



209 RUE DUMOULIN JOSEPH DUCHARME HOUSE

Date of Construction: ca.1895

Building Permit: N/A

Architect: Unknown

Contractor: Unknown

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

Drastically altered, this single-family home once featured modest ornamentation.

The building's front (south) façade is now clad in newer composite siding and its original windows and door have been replaced. Along the front is a newer deck with railing and an overhanging roof offers partial protection against the weather. The hip roof includes dormers on all four slopes. The rear (north) and two sides are stuccoed.

The building appears to be in good structural condition and was moved to this location ca.1920.



Front (south) façade, 1978

HISTORICAL INTEREST:

According to one report, this house was originally part of the St. Louis Hotel built in the 1890s on Taché Avenue. Ca.1920, half of the hotel was moved to a concrete foundation on Rue Dumoulin, covered in insulbrick siding and occupied by Joseph Ducharme, a fireman at the St. Boniface Fire Hall No. 1 across the street. Ducharme was born in Ste. Anne, Manitoba in 1893 and moved into St. Boniface in 1914.¹ Ducharme was a member of the St. Boniface Fire Department for 35 years. His family, wife Anna and six children, also lived in the house until the early 1930s. Also in the home during much of the 1920s was Narcisse (also a fireman at St. Boniface Fire Hall No. 1) and Marie Louise Ratte (also spelt Ratté and Raté) and family, and Thomas (express business owner) and Sophie Tardi. Mrs. Ducharme and Mrs. Ratte were daughters of the Tardi's.²



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RECOMMENDATION TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

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

- its historical importance- this homes history includes its original use as an early St. Boniface hotel and then its move and conversion into a single-family home;
- its associations- its connection to local fireman Joseph Ducharme and family;
- its design- N/A;
- its architect- N/A;
- its location- contributes to its historic streetscape; and
- its integrity- N/A.



Front (south) façade, 1978



Joseph Ducharme, no date. (Winnipeg Tribune, Feb. 4, 1955, p. 11)

ENDNOTES:

- 1 Winnipeg Tribune, February 4, 1955, p. 11.
- 2 Winnipeg Free Press, June 13, 1949, p. 29.