



SARAH McLELLAN RESIDENCE

11135 - 84 AVENUE

Description of Historic Place

The Sarah McLellan Residence is a two and a half-storey large Four-square house with an open veranda. It is located in the Garneau subdivision in close proximity to the University of Alberta in the City of Edmonton.

Heritage Value

The house is historically significant for the role it played in the evolution of the character of housing in the Garneau subdivision. Built in 1913, the design and scale of the house, illustrates the economic and social expectations of those who speculated in property in Garneau after the new University of Alberta was established in 1907. The Sarah McLellan Residence is a representative example of a vernacular prairie Four-square house. Its balloon frame construction and craftsmanship, which has retained a high degree of integrity, exhibits many features of Edwardian era residential style.

The house has a significant association with WWI. Its owner, Sarah McLellan, opened the house as a nurses' residence (1916 –1919), for the Strathcona Military Hospital, which later became the University of Alberta Hospital. Since the 1920s, the varied occupational use of the Sarah McLellan Residence, as a private residence, student accommodation, student fraternity, and a bed and breakfast, illustrates the traditional special relationship of Garneau housing to the University.



Character Defining Elements

Form and massing of the house exemplified by:

- its square shape, hipped roof and broad overhanging eaves;
- symmetrical front façade with an off set entrance;
- bay windows projecting through the first and second floors on the east elevation;
- patterns of fenestration on all facades and dormers;
- detailing of full-façade open veranda on north elevation;
- cedar shingle cladding on roof and dormer gables;
- second storey balconies and closed-in rear porch;
- cladding on exterior façades including wooden beveled siding, belt course and coursed cedar shingles;
- decorative wood trim including frieze board and diamond-shaped motif on front façade;
- brick chimney;
- area of garden on the north and east side of the house.

