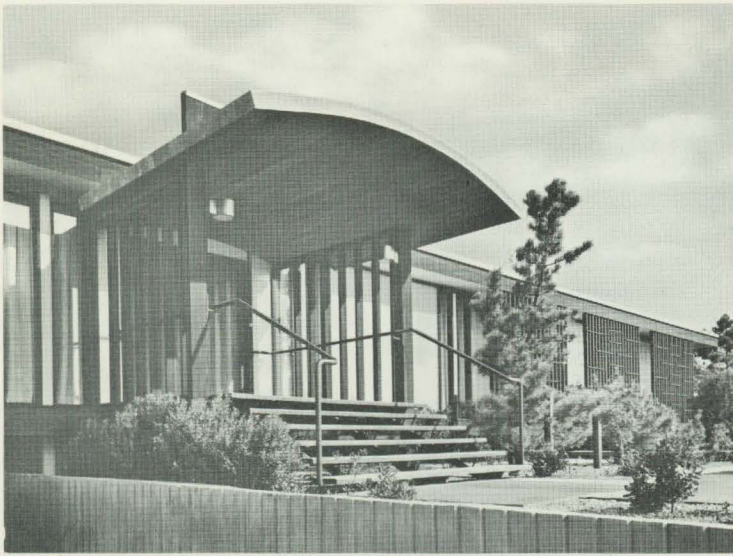
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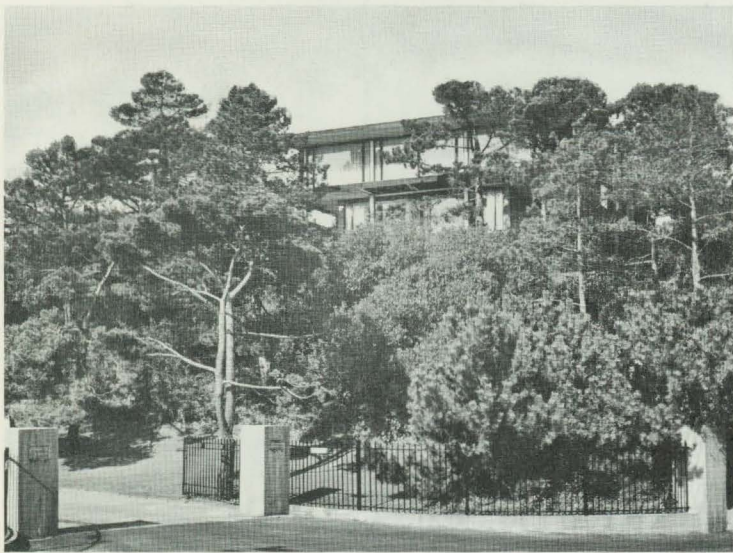




*Entrance Detail*



*Cabana Side of Swimming Pool*



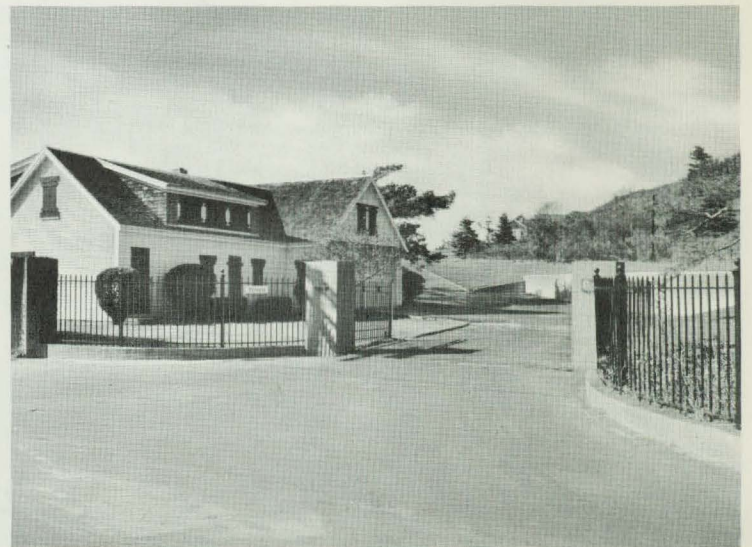
*Residence from Entrance*



*Attached Garage*

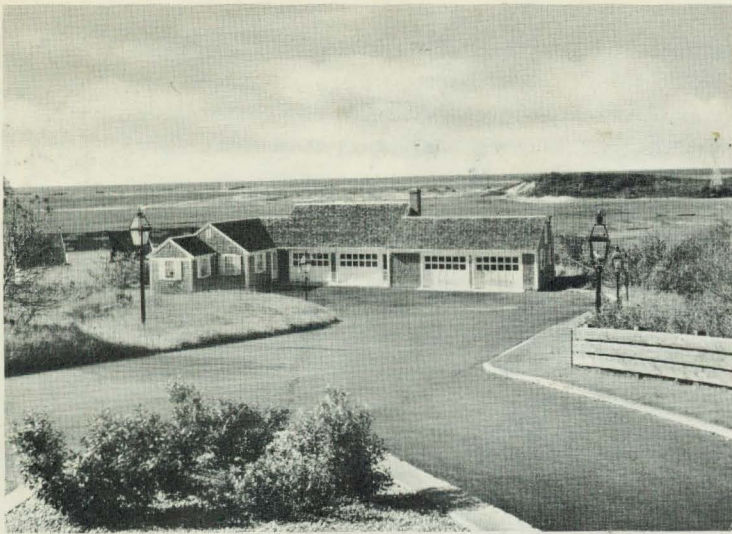


*View from Lower Driveway*



*Gate House at Main Entrance*

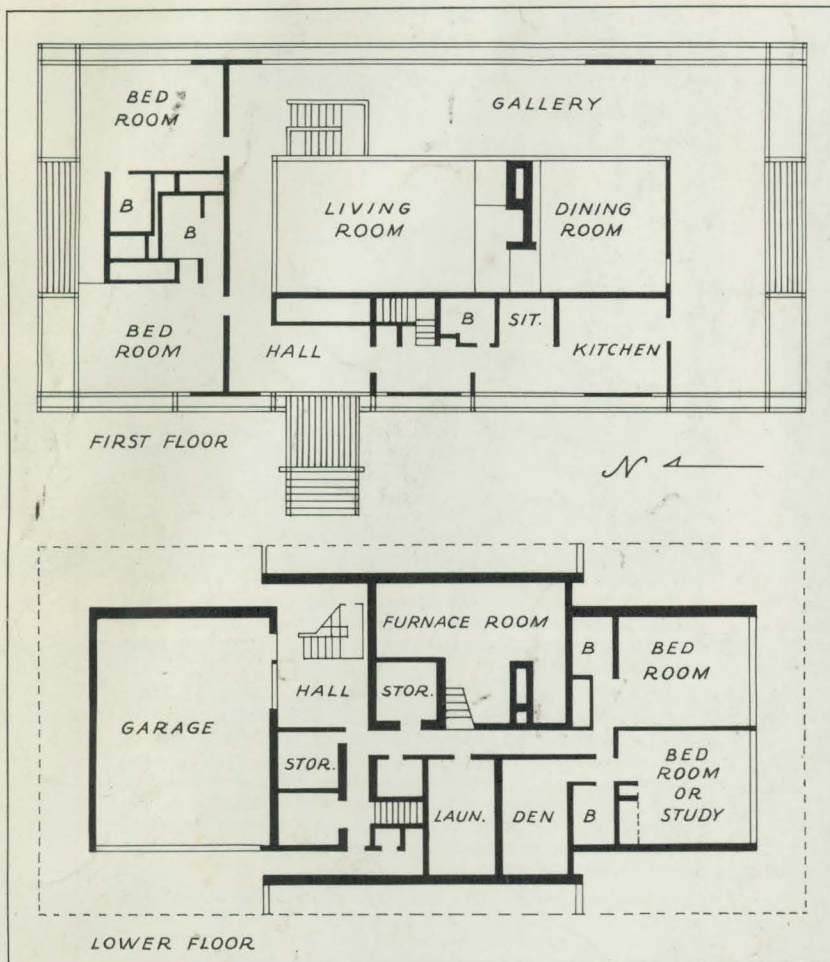




Cottage-Garage



View over Gate House from Residence



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