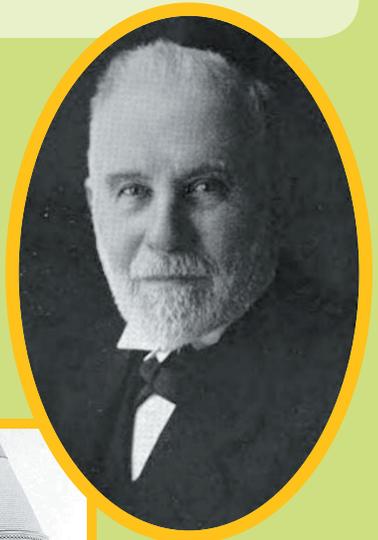




The father and son team of Charles Henry Owsley and Charles Frederick Owsley designed many of the most beautiful and important buildings along the eastern edge of Ohio and into western Pennsylvania.

Charles H., the father, was born in 1846 in England and came to the Mahoning Valley in 1868. He founded his architectural firm, Owsley and Boucherle, in 1878. Some of his early designs included the original Strouss-Hirschberg store in 1875 and the second Mahoning County Courthouse at Wick Avenue and Wood Street in Youngstown.



Charles H. Owsley

As a team, Owsley and Boucherle were responsible for many buildings, including the former YMCA on East Federal Street, the Wick Pollock House (YSU's President's House today), and the Buhl mansion and Buhl Club both in Sharon, PA.



Charles F. Owsley



Charles F. Owsley, the son, joined the firm in 1905. He designed the current Mahoning County Courthouse and helped to design the Reuben McMillian Public Library building. After his father retired, Charles F. continued on and designed houses for some of the most powerful families in the Valley.

The Owsley' legacy is all around us today – from the C. W. Robinson home that serves as the Ford Nature Center at Mill Creek MetroParks to the Home Savings and Loan building in downtown Youngstown.

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Join the Owsleys and put your mark on the skyline with your own building design.

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BUILDING DESIGN

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You will need:

- Books or magazines
- Paper
- Pencil
- Ruler

1 Look through books or magazines to find images of buildings.

2 You can even do an online search of “Youngstown Historic Buildings” and get lots of inspiration. **Just be sure you have permission to be online!**

3 Think about what your building will be used for and how you would like it to look.

4 Then get to work designing it!

