

Dunbar Homes of Distinction

Some Dunbar Houses in Their Settings: Walk #1, Older Houses

NOTE; This Walk #4 continues previous Walks #1 and #2 (prepared for Salmonberry Days in 1998) in giving people an introduction to some of the older homes in the Dunbar area which were built between 1910 and 1926. It also includes Knox United Church (1926) and Kerrisdale School (1922).

Viewing is from the street only. Please do not enter the gardens or disturb the residents in any way. The tour takes about 45 minutes, one way.

These notes were created by June Binkert in 1998 and some references may be dated. If you become aware of more information than that given below, we would be very grateful if you would email webmaster@dunbar-vancouver.org so additions or corrections can be made.

1. **3725 West 37th Avenue**

Supposed to have been built in 1915, but there is no mention of this address in the Vancouver Directory until 1920 when William R. Hatton is given as the occupier. He appears in the 1921 Directory as "farmer", and in 1927 as "carpenter". In 1929 Elizabeth Hatton, widow, appears in the Directory, and is still listed in 1938.

2. **3558 West 35th Avenue**

Built in 1922 and occupied in that year by George W. Ogg, Salesman for Rainsford & Co., wholesale fruit & vegetables, at 114 Water Street. In 1933 he appears as Agent for Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. (Toronto), with an office in the Rogers Building, 470 Granville Street. cont.

3. **5368 Blenheim Street**

Built in 1913. The Directory for this year only goes as far as 2511 Blenheim. However, in 1917 the house was occupied by Edward Armstrong, carpenter, and in 1921 by J. H. Ross Gillespie 'rep. of Alberta Pacific Grain Co.' In 1925 E. I. Cuthbertson was living there, and in 1926 Mrs. S. C. Corneille, widow. The house was occupied by Victor S. Waram, Secretary of the Terminal City Club, in 1930, and "vacant" in 1933. In 1935 it was occupied by F.C.E. Roome, 'wholesale manager, B.C. Fuel'.

4. **5590 Balaclava Street (Knox United Church)**

a first small congregation of what later (1925) became Knox United Church first met at the house of W.I. Ross on the corner of McDonald and 42nd in 1910, ~then services were conducted by David Grey (a student minister). In 1911 a frame building was erected on 41st, and the congregation met in the basement for services; a Sunday School also operated out of the same space, and the Minister was o. A. Patterson. In 1927 a larger building was built at 5600 Balaclava. Finally, in 1948, a 'proper' church was built, and this is the building that you see to-day.

5. **5555 Carnarvon Street (Kerrisdale School)**

in 1908, a 9-acre site was obtained as a grant from the provincial Government, and the Point Grey School Board built a 2-room, 2-storey schoolhouse (which can be seen in the 3100 block on West 39th Avenue, just behind the main school on Carnarvon). This original building was enlarged in 1911 and inside plumbing installed. The first teacher was Mr. C. Croft, and in 1911 there were two teachers, Constance Andrew and Anna Laidlaw. The main building was built in 1922. The Principal at that time was Ethel Park.

6. **3592 S.W. Marine Drive**

Built in 1921. Listed as "Marine Drive" in the 1925 Directory and occupied by L. Cable. In 1927 he is listed as "Leonard Cable, labourer, Pt. Grey Municipality". By 1930 he had become a labourer for the City of Vancouver, and was still listed at this address in 1933. (Note: this house can be found at the 'cut-off' just below SW Marine Drive at Dunbar Street. It is surrounded by trees and not very visible. The interesting sculpture came from the old Pantages Theatre on Hastings Street, dismantled in the 1960's.)