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HOUSE AT BOTTOM OF CONNORS ROAD
... on one side a stream, on the other a dump A89/67

Cottage On Connors Road Loses 'Squatter's Rights'

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City Hall does have a heart. Seventeen years ago the owner of a house sitting on city owned land was told by the city engineer, A. W. Haddow, that her home could stay on the "squatters" land until her death. Other homes nearby were removed to make room for the relocation of Connors Road.

Recently she died, and the house will be demolished.

The picturesque little cottage, a familiar sight to Edmontonians, is located at 47 Connors Road. It is the little green house

with the red roof, nestling along the bank of the Mill Creek — right next to the garbage dump.

The cottage seemed to have an air of mystery about it, as it attracted the curious glances of passersby on their way up and down Connors Hill.

They may have been wondering about the odd location of the house, a burbling brook on one side and a mountainous heap of garbage and dirt on the other side.

The house was there before the garbage dump. It was built during the First World War and has had the same tenant for the last 40 years.

It is one of the few houses in the city that occupies squatters'

land, which means the original owner built the house on city owned land without official permission.

For use of the land which the house stood on, the city land department levied an annual rental of \$24.

An unusual feature of this rustic house located within hailing distance of the Macdonald Hotel, was that it had six rooms and a path — that's right, outdoor plumbing.

It wasn't serviced by gas or water. Wood and coal was used for cooking and heating, and water was obtained from a nearby well.

And so it is good-bye to another old Edmonton landmark.