

Heritage Planner's Statement of Significance on the A.K. Buckham Residence

Description of Historic Place:

The A.K. Buckham Residence is a one and one-half storey front gabled house with craftsman influences. The building is clad with wood siding on the first floor and second floor with wood shingles above the second floor windows in the peak of the gable. The site is located mid block on a residential street and occupies one city lot in Edmonton's Mill Creek residential area of Old Strathcona.

Heritage Value:

The heritage value of the A.K. Buckham Residence lies in its notable craftsman influenced architectural style and design. Built in 1914 the A.K. Buckham Residence is significant due to its association with the development of Strathcona after the City of Strathcona was amalgamated by Edmonton in 1912.

The A.K. Buckham Residence is an excellent example of a craftsman influenced front gabled house with a wrap around veranda. The veranda has square columns with tapered piers. The house with its bellcast roof has exposed rafters at the eaves. On the roof of the veranda there's a small deck which is accessible from a bedroom.

Alexander Kirkwood Buckham, a real estate agent who lived in the Strathcona Hotel before he occupied this house, is first listed at this address in 1915. At that time he was an employee of Edmonton City Police Department.

Character Defining Elements

The character defining elements as expressed in the form, massing, and materials of the 1914 one and one-half storey A.K. Buckham Residence, such as:

- The elements of the craftsman influenced front gable design such as, bellcast p-roof, exposed rafters at the eaves, and open wraparound veranda;
- Wood siding on the first and second floor and wood shingles located in the peak of the gable above the second floor windows;
- exposed rafters;
- Roof deck located above the veranda on the front elevation;
- Open wraparound veranda with squared columns and tapered piers and closed railing;
- Original front door and original second floor door and storm door, and;
- The pattern, style, and construction of all wood windows, such as the paired window on the first storey front façade and the single bedroom window, the upper

deck door and small window next to the door on the second floor.