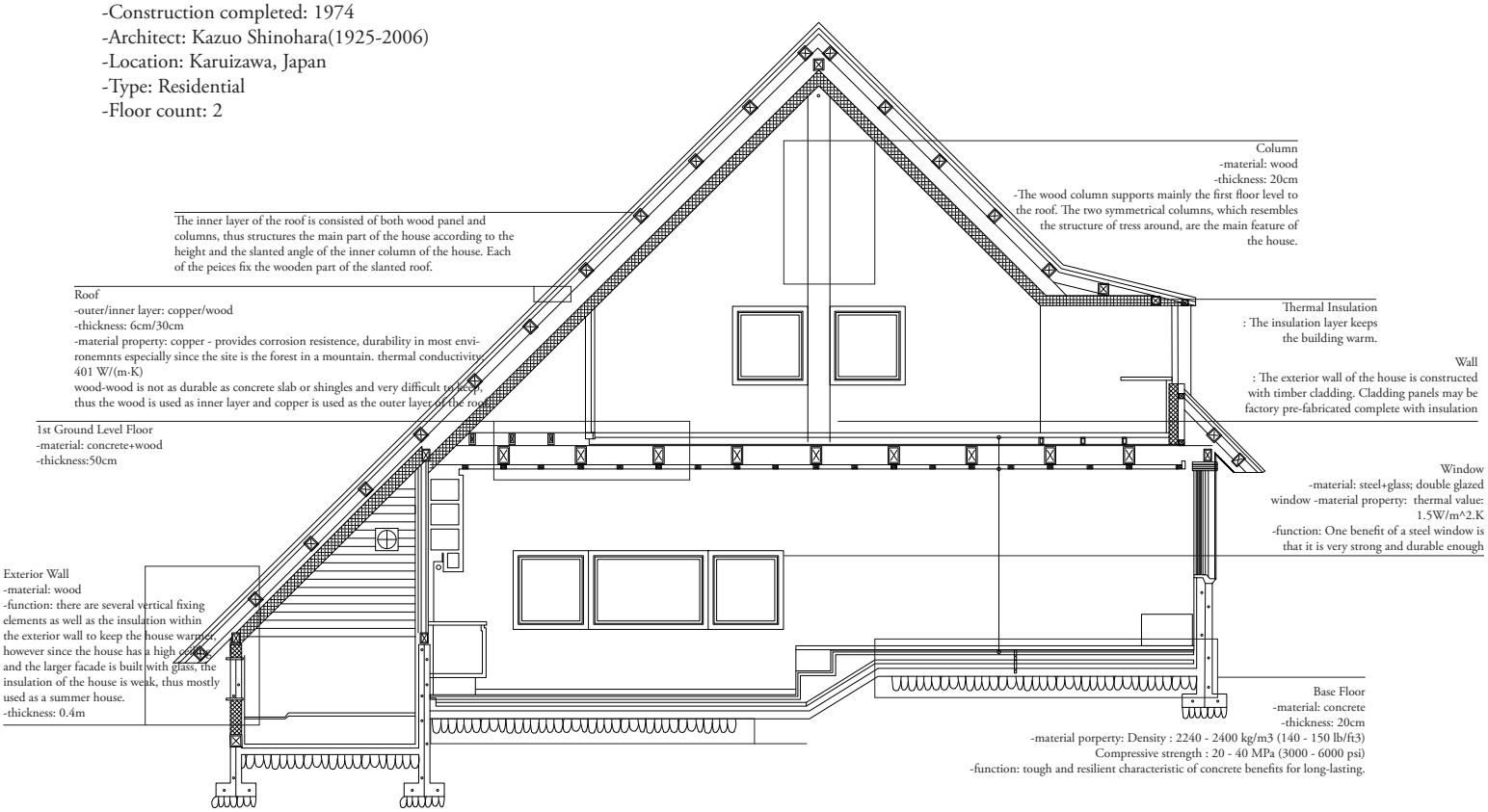
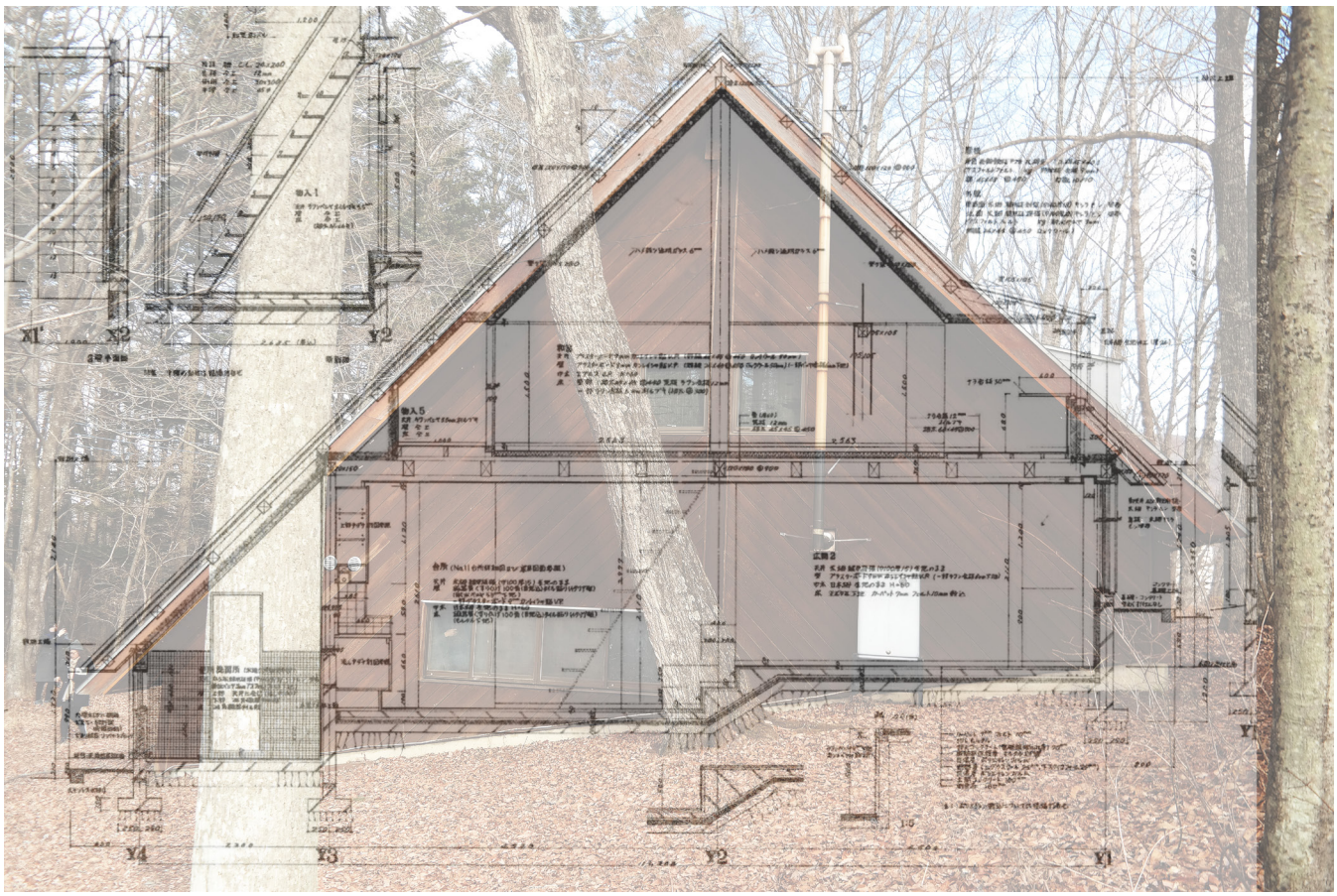
Tanikawa House

-Construction completed: 1974
-Architect: Kazuo Shinohara(1925-2006)
-Location: Karuizawa, Japan
-Type: Residential
-Floor count: 2



The primary design feature of the house is the 2 inner columns, which is about 5meters high. Each wooden columns are positioned symmetrically, and its structure is simplification of the structure of the tress around the house. Following the slanted branch structure of the column, the wooden roof configures the overall structure of the house.

Shinohara made sure not to give meaning to any particular structural or architectural form; as he states in in collection of highlighted works “pillars only the functions of pillars, walls those of walls, and mould that of mould. This further exemplifies the natural ground in the summer room, considering it’s the only surface not of 45 degree or 90 degree orientation to the rest of the structure and is the only material for the interior seemingly untouched by the inhabitnant.



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