



RICHARD WALLACE RESIDENCE

CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Edmonton

10950 - 81 STREET NW

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Richard Wallace Residence, a rectangular one and a half storey house with a gable roof and open front porch, was constructed in the Craftsman style in 1923. It is located on a quiet, tree-lined street in the mature neighbourhood of Cromdale in the City of Edmonton.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Richard Wallace Residence is architecturally significant as a representative example of a modest house in the Craftsman style, popular in Edmonton in the 1920s, which retains full integrity of historic design and fabric.

The Richard Wallace Residence is named for its long historical association with the second owner of the house, Richard Wallace. Wallace, who was registrar, sheriff, and clerk of Alberta's Supreme Court, resided here from 1925 to 1943. The house has been maintained as a single-family dwelling and adds to the historic character of the streetscape.



CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The original Craftsman style architectural elements of the Richard Wallace Residence include:

- + the gabled east and west elevations with projecting and decorative brackets;
- + the asymmetrical gabled extension with hip-roofed bay window and recessed porch on the west façade;
- + exposed rafters on the north and south façades;
- + all wood trim including corner boards and on doors and windows;
- + wood cladding, clapboard siding on the main floor, and shingles on the upper floor;
- + frieze and belt courses separating the main floor from the foundation and the ground floor from the upper floor;
- + shingled skirting that wraps around the house;
- + detailing of the open front verandah, including tapered columns, gable roof, overhanging eaves, exposed braces, and brackets; and
- + brick chimney.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 13414 in August 2003.

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