

The property at 586 Markham Street is worthy of inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register for its cultural heritage value.

Description

Located on the northwest corner of Markham and Lennox Streets, the property contains a 2½-storey detached house form building. Archival records indicate that the house was completed by September 1907 when it was owned and occupied by Allan Moyer, a druggist on nearby Bloor Street West. It is the only residential property on Markham Street between Bloor Street West and Lennox Street that was not acquired by Edwin "Honest Ed" Mirvish for Mirvish Village.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The property at 586 Markham Street has cultural heritage value as a fine representative example of an early 20th century residential building designed with features of the Edwardian Classical style. The Allan Moyer House typifies the transitional design of the era, blending the sombre brickwork and classical detailing favoured in the new century with the variety of fenestration from the previous one.

Although the property at 586 Markham Street contains a residential building that was never part of the unique artistic and commercial enclave of Mirvish Village, with its position anchoring the south end of the collection of preserved detached, semi-detached and multi-unit house form buildings dating to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Allan Moyers House assists in supporting and maintaining this special area within the Palmerston neighbourhood.

Contextually, the property at 586 Markham Street is visually, historically and physically connected to its setting on the west side of Markham Street adjoining the south end of Mirvish Village where it complements the neighbouring house form buildings in scale, setback and vintage detailing while anchoring the northwest corner of Lennox Street.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the building known historically as the Allan Moyer House on the property at 586 Markham Street are:

- The setback, placement and orientation of the building on the northwest corner of Markham and Lennox Streets where the principal (east) elevation faces Markham Street and the south side wall is viewed on Lennox Street
- The scale, form and massing of the 2½-storey rectangular plan above the raised stone base
- The materials, with the brick cladding and the brick, stone and wood detailing

- The hip roof, with the extended eaves with the wood brackets, the pair of brick chimneys at the south end, and the shed roof dormers on the east and south slopes
- The principal (east) elevation, where the main entrance is elevated and placed in the first (ground) floor between the small flat-headed window and the oval window with voussoirs, and the oriel window in the second storey has wood detailing
- Protecting the east entry, the two-storey open porch with the classical detailing
- Marking the southeast corner, the 2½-storey multi-sided bay window that is covered by a conical roof and incorporates flat-headed window openings with stone lintels and sills
- On the south wall facing Lennox Street, the three-sided bay window with flat-headed windows on two sides flanking the chimney, and the oriel window that is surmounted by the flat-headed opening