



57 CATHEDRAL AVENUE

ROBERT CRAWFORD HOUSE

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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.



Front (south) and east façades, 2009

HISTORICAL INTEREST:

This was the home, until the 1940s, of Robert Crawford (born 1870), his wife Janet (born 1869) and son John (born 1906).² Crawford was the general passenger agent for the Northern Navigation Company, a Great Lakes passenger and freighting firm that had organized in 1899.³

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.
- 3 The Scanner, Vol. 6, No. 7 (April 1974), published by the Toronto Marine Historical Society. The company continued operations until 1949.