



MOUNTIFIELD RESIDENCE

9850 - 112th Street NW

CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Mountifield House is a two-storey, second empire style building built in 1905. The house is located on the southwest corner of 99 Avenue and 112 Street in what is now known as the Wihkwêntôwin neighbourhood.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Mountifield house is significant because of its architecture. The house is built in the Second Empire style, one of a handful left in Edmonton. It has a straight mansard roof with a rounded window on the second storey, flanked by wood windows on either side. Decorative cedar shingles cover the second storey while brick cladding was used on the first storey. The north façade features a bay window. Lastly, a notable feature is the open front verandah at the entrance, with four spindle stone columns, a stone base and simple capitals. Two sets of triple single-hung windows with a diamond pattern are on either side of the front entrance.

The Mountifield House is also significant for its architect, James E. Wize. Wize was a notable Edmonton architect responsible for buildings such as the Corona Hotel, the Alberta Hotel, the McLean Block and Queen Alexandra School. In 1908, he was president of the Council for the Alberta Association of Architects.

The first owner was Henry Mountifield, who was born in England in 1867, and lived in Japan, Alaska and the Yukon before arriving in Edmonton in 1902. Shortly after, he was appointed city auditor and was involved in the real estate business. He had two children, Eleanor and Jim, who went on to become talented sports stars, Eleanor in basketball and Jim in golf.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The Second Empire architecture of the 1905 Mountifield House is expressed in character-defining elements, including:

- + two-storey structure with mansard roof;
- + brick materials and details such as the rounded arch over the main entrance and windows and the projecting brick sills;
- + cast stone foundation walls exposed at ground level;
- + style and pattern of all wood windows;
- + windows with projecting brick sills;
- + open front verandah with cast stone bases, topped with round columns and simple capitals;
- + second storey gable with decorative wood shingles and semi-circular arched window;
- + bay window on the north façade; and
- + two sets of the triple double hung windows on the front façade with diamond patterns.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 17003 in March 2015.

