



BARD RESIDENCE 10544 - 84 AVENUE

Description of Historic Place

The Bard Residence is a large two and one half-storey brick clad Four-square house with attached conservatory and separate carriage house. It is located on two and one-half city lots, opposite the historic Old Scona High School (1908), in the Strathcona residential neighbourhood of Edmonton.

Heritage Value

Built in 1912 for Delmar Bard, a civil servant turned businessman who prospered through property investment during Edmonton's pre-WWI real estate boom, the Bard Residence and Carriage house is significant as a symbol of economic and social success. Delmar Bard typified the rising businessmen of the day, who often arrived as immigrants of humble means, in his desire to express his newly elevated status through a prestigious residence. The Bard family lived a gracious life-style in this house, which included a conspicuous conservatory added soon after construction, and a separate carriage house that later housed an automobile.

Architecture: Built by the Keith Brothers, well-known local builders, the house is a significant example of an upscale Four-square style design. The attached conservatory lends solidity to the house and features semicircular arched fanlight side entrance with sidelights. The gable-roofed carriage house is a rare



example of a surviving building type found in urban centres in the early years of the 20th century.

Character Defining Elements

- elements of the Four-square style such as the solid massing and formal symmetry of the front façade, pyramidal roof, bracketed bellcast eaves, hip dormers, full-length open veranda with tapered posts and decorative boxed cornice and decorative frieze, hip roof and balcony;
- patterns of fenestration including a bay window on the west façade;
- materials including brick cladding, brick chimney, cast stone sills and lintels and belt coursing, cedar roof shingles;
- decorative details such as dentils and decorations on the frieze board and eave brackets;
- the flat roofed brick clad conservatory, with stone belt coursing, feature window, and similar window with semi-circular multi-panel fanlight transom and sidelights enclosing entrance on the south façade.



In addition, the form and massing of the carriage house including its gable roof with front centre gable, cupola, brick cladding on ground floor with cedar shingles continued to roof line.

