

Planer Hill – 1810 Fifth Ave.



Rossland Heritage Home Inventory

1) Address: 1810 Fifth Ave.

2) Property Description: Block ____, Lot(s) ____

3) Common or Historical Name: West Kootenay Power (W.K.P.) House, McDonald Home

4) Date of Construction: 1897 **1st Owner:** W.K.P. (Established in 1897);
First lived in by Lorne Campbell

5) Early History: The house was built by the W.K.P.L. Co., who owned it until it was sold to McKinnon in 1943. The home was built beside the brick substation where power from the 1st dam on the Kootenay River was generated and travelled to the substation to be changed to a voltage suitable for use in the mining operations and homes and businesses of Rossland.

Lorne Campbell, the 1st manager of W.K.P.L. Co., lived in the home until approximately 1907 and then the superintendent of W.K.P.L. Co., J. D. McDonald, and his family occupied the home for the next 36 years. Lorne Campbell had a new home built for his family around 1912, across from the hospital because his wife, apparently, did not like the first house.

6) Design, Style, Architecture, Architect:

The architectural style is High Victorian Domestic.

7) Description of Home:

- 2 storeys and a basement
- Area of main floor is 1500 ft²
- Total area is 3000 ft²
- Exterior walls are made of asbestos siding
- Foundation is rock and concrete
- Roof is made of wood shakes but was originally wood shingles

8) Interior Layout and Features:

- Original windows
- Original woodwork
- Original bathroom fixture
- Original oak floors
- Original ceilings
- Original veranda

9) Alterations/Restorations:

- Back porch was added in 1900
- Summer Kitchen at rear of home was converted into garage and workshop at some point
- Buzzer system added
- Roof changed from wood shingles to wood shakes

10) Other Information: Not available

11) Other Owners: In 1943 the house was sold to McKinnon who first rented it to H. McCreadie, then sold it to Westaway, and finally repossessed it again until it was sold to Terry Lee. Currently the house is owned by Leigh Adamson.



West side of house



1983 Photo