

Howieson Residence

Address: 2688 Inlander Street

Date of Construction: 1912

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Courtesy of Trelle Morrow (2018)

Description

The Howieson house is located in the original South Fort George settlement on the south end of Inlander Street, overlooking the Fraser River. At the time of housing construction in that area, the sternwheeler vessels plying the Fraser would dock close to this location. The house is only one of three or four remaining that can be attributed to pre-WW1 construction in South Fort George.

Heritage Value

The heritage value of the Howieson house is that the home was built by the owner, William Howieson. Howieson was a cabinet maker and finish carpenter who exercised his talents on numerous commercial and residential projects in South Fort George, and later Prince George. Howieson's finishing work in his house is identical to that seen in other buildings of heritage value in Prince George. One example being the millwork details in the 1922 Knox United church. At the beginning of the 20th century there was considerable use of standard patterns of wood trim, now all of heritage value, which have existed through the mid-1900s. And with the use of special molds, into the present day.

Heritage Value of the Howieson House is further advanced where a later addition adheres to the original wood detailing. Which is particularly noticeable in the window millwork.

Some of the hardware of heritage value, such as door latch sets and window fastenings incorporated at the time of construction, still exist and retain their function.

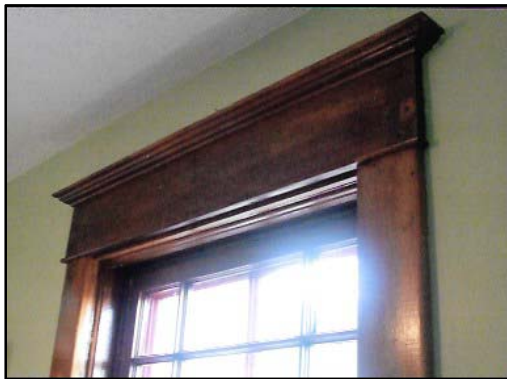
Character-Defining Elements

- Wood framing techniques appear to be standard wood balloon framing techniques of the period, and later times.
- Hop roof framing on the basic house plan, with a gable roof over the entrance porch.
- The house addition, possibly circa 1935, is on the east side and the framing techniques using an extended hip roof appear to be well integrated.
- Howieson used several standard millwork items for the interior finishing such as; wide baseboards, a neck mold between the vertical casing members and the horizontal header, and the door and window trim are finished with a standard millwork cap trim.

- Original hardware such as door latches, window finger pulls and catches still exist on the interior millwork.
- The check-rail style windows have single glass, wooden muntins, with the original storm sash still in place.

Images

Original Window Moldings



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Original Door Latch Sets



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Original Window



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Outside



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Outdoor Water Pump



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Original Door Molding



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Original Door Latch Sets



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Other Information

- Builder: William Howieson
- Legal description : Lot 3-4 Block 22 District Lot 933 Plan 727
- Level of Heritage Recognition: Heritage Register

Sources:

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