



HUMPHREYS RESIDENCE

CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



11142 - 62 STREET NW

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Humphreys Residence is a two and half storey four-square residence with a hipped roof and hip roof dormer. The site is located on a residential street in Edmonton’s Highlands residential neighbourhood.

HERITAGE VALUE

Built by McGrath-Holgate & Co. in 1912, the Humphreys Residence is distinctly representative of the four-square style, identified by its flared hip-roof with large projecting eaves, large hip-roof dormer with double windows, wraparound veranda and wood detailing.

The Humphreys residence is significant for its association with the early development of the Highlands subdivision originally known as McDougall Heights. The subdivision was part of a development by the company McGrath-Holgate & Co., who sought to attract well-to-do and middle class residents to the area. They encouraged the City to provide streetcar service, electricity, paved streets, and running water to the subdivision in 1911. Initially, the approach was to sell large lots to prospective owner builders, but it received slow uptake leaving the area underdeveloped. McGrath-Holgate built a number of houses to simulate interest in the new development, one of which was the Humphreys Residence. Mr. Leonard Humphreys, who was a teacher that lived in the house from 1916 to 1936, is representative the type of resident McGrath-Holgate sought to attract to their development.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The character defining elements as expressed in the form, massing, and materials of the Humphreys Residence are:

- + The elements if the four-square design, the square plan, the flared hip-roof, eave brackets, and open wraparound veranda;
- + Wood siding on the first floor and wood shingles on the second floor;
- + Large projecting eaves with extended eave bracket and dentils;
- + Large hip-roof dormer with double windows, dentils, and brackets;
- + Hip-roof open porch with tapered columns and open balustrade;
- + Front door with oval lite, and;
- + The pattern, style, and construction of all wood windows including the triple windows on the first storey front façade and the paired double windows on the second floor with diamond paned sashes.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 16513 in July 2013.



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