



# BURNS RESIDENCE

11236 - 95A STREET NW

CITY OF EDMONTON  
HISTORIC RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



## DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The 1911-1912 two-storey Burns Residence is a brick Foursquare dwelling. It is located on a quiet residential street in Alberta Avenue, which was a working class neighbourhood in the early 1900s.

## HERITAGE VALUE

The Burns Residence is significant as an early example of a Foursquare dwelling with brick veneer, and for its association with an early owner/builder.

The Burns Residence is valued as an early example of the large number of two-storey brick Foursquare dwellings built in the early days of Alberta Avenue. Design elements include an open verandah that runs the front width of the house with wooden fascia and pillars. The main structure has a pyramidal roof, with projecting eaves over the verandah. There is a front-facing dormer with a hipped roof. The offset front window is vertical and rectangular, set in a shallow bay, and is flanked by a vertical rectangular window angled toward the front door. An oval stained-glass window is located at the southeast corner of the verandah, enclosed by a decorative brick surround. Two windows are located at either side of the second floor façade, as well as a window in the front dormer.

The Burns Residence was constructed following an application for a building permit to build a “shack” at the site on August 31, 1910. However, the 1913 fire insurance map indicates a brick house appropriate to the existing footprint at this location. While the first occupant at this address in 1911 was John Cheatam, a driver for Norwood Bakery, William Webster, a bricklayer, lived here from 1912 to 1914.

Webster may have built the brick house, although no building permit confirms this. James N. Burns, a real estate agent, lived here from 1917 until 1927.

## CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The character defining elements of the 1911-1912 two-storey Burns Residence include:

- + form, scale and massing;
- + brick veneer;
- + pyramidal roof with front-facing dormer with a hipped roof;
- + the front-facing verandah has supporting beams and three pillars;
- + oval stained-glass window located at the southeast corner of the verandah, enclosed by a decorative brick surround;
- + offset front window, in a 2 over 2 over 2 format, set in a shallow bay; and
- + original windows and frames in façade.

*Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 12265 in May 2000.*

