

Thompson Heights – 1891 Union Ave.



Rossland Heritage Home Inventory

1) Address: 1891 Union Ave.

2) Property Description: Block 20, Lot(s) _____

3) Common or Historical Name: Not available

4) Date of Construction: 1903

1st Owner: Mr. Galt

5) Early History: This house was built by a lawyer named Galt who came to Rossland from Galt, Ontario, a town named after him. He built the house during the gold rush in 1903 and then sold it to Harold Clegg Sr., a magistrate, who owned the house from 1904-1966. After that, the house was sold to Mr. Alexander, an engineer at Cominco who lived there for roughly a year before he sold it to the Mooneys in 1967.

6) Design, Style, Architecture, Architect:

The architectural style is High Victorian Domestic in the Stick Style.

7) Description of Home:

- 2 storeys and an attic and partial basement
- Area of main floor is 900 ft²
- Total area is 1800 ft²
- Width is 30 ft. and depth is 30 ft.
- Exterior walls are stucco over horizontal cedar siding
- Foundation is granite rock
- Roof is aluminum over shingles

8) Interior Layout and Features:

- Solid oak fireplace that has been painted
- Clear cedar beams; excellent quality with no knots
- Original windows and glass, including storm windows
- Pulley counterbalances on the windows
- All brass door hinges that are very ornate
- Bay windows
- Leaded windows in the living room
- All floors are fir (softwood floors)
- Seven cedar pillars on the front porch that are 12 in. at the base, tapering to 8 in. at the top
- Fire stops in all the walls
- 8 ft. ceilings

9) Alterations/Restorations:

- Cedar woodwork has been painted over
- Original barn and coal shed were torn down
- At least one door has been replaced but looks exactly like the old one except that it is made of vinyl

10) Other Information: In 1903 it was the only house in the area aside from Ross Thompson's and was the first house with 8 ft. ceilings. In the same year it won the Chatelaine Home of the Year Award. There used to be a matched set of bay horses in the barn.

11) Other Owners: Harold Clegg Sr., Mr. Alexander, Gordon E. and W. Karen Mooney, and Karen Lavender and Bernie Hoffman, the current owners.



East side of home



Union Street View -1983 Photo