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Date of Construction: 1904
Building Permit: 1492/1904
Architect: White, W.
Contractor: White, W.

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

A plain, 2-storey frame single-family dwelling that rests on a stone foundation and has seen some alteration to its original design.

The front (south) façade features a full-width porch with both open and screened areas, the sloping roof supported by unfluted wooden columns with plain heads and capitals. A deck is located on the second storey of the porch, accessed by a door. The gable roof is plain and windows are square headed. Cost of construction was $2,500.¹ The structure is clad in wood shiplap siding.

The original City of Winnipeg Building Permit lists W. White as architect and contractor – nothing is known about him at this time.
HISTORICAL INTEREST:

This was the home, until the 1940s, of Robert Crawford (born 1870), his wife Janet (born 1869) and son John (born 1906). Crawford was the general passenger agent for the Northern Navigation Company, a Great Lakes passenger and freighting firm that had organized in 1899.

RECOMMENDATION TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

Under the Historical Buildings By-law, this building meets a number of important criteria:

- its historical importance- a good example of a turn-of-the-century single-family dwelling built in the growing community of West Kildonan, north of Winnipeg;
- its associations- its long-term connections to R. Crawford;
- its design- N/A;
- its architect- W. White is a named practitioner;
- its location- contributes to its historic streetscape; and
- its integrity- its main façades continue to display some of their original elements and design.
Front (south) façade, 1978

ENDNOTES:

1. City of Winnipeg Building Permit, #1492/1904.
2. Canada Census, 1911.