

The Unknown Craftsmen

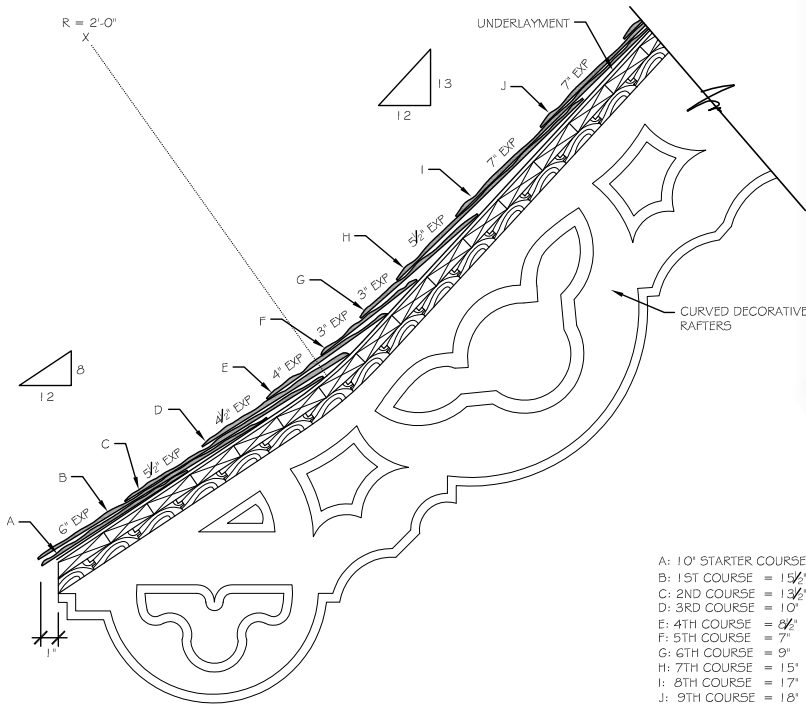
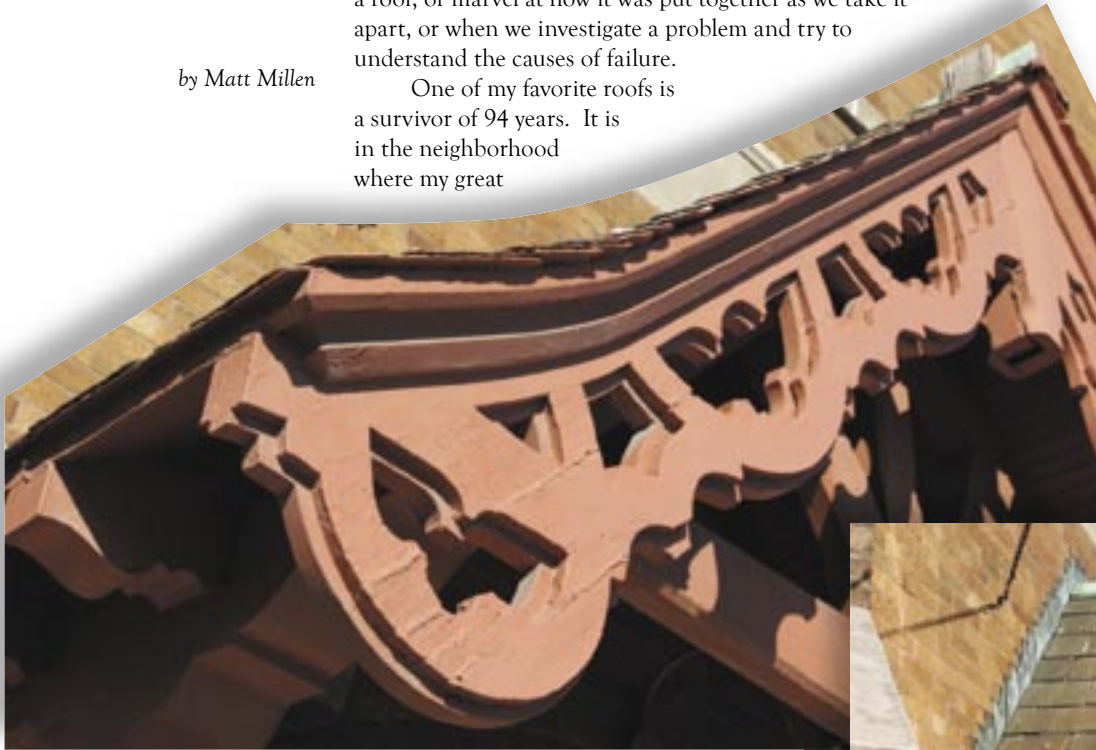
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Information and lessons about roofing are all around us. The living examples of roofs, the details and methods of assembly that work and those that do not work are important to how we learn. The empirical knowledge and the experience of generations and thousands of roofers as technicians, craftsmen and designers are embedded in these roofs.

They are more significant than our books and websites and are here to be read. We may not always be aware that we are learning when we admire a roof, or marvel at how it was put together as we take it apart, or when we investigate a problem and try to understand the causes of failure.

One of my favorite roofs is a survivor of 94 years. It is in the neighborhood where my great

grandfather shared his roofing experience with my grandfather. For this roof the craftsmen are unknown, but they still speak and share their cultural riches through their work. It's a roof my father told me to go look at when I asked about laying stone shingles on a swept eave.



Their Lesson

SWEPT EAVE DETAIL (CONCAVE CURVE - 24" RADIUS) $\frac{1}{2}'' = 1'-0''$

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