

Hospital Hill – 2365 First Ave.



Rossland Heritage Home Inventory

1) Address: 2365 First Ave.

2) Property Description: Block 27, Lot A

3) Common or Historical Name: Original Baptist Church Manse

4) Date of Construction: 1898

1st Owner: The Baptist Church

5) Early History: This building was originally used as a manse for the Baptist Church in Rossland. It was then owned by two milliners in the 1920s who were old maids. In the 1930s it was owned by a lawyer named Cameron, who sold it to Chamberlain, the principal at the high school, in the 1940s. Jim Star bought the house in the 1960s and sectioned the upper floor into apartments.

6) Design, Style, Architecture, Architect:

The architectural style is High Victorian Domestic – East Lake.

7) Description of Home:

- 2 storeys and a basement
- Exterior walls are covered with wood clapboard siding
- Foundation is concrete
- Roof is shingles

8) Interior Layout and Features:

- Windows are predominantly originals
- Designs on door stoops and windows
- Original bannister
- Wood engravings on the upstairs windows called corner boxes
- Moulding designs on outside walls
- 2 stain glass windows
- Cupola (a dome on the outside)
- Bay window and French doors
- 11 ft. ceilings

9) Alterations/Restorations:

- Sundeck was added in 1982
- Sun porch added in the 1950s
- Dining room was originally the gentlemen's smoking room
- Original wood exterior walls were changed to stucco
- Original wood shakes roof was changed to vinyl

10) Other Information: 2365 First Ave. is one of the oldest houses in Rossland and was the very first to be built on the rise. Some believe that it is haunted by someone who was murdered there and there was also the rumor that some elderly people were locked upstairs.

11) Other Owners: Erskin, Cameron, Chamberlin, McEwan, Gentil Mateus, Sue Dyer, Melanie and Jason Shields-Strong, the current owners.



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