



LESTER ALLYN HOUSE

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Edmonton

9932 - 112 STREET NW

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Lester Allyn House is a two and a half storey brick house designed in the Edwardian style with a two storey bay window and unenclosed porch on the front façade. The Lester Allyn House is located at 9932 - 112 Street NW in what is now known as the Wîhkwêntôwin neighbourhood.

HERITAGE VALUE

Constructed from 1907 to 1908, the Lester Allyn House is valued for its association with the development of the Wîhkwêntôwin neighbourhood. The Lester Allyn House is also significant as it is a relatively rare Edwardian brick building in the Edmonton context and is the only one remaining of its original grouping on this street.

Lester Allyn was the first resident of the home, and is recorded as having resided in this house until 1911. The Lester Allyn House was constructed as a group of three similar homes built by Lester Allyn, who was a building contractor. The three houses were built on two lots, thus this house sits on a narrower lot. The Lester Allyn House is the only building remaining he constructed and is valued as an example of working-class residential development in Wîhkwêntôwin. One of Edmonton's earliest communities, Wîhkwêntôwin had a diverse population, and was home to people of a range of socio-economic backgrounds. The Lester Allyn House is representative of the more modest housing developments for working-class residents in Wîhkwêntôwin.

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The front facade features a two storey bay window with timber sash windows on each elevation and a two storey unenclosed porch. The gable is clad with timber shingles in a traditional pattern that also includes a fish scale detail, and a centre Palladian window configuration. The front-facing gable features a monumental pediment with deep projecting eaves and a simple frieze below. The rear elevation is gabled ended like the front, but with a door and small window that were put in when the attic space was converted into a unit.

There is a large shed roof dormer on the south elevation, and a small hipped roof gable on the north elevation. The original fenestration pattern on the house remains and window openings have a variety of concrete lintels and sills and brick voussoirs. The concrete parging has a decorative stone pattern on all four elevations.





The houses on this street form one of the few remaining contiguous streetscapes of older homes in Wîhkwêntôwin, along with the adjoining heritage homes from the same era on 99 Avenue. John L. Lang Apartments and the Dame Eliza Chenier Residences, both designated Municipal Historic Resources, are located to the south of the Lester Allyn House on the same blockface. These multifamily and less opulent residences have become relatively rare in the Wîhkwêntôwin context and help retain a tie to the original middle-class and working-class roots of the area.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

Key character defining elements of the Lester Allyn House:

East Facade

- + The cir.1907 east brick façade;
- + Two storey bay window with timber sash windows on each elevation;
- + Two storey porch;
- + Timber panelled doors with glazing;
- + Timber shingles in gable, with fish scale shingles banded across, frieze board and Palladian sash windows with timber casing and crowns;
- + Small shingled roof projection over 2nd floor with boxed in eave and simple frieze below;
- + ‘Stone’ lintels and sills; and
- + Parged basement with a stone pattern imprint.

South Facade

- + The cir.1907 south brick façade;
- + Brick chimney;
- + Parged basement with a stone pattern imprint;
- + Boxed in eave and simple frieze; and
- + Timber sash window openings with ‘stone’ sills and voussoir lintels.

North Facade

- + The cir. 1907 north brick façade;
- + Brick chimney;
- + Parged basement with a stone pattern imprint;
- + Boxed in eave and simple frieze;
- + Timber sash window openings with ‘stone’ sills and voussoir lintels; and
- + Two piano windows with decorative glass.

West Facade

- + The cir. 1907 west brick façade;
- + Timber shingles in gable, with fish scale shingles banded, frieze board and small shingled roof projection over 2nd floor with boxed in eave and simple frieze below;
- + Parged basement with a stone pattern imprint; and
- + Timber sash window openings with ‘stone’ sills and voussoir lintels.

Interior

- + Timber trim and moulding and staircase.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 14665 in November 2007.



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