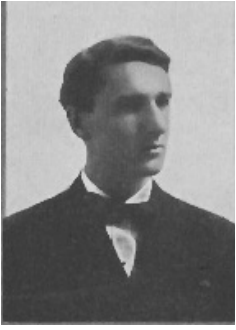


# EDWIN LEWIS SNYDER

## ARCHITECT



The architect Edwin Lewis Snyder, several of whose houses are featured in this house tour, was an imaginative and versatile designer whose work may be seen all over Arlington Heights. Snyder's palette included a broad spectrum of styles, from the various period revival idioms popular in the 1920s to colonials, hybrids, and mid-century modern creations.

In 1941, Snyder was credited in *Berkeley: the First Seventy-Five Years* (Federal Writers' Project) with having been "one of the pioneers in the use of the Spanish style, with its characteristic patios, overhanging balconies, and red-tiled roofs." Two attractive examples of the architect's early Spanish or Mediterranean style may be observed in the Moore house (1925), 752 San Diego Road, and the Carrier house (1927), 660 Spruce Street. A grander vision is offered in the 14-room Monterey Revival residence Snyder designed in 1931 for George Friend, son-in-law of John Hopkins Spring, on Arlington Avenue in El Cerrito.

Among the architect's public Mediterranean structures are the charming Roy O. Long Co. building (1927) at 2120 Shattuck Avenue, the Arlington Pharmacy building (1928) at 299 Arlington Avenue, and the Charles Roberts studio-style commercial building (1930), a City of Berkeley Landmark standing, at 2134 Allston Way.

By the early 1930s, Snyder was producing handsome English-style buildings, including the Alpha Delta Pi sorority (1931) at 2400 Piedmont Avenue. The Moskowitz-Hamilton house (1932) on Santa Barbara Road is one of his most picturesque in this vein, employing expanses of ornamental brickwork, repeating diamond patterns in wood, glass, and brick, and an interplay of roof gables and contrasting surface materials.

But even as the exteriors of his houses exhibited fanciful ornamentation reminiscent of bygone eras, Snyder introduced clean-lined modern elements into their interiors. His frameless doors, beautifully located steel windows, and flowing spaces make clear that these are 20th-century houses made for contemporary living.

Edwin Lewis Snyder was born in Stockton on July 2, 1887. He studied at the University of California, where he took part in theatrical productions, was a member of the English Club, served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Technology*, and organized an architectural exhibition. In 1910, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in architecture, along with classmates Walter T. Steiberg, William G. Corlett, and William C. Ambrose. He spent another year and a half learning the trade at the Atelier Chiffrot in the architectural department of the *École des Beaux-Arts* in Paris.

Following his return to the United States, Snyder worked for a year in the New York office of Albro & Lindeberg, followed by eight years with San Francisco architects Weeks & Day, designers of the Huntington and Mark Hopkins hotels on Nob Hill and various movie palaces, including the Fox in Oakland and the Lowe's State Theater and Office Building in Los Angeles.

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## HIS BERKELEY WORK

This list of the work in Berkeley of architect Edwin Lewis Snyder was created using information from City of Berkeley building permit applications. Sometimes the architect's name was not recorded on these applications, so there may be Snyder buildings that have been missed. The name on the third line of each entry is the builder. Notice that the early buildings were designed when Snyder worked for the Mason-McDuffie real estate company. Also note that, in at least one case, Snyder is also shown as the builder. Equally puzzling is the fact that Frederick Confer, an architect, is shown as builder for several houses.

# EDWIN LEWIS SNYDER

## HIS BERKELEY WORK

1923.  
**1028 Keeler Avenue**  
Clark Wing House  
H.H. Gastman  
*[provenance unconfirmed]*

1953.  
**527 Santa Rosa Avenue**  
E.A. Patterson House  
day labor  
*[provenance unconfirmed]*

**557 Vincente Avenue**  
L.D. Browning House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**25?? Buena Vista Way**  
F.S. Brackett House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**981 Keeler Avenue**  
R.L. Beals House  
L.H. Williams

**752 San Diego Road**  
James S. Moore, Jr., House  
Benjamin Pearson

**621 San Antonio Avenue**  
Beverly G. Brown House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**963 Oxford Street**  
F.C. Nelson House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**2457 Marin Avenue**  
R.H. Weisbrod House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**263 Hillcrest Road**  
H.W. Beung House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**2507 Cedar Street**  
Emily Wilkie House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**1619 Le Roy Avenue**  
H.R. Muller House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

1926.  
**1108 Amador Avenue**  
Josephine Gray House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**1723 Berkeley Way**  
Augusta Stevens House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**2917 Avalon Avenue**  
Mrs. George P. Baxter  
House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**763 San Diego Road**  
Margaret Merritt House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**565 Santa Clara**  
C.E. Waugh House  
Anderson & Anderson

**1509 Euclid Avenue**  
Charles J. Perry House  
Rowland & Rowland

**1371 Hearst Avenue**  
Mrs. Thomas Telfas House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**165 Hillcrest Road**  
V.R. Sander House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**5 Roble Court**  
H.H. Hitchcock House  
Mason-McDuffie Co.

**1517 Euclid Avenue**  
Mary C. Fife House  
Pearson, Benjamin

**1475 Le Roy Avenue**  
Lewis A. Hicks House  
Lewis A. Hicks

**627 Vincente Avenue**  
King C. Stevens House  
King C. Stevens

1927.  
**1192 Laurel Street**  
Merll S. Thomas House  
C.C. Mathews

**463 Arlington Avenue**  
Ewing House  
John W. Monroe

**1550 Hawthorne Terrace**  
J.S. Collbran House  
Beckett & Wright

**89 San Mateo Road**  
Everett C. Brown House  
Bird M. Brown

**1952 Los Angeles Avenue**  
A.C. Rogers House  
G.A. Pearson

**812 Mendocino Avenue**  
H.C. Reid House  
D.B. Gladstone

**1663 Euclid Avenue**  
Jane Edwards House  
Bird M. Brown

**1925 San Antonio Avenue**  
A.M. Keeler House  
Bird M. Brown

**921 Cragmont Avenue**  
M. Bashford Smith House  
John W. Monroe

**2120 Shattuck Avenue**  
Shops for Blanche Morse  
(Roy O. Long Building)  
W.E. Lyons

**660 Spruce Street**  
Helen Carrier House  
Beckett & Wright

**801 Regal Road**  
F.C. Piatt House  
John W. Monroe

**682 Santa Barbara Road**  
Bird M. Brown House  
Bird M. Brown

**751 San Diego Road**  
Beckett & Wight House  
Beckett & Wight

1928.  
**160 Tamalpais Road**  
Edwin Lewis Snyder  
House  
Beckett & Wight

**1653 Scenic Avenue**  
Mabel M. Bramlage  
House  
Evan D. Bramlage

**602 San Luis Road**  
J.A. Ryan House  
Bird M. Brown

**96 Northampton Avenue**  
S.P. Thomas House  
Bird M. Brown

**123 Tamalpais Road**  
Reine Cortes House  
Benjamin Pearson

**541 Arlington Avenue**  
M.H. Radke House  
Beckett & Wight

**98 Northampton Avenue**  
Widney House  
Bird M. Brown

**173 Hillcrest Road**  
R.C. Stoner House  
W.E. Lyons

**666 Santa Barbara Road**  
Bird M. Brown House  
Bird M. Brown

**1475 Euclid Avenue**  
C.J. Perry House  
Beckett & Wight

**570 Santa Clara Avenue**  
J.G. Eliot House  
Beckett & Wight

**909 Hilldale Avenue**  
Sadie Rogers House  
Peter N. Rogers

**740 Keeler Avenue**  
T.R. Cowan House  
A.E. Waldeman

**1728 Marin Avenue**  
W.G. Goff House  
W.G. Goff

**2365 Virginia Street**  
Mabel M. Bramlage House  
Evan D. Bramlage

**2371 Virginia Street**  
Mabel M. Bramlage House  
Evan D. Bramlage

1929.  
**1140 Sharruck Avenue**  
Clanara F. Mel House  
Bird M. Brown

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## HIS BERKELEY WORK CONTINUED

**785 San Luis Road**

J.H. Osmer House  
W.E. Lyons

**721 Arlington Avenue**

Beckett & Wight House  
Beckett & Wight

**715 Arlington Avenue**

Beckett & Wight House  
Beckett & Wight

**1509 Le Roy Avenue**

H.F. Shaw House  
William H. Hooper

**1702 Arch Street**

Herbert I. Priestley House  
G.A. Pearson

**71 Poplar**

W.G. Goff House  
W.G. Goff

**575 The Alameda**

Herbert Horton House  
Beckett & Wight

**980 Euclid Avenue**

Georgia B. Babcock House  
Edward F. Henderson

**1854 Alcatraz Avenue**

Shop building for Ella &  
George Rix  
W.E. Lyons

**1850 Alcatraz Avenue**

Shop building for Ella &  
George Rix  
W.E. Lyons

**2946 Grove Street**

Shop building for Long &  
Bailey  
W.E. Lyons

**1458 Scenic Avenue**

John A. Grennan House  
George P.M. Jensen

**2436 Sacramento Street**

Grocery store building for  
Raymond Pollock  
W.E. Lyons

1930.

**1240 Gilman Street**

A.H. Gage  
W.E. Lyons

**891 Regal Road**

Fredrick McCoy House  
H.K. Schulz

**175 Southampton Avenue**

C.S. Crittenden House  
H.K. Schulz

**159 Southampton Avenue**

C.S. Crittenden House  
H.K. Schulz

**1550 La Vereda Road**

William I. Donald House  
Walter Sorensen

**1604 Fourth Street**

Office for Pacific Paint &  
Varnish  
Beckett & Wight

**1417 Grove Street**

A.H. Gage House  
W.E. Lyons

**986 Euclid Avenue**

A.C. Richards House  
H.K. Schulz

**964 Regal Road**

Edwin Lewis Snyder  
House  
Edwin Lewis Snyder

**1994 University Avenue**

Clubhouse for Campanile  
Golf Course  
W.E. Lyons

**971 Euclid Avenue**

F.L. Foster House  
Beckett & Wight

**2136 Allston Way**

Studio for Alice H. Roberts  
Beckett & Wight

**58 El Camino Real**

S.M. Shapero House  
S.M. Shapero

1931.

**2400 Piedmont Avenue**

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority  
House  
H.C. Pfrang

**696 San Luis Road**

Clyde T. Wetmore House  
Herbert K. Schulz

**1770 Arch Street**

R.R. Thompson House  
George Windsor

**1780 Arch Street**

Henry J. Haaf House  
George Windsor

**328 Panoramic Way**

E.A. Cranston House  
George Windsor

**690 San Luis Road**

M.H. Groves House  
Herbert K. Schulz

**415 Michigan Avenue**

W.A. Higgins House  
S.M. Shapero

**1152 Grizzly Peak Blvd.**

Frank Jones House  
S.M. Shapero, builder

**2515 Buena Vista Way**

George Windsor House  
George Windsor

1932.

**656 Santa Barbara Road**

Moskowitz-Hamilton Road  
Beckett & Wight

**584 Euclid Avenue**

Eila Smith House  
Joseph M. Walker

**612 Euclid Avenue**

John T. Whitmire House  
Joseph M. Walker

**2797 Shasta Road**

John F. Lamiman House  
Frederick W. Confer

**60 Acacia Avenue**

John H. Conroy House  
Joseph M. Walker

**976 Keeler Avenue**

M.C. Wantz House  
Frederick W. Confer

**332 Panoramic Way**

E.A. Cranston House  
McKinney & Johnson

**835 Contra Costa**

E.W. Bonstin House  
E.W. Bonstin

**470 Cragmont Avenue**

Claxter Walker House  
Joseph M. Walker

**2655 Buena Vista Way**

H.E. Bolton House  
George Windsor

1933.

**480 Cragmont Avenue**

George Oulton House  
Frederick W. Confer

**140 Montrose Avenue**

Charlotte M. Peters House  
Joseph M. Walker

**484 Cragmont Avenue**

Confer & Walker House  
Frederick W. Confer

**1036 Miller Avenue**

James C. Thomas House  
George Windsor

**521 Cragmont Avenue**

George Dallas House  
N.A. Netherby

**494 Cragmont Avenue**

W.C. Cole House  
Joseph M. Walker

**932 Hilldale Avenue**

R.M. Sanford House  
Joseph M. Walker

**1149 Euclid Avenue**

R. Pollock House  
Frederick Peake

**1720 Arch Street**

A. Mainzer House  
Lawrence C. Sullivan

**2827 Shasta Road**

Gerald G. Pearce House  
Gerald G. Pearce

**794 San Luis Road**

John Rutherford House

**171 Alvarado Road**

R.E. Wolfe House  
Ernest W. Urch