



464 STELLA AVENUE

J.S. WOODSWORTH HOUSE

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Date of Construction: 1905

Building Permit: 2517/1905

Architect: Stewart, Dr. (owner)

Contractor: Stewart, Dr. (owner)

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

This plain, 2½-storey single-family dwelling was home for a few short years to one of Western Canada's leading voices in the treatment and care of immigrants, J.S. Woodsworth (1874-1942) and his family.

The front (north) façade of this frame home features a west side enclosed entrance porch. The main building, which has now been stuccoed, includes unmatched windows on the ground floor and small, matched openings on the second floor. The unadorned front facing gable end also includes a small window. The west side features the entrance porch and numerous windows. The rear (south) elevation includes a one-storey lean-to.



Front (north) and west façades, 2009

The building stands on its original site. It appears to be suffering from neglect and age and the stuccoing has covered all of the original cladding and any ornamental features that might have been present.

The City of Winnipeg Building Permit lists Dr. Stewart, the owner, as the architect and contractor.

HISTORICAL INTEREST:

This house was originally built beside a small Methodist Mission church built on the corner of Powers Street and Stella Avenue and was used by the church's minister, originally Reverend Samuel East. In 1909, the Stella Avenue Institute All Peoples' Mission was built on the site of the mission church and Reverend James Shaver Woodsworth was put in charge living with his wife, three sons and daughter next door at 464 Stella Avenue. The renowned social reformer and later politician remained in the house only a short time and by 1914 the house was occupied by his replacement at the Mission, Reverend Edmund Chambers. From 1925-1935, Reverend J.M. Shaver lived in the home.¹



Rear (south) façade, 2009

RECOMMENDATION TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

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

- its historical importance- a modest house built in Winnipeg's North End to provide living space for Methodist Church ministers and personnel;
- its associations- its short-term connection to J.S. Woodworth and its long-term connections to the local Methodist Church's immigrant-based ministry in the North End through a mission church and then the All Peoples' Mission;
- its design- N/A;
- its architect- N/A;
- its location- contributes to its streetscape; and
- its integrity- N/A.



Front (north) façade, 1978

ENDNOTES:

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City of Winnipeg Assessment Rolls, Roll No. 14001874000, 1906-1935.