



YORATH RESIDENCE

13110 - BUENA VISTA ROAD NW

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HISTORIC RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Yorath House is a two-storey single-family residence in the River Valley Capitol Hill neighbourhood in southwest Edmonton. The house occupies a 12-acre lot in Buena Vista/Sir Wilfred Laurier Park in the North Saskatchewan River Valley.

HERITAGE VALUE

Constructed in 1949, the Yorath House is significant for its association with urban development in Edmonton during the Post-World War Two period and changes of land use in the river valley.

The Yorath House is valued for its Early Modern architectural style. The building is significant as a visible reminder of the work of Edmonton architecture firm Rule Wynn and Rule, which would grow into one of western Canada's most influential firms.

The Yorath House is also valued for its association with prominent Alberta Businessman Dennis K. Yorath, whose family occupied the home from 1949 until 1992.

The building serves as a symbol to the changing use of the river valley from mining homesteads, to residential subdivisions and eventually to public park space. It is one of the few remaining houses outside of mature neighbourhoods that is still located on the river flats.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The Early Modern architecture of the Yorath House is expressed in character defining elements such as:

- + form scale and massing;
- + low hipped roof with wide projecting eaves;
- + exterior cut fieldstone feature wall;
- + cut field stone chimney;
- + original window openings;
- + timber casement windows with timber trim;
- + wide timber front door with sidelights;
- + wide horizontal cedar clapboard;
- + interior timber stairway with "woven" baluster; and
- + interior wood panel feature walls.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 17417 in December 2015.



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