



REHWINKEL PARSONAGE

9608 - 110 AVENUE NW

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DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Rehwinkel Parsonage is a modest, one and one-half storey wood-framed Edwardian-era residence which has a front gabled roof, lapped wood siding, decorative shingles in the gable end and a full-width open front verandah. It is located in Edmonton's McCauley neighbourhood on three city lots adjacent to St. Peter's Evangelical Church.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Rehwinkel Parsonage is significant for its association with Reverend Alfred Martin Rehwinkel and Dr. Bessie (Efner) Rehwinkel, and their involvement with Alberta's Lutheran and Germanic communities. Bessie Rehwinkel was one of the earliest women to graduate from medical school in North America and practiced in Wyoming before moving to Edmonton with her husband. Reverend Rehwinkel served as President of the Alberta-British Columbia Conference of the Missouri Synod, helping to create a college in Edmonton to recruit Canadian clergy in 1912, now called Concordia University College of Alberta. He was also involved in local cultural activities including serving on the board of the Edmonton Public Library, as Director of the Edmonton Museum of Art and History, and as a founding member and President of the Edmonton Zoological Society. After WWI, Reverend Rehwinkel was a spokesperson for the German Canadian National Association, which was created to counteract

anti-German prejudice. During their occupancy of the house from 1914 to 1921, the Rehwinkels served the Lutheran and Germanic communities by using the house as an unofficial unemployment office, a place to receive information about Canadian laws and customs, and a marriage bureau for young bachelors. In addition to serving their community, they hosted many German university professors, representatives of European governments, and Lutheran officials in the residence. Three streets in Edmonton were also named in honour of Reverend Rehwinkel's service to the city.

The Rehwinkel Parsonage is also significant as an example of pre-WWI vernacular architecture. The Rehwinkel Parsonage was built in 1913 by St. Peter's Lutheran Church as the first of a three-building ensemble, including the St. Peter's Evangelical Church which was built adjacent to the residence in 1928.





CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The heritage character of the Rehwinkel Parsonage is expressed through character defining elements such as its:

- + location adjacent to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church;
- + residential form, scale, and massing as expressed by its one and one-half storey height and rectangular floor plan;
- + front gabled roof with hipped returns, including a gabled wall dormer on the west elevation and hipped roof over the front porch, which originally also wrapped around to the east elevation;
- + parged concrete foundation and wood-frame balloon construction clad with lapped wood siding and corner boards;
- + full-width open front verandah with slightly tapered columns;
- + bay window on the west elevation with recessed vertical paneling;
- + decorative half-cove shingles above the bay windows, in the front gable end, and side dormer gable end;
- + crown moulding above windows and front door and belt course between the wood siding and the foundation; and
- + regular fenestration pattern with triple assembly double-hung windows with decorative mullions in the upper sash on the front façade and single and double assembly double-hung windows.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 13679 in June 2004.

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