

Thompson Heights – 1465 Washington St.



## Rossland Heritage Home Inventory

**1) Address:** 1465 Washington St.

**2) Property Description:** Block 54 Lot 13-16

**3) Common or Historical Name:** Not available

**4) Date of Construction:** Circa 1900 **1<sup>st</sup> Owner:** Charles R. Hamilton (barrister)

**5) Early History:** The City of Rossland Tax Roll for 1898 says that Charles R. Hamilton owned lots 13 and 14 of Block 54, and that there was no building (“improvements”) on this site in 1897 as tax rolls report the previous year’s situation.

The Tax Roll for 1899 indicates no change from the 1898 entry but the 1900 Tax Roll shows that Hamilton now owned lots 13 to 16 with additional lots being purchased from the Montreal Syndicate, a Rossland real estate company that owned a lot of property in the original Rossland town site. The 1900 Tax Roll also indicates that a building was now of Hamilton’s property – valued at \$1000 for tax purposes, which was one half of its real value in 1899, and can be interpreted as a substantial structure for those days.

**6) Design, Style, Architecture, Architect:** Not available

**7) Description of Home:** Not available

**8) Interior Layout and Features:** See accompanying photo

**9) Alterations/Restorations:** Not available

**10) Other Information:** Charles Hamilton moved to Nelson by 1914 and practiced law with his firm, Hamilton and Wragge, and had a home in that city. He continued to own the Rossland property until at least 1919 but City records after that year were flood damaged in storage and cannot tell us exactly when he sold his property, or to whom.

Tax Rolls also tell us that Charles Hamilton owned another property close to his Rossland home – lots 1 to 4 and 21 to 24 of block 55. The 1900 Assessment Roll shows the taxes for these 8 lots being paid by the Rossland Lawn Tennis Company. The Rossland Insurance Maps of 1912 and 1924 show the Rossland Lawn Tennis Courts.

The third owner, Robert L. McAllister, worked for West Kootenay power and was a respected amateur astronomer and ham radio operator.

**11) Other Owners:** Louis Crowe (1936?-1949), Robert McAllister (1949-1953), Albert Chatten (1953-1971), and Iain Martin (1971), the current owner.



