

Heritage planner's Statement of Significance

Description of Historic Place:

The John Wood Residence is a two-storey, hipped roof building with clapboard siding and full width open verandah. It is located on a residential street in the neighbourhood of Oliver.

Heritage Value:

The John Wood Residence is significant for its association with early residential development in Oliver, one of Edmonton's oldest neighbourhoods, and for its architecture, which is representative of the Foursquare style.

Constructed in 1914, the John Wood Residence is significant for its association with the early housing boom experienced in Oliver prior to World War One. Located just west of Edmonton's central business district, Oliver was the preferred neighbourhood for the city's emerging business and professional elite.

The John Wood Residence is significant as a remarkably well preserved example of Foursquare design, a preferred residential style in the early 1900's.

Character Defining Elements

The Foursquare design of the John Wood Residence is expressed in character defining elements such as:

- form scale and massing
- square plan
- full width open verandah with hipped roof and eight square columns
- hipped roof with flared eaves and two flared, hip roof dormers
- wood clapboard cladding
- decorative and detail elements such as the dentils on the eave of the porch, corner and trim boards and the window trim and mouldings
- style, pattern and construction all wood windows
- exterior brick chimney