

Descriptive sheet

394 Besserer Street

Municipal Address	394 Besserer Street	Building name	394 Besserer Street
Legal description		Lot:	Block:
Age/Date of Construction	Between 1928-1933	Original use	
		Present use	



Source: Ron J. Roy

Date: 2006/02/12

Heritage Status

Existing heritage building	Name:	
	Bylaw / date:	
Existing heritage district	Name:	
	Bylaw / date:	
Potential Heritage Building:	not defined	
Potential Heritage District:	not defined	
Comments:		

Prepared by: Date:

Phase 2 Evaluation Results

Score	100 - 70	69 - 55	55 - 40	39 - 0
Group			3	

History

Prepared by: Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst Date: 2007/04/15

Age/Date of Construction (Factual/Estimated)

Between 1928-33

M1878: Nothing on site.

M1888(1901): Same

M1902(1912): Same

M1902(1922): Same

M1948: 2 1/2 storey brick veneer dwelling with tar and gravel roof, 1 storey frame rear addition, 1 storey frame garage in rear.

M1956: Same

Events**Persons/Institutions**

D1915 - Not listed

D1927 - Not listed

D1934 - Leon Fine (Rachel)

D1948: Leon and Rachel Fine (owners)

Developmental Context

This house, one of several built in the vicinity at this time, is part of the later residential development of Besserer Street.

Summary/Comments on historical significance

The historic significance of this property is derived from its role in the continuing evolution of residential development of Besserer Street and of the Besserer estate.

Historical sources

- June 1878 Insurance Plan of Ottawa, Ontario. National Map Collection, Public Archives Canada.
- January 1888 Key Plan of Ottawa and Vicinity. (Revised 1901). National Map Collection, Public Archives Canada.
- September 1902 Key Plan of the City of Ottawa, Ontario. Volume 1 (Revised 1912). National Map Collection, Public Archives Canada.
- September 1902 Insurance Plan of the City of Ottawa, Ontario. Volume 1 (Revised 1922). National Map Collection, Public Archives Canada.
- November 1948 Fire Insurance Map, Ottawa, Ontario. Volume 2. National Map Collection, Public Archives Canada.
- October 1956 Fire Insurance Map, Ottawa, Ontario. Volume 2. National Map Collection, Public Archives Canada.
- The Ottawa City Directory, 1915, 1927, 1934, 1948

Architecture

Prepared by: Chris Wiebe **Date:** 2007/01/26

Architectural characteristics and design

Property characteristics: Single use residential. Detached, 2 1/2 storey with rectangular plan, off-center entry and occupied basement. Site features consist of a driveway, a detached garage and a fence.

Exterior elements: Sloped roof asphalt shingles with asymmetrical gable end towards street.; dormers and 1 brick chimney. Exterior with stone sills, voussoirs, beige brick with red brick inserts and brick and stone medallion in gable end. Parged foundation.

Windows and doors: Rectangular metal double hung 1 x 1 windows and metal rectangular windows at ground floor with leaded glass. Single front door with round arched wood door with window.

Other features: 1 storey stone porch with stone base, stone balustrade, sloped roof and stone arched door surround.

Architectural Stylistic Influences

Arts and Crafts

Designer/Builder/Architect

Architectural integrity

High to medium: non-original windows and roofing materials affect the integrity.

Other

Summary/Comments on architectural significance

This detached residence is typical of many houses built in the 1930's on this block and in the larger sector of Sandy Hill. It is characterized by its square form with hipped roof and variegated brick. The front facade has an Arts and Crafts stylistic influence with its asymmetrically sloped roof at the gable end and arched front door. These elements should be maintained in future renovations.

Context

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Compatibility with surroundings:

Pattern of site use: Typical front and side set backs
 Use: Typical (residential)
 Height/Volume: Typical
 Materials: Typical (brick, stone)
 Typology: Type 3(p, variation)

Community context/Landmark status

This property makes a moderate contribution to the history and architecture of the neighbourhood.

Summary/Comments on environmental significance

This property is compatible with the block in which it sits.

HISTORY	Age/Date of Construction	Pre 1890	1891 - 1900	1901 - 1910	1911 - 1925	1926 - 1950	1951 +	Score
		10	8 - 9	6 - 7	4 - 5	✓ 1 - 3	0	3/10
	Events / Persons			High	Medium	Low	N / A	1/5
				4 - 5	3	✓ 1 - 2	0	
Developmental Context			High	Medium	Low			8/15
			11 - 15	✓ 6 - 10	1 - 5			
Total								12/30

ARCHITECTURE	Architectural characteristics	Proportion/Scale	Detail/Craftsmanship	Coherence	Score
		3/5	3/5	3/5	9/15
	Stylistic Influence	Strong	Medium	Weak	9/15
		11 - 15	✓ 6 - 10	0 - 5	
Designer / Builder / Architect	Renowned	Known	Unknown	0/5	
	3 - 5	1 - 2	✓ 0		
Architectural Integrity	High	Medium	Low	4/5	
	✓ 4 - 5	2 - 3	0 - 1		
Total					22/40

CONTEXT	Compatibility with surroundings	Sets example	Reinforces pattern	Compatible with pattern	Incompatible with pattern	Score
		15 - 20	10 - 14	✓ 5 - 9	0 - 4	9/20
	Community Context/Landmark Status	Strong	Moderate	Weak	No	5/10
7 - 10		✓ 4 - 6	1 - 3	0		
Total						14/30

Phase II score	48/100
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