

SWAN RIVER HISTORICAL BUILDINGS



4th Ave. N Built in 1928 this National Utility Building ,originally ran by 2 steam power generators, supplied electrical power to Swan River until 1952 when Manitoba Hydro arrived for the town and surrounding rural areas.



4th Ave. N Originally the Crescent Creamery, the largest independent producer of butter in Western Canada owned and operated by the Walker Family. The wood building burned in the early 1960's, replaced by the brick building today. In it's time, it has been used for dairy product distribution, a forestry depot, Youth Centre, Butcher Shop and now DAS KINDERLAND, a toy store.

500 Duncan Crescent

Originally at the North end of the bridge, this striking house is made from locally cast concrete blocks. This building material was used at various places around Manitoba for only a few years in the early 20th century. The house appears to have undergone relatively little exterior renovation, other than the removal of a porch/balcony over its front entrance. The year of its construction, builder, and original occupant are, as yet, unknown.



504- 2nd St. N Built in 1904, home of W.W. Agnew, who owned a Hardware Store. This home was later owned by Lawyer, Charles Lindsay for many years. Notice the interesting architecture. The interior remains as much as it did in its early years.

500-2nd St. N Built in 1900 for Mrs. S Gable who came from Dauphin Milling Co. to construct a flour mill in Swan River in 1902. Later it was used as a boarding house for students attending Duncan School. Story has it, that a tree was built in the house as a corner post.



501-2nd St. N Built in 1920 for the Gable Family. Followed by Ken and Daisy Campbell in the 1950's, is a smaller cottage style home.



506-2nd St. N Built in 1900 for Peter McKay and family who occupied it until 1913. In 1945, it was purchased by Edwin Paull and served as their family home and funeral parlor. This property continues to be owned and operated by the Paull family.



224-5th Ave. N The First Baptist Church was organized in 1899 and first building constructed in 1902. The present building was built in 1963.

216-5th Ave. N Built in 1902 by Alex Zinger who lived here for some time. A Mr. Rothwell, who was employed in Forestry also lived here after the Zinger's. Eric and Florence Hinchliffe became residents in 1938 when they purchased the property.



208-5th Ave. N- Built in 1903, this became the Izon Family home for many years. They operated a grocery store from 1925 to 1945. From 1935 to mid 1980's they also had a Men's Wear store and Heather House.

206-5th Ave. N Built in 1903. The McNab family resided here. Mr. McNab was employed on the railway.



204- 5th Ave. N Originally, the Methodist Church Manse (Clergy Home). After 1925 (amalgamation) it became the home of United Church Ministers. The last clergyman and family to live here was Rev. Gordan Daly who later moved into a new manse in 1967.



5th Ave N and 1st St. N This Post Office building was built in 1951 also housed the RCMP Station, Jail, and Sergeants Residence. The RCMP used the facility until 1978 when construction was completed on the present RCMP building. Their 5th Ave. site was also the original site of the 1900 Presbyterian Church.

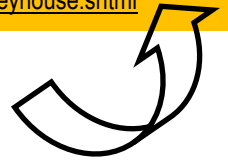


Harley House



512-2nd St. N Built in 1900 by Henry Tibble for Hugh Harley who was appointed by the government as a Land Agent to record Homestead Entries, provide information, maps of open land for incoming settlers. It is one of the first houses built in the new town sites of Swan River, serving as land office and port office and is now owned by the Swan Valley Historical Museum. www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/harleyhouse.shtml

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514-1st St. N United Church built in 1950 and renovated in 2003. In 1900 the Methodist church was built here. In 1925 the Methodist and Presbyterian Church amalgamated creating the United Church of Canada.



209-5th Ave. N
 Built in 1903 for Bert Harley, Hugh Harley's son. Before settling in Swan River, Bert Harley went to the

Klondike and was unsuccessful in finding his fortune in the gold rush. In Swan River, Bert operated a jewellery store then started a Ford Dealership. This house was of brick but is now stuccoed over. It currently has its original ceilings of tin, a style much used in the early days.



213-5th Ave. N Built in 1901 for R.G. Taylor, first Principal of the Swan River School. The present Taylor School was named after him. Later, this home was purchased by Dr. Pickard, a well-known early dentist and his family. They lived there until the mid 1950's. The home has been extensively renovated inside, but outside remains much the same.



219-5th Ave. N Built in 1905 by William McKenzie and Donald Mann, owners of two small railway companies which amalgamated to form Canadian Northern Railway. One of these small companies, The Winnipeg Great Northern continued building railways from Sef-ton to Swan River Valley. It is likely this home may have been built for one of their workers. The Norman Garland Family lived there for many years. The inside has been changed extensively.



221-5th Ave. N Built in 1921 as the Rectory for the Anglican Church. In 1977 a new building was purchased for the minister's residence. The old one was sold for a private home. Numerous owners have made extensive renovations inside.



223-5th Ave. N St. James Anglican Church built in 1941 replaced the first Anglican Church built on the same site in 1903-1904. In 1992, a new larger modern church was constructed in a new location on 1st south. The old building remained on the site to be sold. During the following years it served as a coffee house, tea house, restaurant, and space for the H.E.R.O. Club and finally a home which has kept many original features inside.



602-2nd St. N Built in 1902 for Dr. Hill who practised here for 7 years. Sold to JW Bossons who was a co-owner of Ashdown-Bosson's Lumber Co. in 1904. In 1918, it was purchased by Phil Zinger who lived there until his wife Kaye died and was sold to a Mr. Smalzer.

606-2nd St. N Built 1905 by JW Bossons for his son Arthur J. that was later sold to J.S Peach, School inspector. In 1948, JW Palmer purchased it, living there until 1954.



610-2nd St. N- Built in 1901 for R.G. Taylor who taught school 1901-1905. Taylor then opened Taylor's Pioneer Insurance Agency, which was later managed by his son Bill. Mrs. Taylor continued to live there until around 1954. It was sold to Willard Shaver who renovated it extensively, adding an upstairs addition. The current owner has done many renovations.



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303-6th Ave. N
Built in 1902. Home of Frank Frazer and family, an insurance agent

311-6th Ave. N Built in 1914, it became the home of Rev. Thomas William Bird from England who served as a Progressive Party MP for the Nelson Constituency from 1921-1930. During the 1930's the Bertram Family owned this home. Dr. Frank Malcolm became the next owner who sold it again in 2000. The new owners made some upgrades within as well as changing the white exterior to the present color.



312-6th Ave. N, Built in 1901-02 for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beattie who started the first bank in Swan River. The outside walls are constructed of stone gathered from the Swan River and Cowan area. The next residents were Dr. Edwin Bruce and wife Ethel (Harley). Upon his death in 1954, Mrs. Bruce decided to rent out this large house and move to a smaller one. Jack and Dawn Walker purchased the property in 1972, doing an extensive restoration bringing it back to its original elegance. In 1996 the Ken Doleman family became the owners making it their home and a notable Bed and Breakfast Business. (In early years, there was a canal at the bottom of the hill where this house stands, used to float logs from the bend of the river to the mill at the east side near Taylor School. This was later filled in to create this small street.)



325-6th Ave. N This home was constructed with Fir Wood brought in from BC in 1924 for the widow of Peter McKay. When Mrs. McKay passed in 1925, it became the home of her son Jack until the family moved in 1954. It then became the residence of son Don and family.



407-6th Ave N. Constructed in 1901 for Lawyer Stuart Wright, who became first mayor of Swan River after incorporation in 1908. He resided at this address for many years. "Tiny Ward" CNR Engineer lived her for some time. New owners renovated and added to east side. The newest owners have been there since 1987 and want to restore the original veranda on the front of the home, staircases and fire mantel inside. They were told, the original home had a gravity fed water tank in the attic when it was built.



801-2nd St. N Built in 1918, originally owned by Jack McKay. The Johanson family lived there for many years followed by the Ray Atkinson family.



712-2nd St. N and 7th Ave Constructed by Cyrus McFadden who, with his brother Alfred purchased the Gable Flour Mill, After Mr. Gable's death in 1902 it became the home of Percy and Ruby Woodward. In 1979 purchased by Morley and Gurdie Hanson who owned Triple M Meats on site of Crescent Creamery.

214-7th Ave. N Built by Joe Zinger, an expert Stonemason in 1916, using undressed fieldstone found in the Valley. It is said, that there was even a couple curling rocks included. It was the Zinger home for many years, later the Price home.



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