



**334 Dundas Street West (convenience address 336 Dundas Street West):
Hugh McCaw House**

Description:

The west part of the property at 334 Dundas Street West (identified for convenience purposes as 336 Dundas Street West) is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest. Located on the north side of Dundas Street West, east of Beverley Street, the 2½-storey house form building was completed by September 1879 when it was first recorded in the tax assessment rolls. At that time, Hugh McCaw, an employee with the civil service, was the owner and occupant. The property at #334 Dundas (known as #336 Dundas) was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1973.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:

The cultural heritage value of the property of the Hugh McCaw House is related to its design or physical value as a representative example of late 19th century residential housing in the Gothic Revival style that displays a high degree of craftsmanship. The style, popular for residential and ecclesiastical designs before 1900, is evident in the roof treatment, where the cross-gable at the south end contains decorative woodwork, and the placement of the hood moulds to mimic pointed arches.

The cultural heritage value of the Hugh McCaw House also relates to its contextual value as part of an intact group of late 19th century house form buildings that defines, maintains and supports the character of Dundas Street West in the Grange neighbourhood west of University Avenue.

Heritage Attributes:

The heritage attributes of the Hugh McCaw House related to its cultural heritage value as a representative example of Gothic Revival styling with a high degree of craftsmanship are found on the principal (south) façade and the south slope of the roof above this wall, consisting of:

- The 2½ storey plan above a raised base (the window opening in the base has been altered)
- The gable roof with a cross-gable on the south slope that contains decorative woodwork
- The application of buff brick cladding with buff brick, stone and wood detailing
- The organization of the principal (south) façade into two bays with a brick firebreak and bracket anchoring the east corner; the main entrance, which is elevated in the right (east) bay and placed in a segmental-arched opening (the original doors and transom have been replaced); the treatment of the left (west) bay as a frontispiece; at the base of the frontispiece, a single-storey square bay window with round-arched window openings and a roof with extended eaves and wood brackets; the segmental-arched window openings in the second floor; and, the detailing of the window openings, with stone sills with brick corbels, and brick hood moulds in the shape of pointed arches

The side elevations (east and west) are devoid of detailing and, with the rear (north) wall, are not included in the Reasons for Designation.