



BRICK HOUSE

20450 -34 STREET NW

CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Brick House is a two-storey masonry building situated within a rural quarter section in northeast Edmonton.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Brick House is valued for its association with historic rural and agricultural homesteads. Homesteads were the foundation for many small communities surrounding Edmonton in the early part of the twentieth century. Valued as a representative of that type, the Brick House is set amid a portion of its original farmland, with associated outbuildings and agricultural structures, in a community dominated by farming functions.

Additionally valued for its architecture, the Brick House, constructed in 1920, is a good example of a vernacular adaptation of the Four-square style, which was popular during the Edwardian era. Derived from the American Colonial and Classical Revival architecture, it was typified by the use of symmetry and classical detailing. The style gained prevalence in rural communities because of its ready availability through pattern books, mail order house designs, and precut house packages. This house is wood framed but clad in brick, a distinctive characteristic for rural houses at this time.

This house is additionally significant for its rarity. As the only protected farmhouse in Edmonton that retains its agricultural setting, the house is valued as a unique indicator of historic lifestyles of farmers and rural living, now located within the boundaries of the city.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The Brick Building's Four-square style and agricultural context are exemplified by its:

- + form, scale and massing;
- + low hipped-roof and dormer;
- + red brick façades;
- + full open verandah on the east elevation with large square brick columns;
- + projecting eaves;
- + three and four-over-one windows with vertical muntins, including tripartite windows on the south and east elevations;
- + flat brick lintels and projecting window sills;
- + tall projecting chimneys at the south and west elevations; and
- + landscape features including hedges, trees, and garden.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 12132 in November 1999.



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