



Description

The property at 34 Warren Road is worthy of inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value or interest. The house form building is located on the west side of Warren Road, south of St. Clair Avenue West and opposite the entrance to Balmoral Avenue. Eden Smith designed the residence, which was completed following the issuance of a building permit in May 1907 and first occupied by Francis G. Jemmett, general manager of the Sovereign Bank of Canada. The complementary addition at the south end of the house is attributed to Eden Smith's son, Ralph Eden Smith and is dated circa 1931.

Cultural Heritage Value

The cultural heritage value of the Francis Jemmett House is related to its design or physical value as a representative example of Arts and Crafts styling, its historical association with architect Eden Smith, and its contextual importance in helping to define, maintain and support the character of the Poplar Plains neighbourhood south of St. Clair Avenue West. The varied silhouette created by the roof with its tall chimneys, the discretely placed entrance, and the openings with multiple windows and multi-paned sash are design elements employed by Eden Smith in his residential designs.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Francis Jemmett House related to its cultural heritage value as a representative example of Arts and Crafts styling are found on the principal (east) façade on Warren Road and the roof above. Rising 2½ stories, the hip roof with a prominent gable has tall brick chimneys on the east and west slopes and a gabled dormer on the north end. The east façade is divided into two sections, with the gable end of the roof facing the street at the north (right) end. At the base of the gable, a four-part window is set in a wood surround with a cornice, while the other openings are segmental-arched with a mixture of single, double, triple and four-part windows. The main entrance is placed directly south of the gable end, where a wood paneled door with ¾-length

sidelights is protected by a brick porch with a hipped roof. A diminutive segmental-arched window opening is placed on the left (south) side of the entry. At the south end of the wall, the first floor displays two bay windows with multi-paned sash, transoms and hoods. The second floor contains segmental-arched openings with multiple windows.

The north and south elevations (which have been altered) and rear (west) wall (which is not visible from the street) are not included in the Reasons for Listing.

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