

Historic Name: House

Property ID: 706361

Location



Address: 11901 E Broadway Ave, Spokane, Washington, USA

GeographicAreas: Spokane, Spokane County, T25R44E16, GREENACRES Quadrangle

Information

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1918	

Number of stories: N/A

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory	
Domestic	Domestic - Single Family House	

Historic Context: Architecture



Photos



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Inventory Details - 7/13/2016

Common name: Cobblestone House

Date recorded: 7/13/2016

Field Recorder: Stephen Emerson

Field Site number: SRS-10

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Single Dwelling - Bungalow
Roof Type	Gambrel - Front
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Shingle
Cladding	Stone - Cobble Stone
Structural System	Masonry - Stone
Plan	Irregular

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): No



Significance narrative:

This house was built in 1918. It was occupied for many years by Vincent M. Moore and his wife Marjorie. Mr. Moore was a vice president of the Modern Electric and Water Company. In 1983, ownership of the house passed to the Moore's son Jack and his wife Betty. Jack, who passed away in 2016, was a devout Christian with a long career of service as President of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall. He worked managing warehouses with his brother-in-law Harold Pierre for over 35 years. In 1990, perhaps planning on retirement, the Moores sold the house to David and Elaine Welk. Currently the house is owned by an investment company, meaning it is probably a rental. This house is one of the most elaborate and well-crafted cobblestone houses in the valley. Components like the exposed rafter ends and purlins, the wide front porch with massive stone piers, and the exterior masonry chimney are all classic traits of the pervasively popular Craftsman Style. The house retains outstanding integrity of its historic appearance and original construction materials. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, architecture. It is also eligible under Criterion A, as a prominent example of the phenomenon of cobblestone architecture that thrived during the early years of irrigation in the rocky soil of the Spokane Valley.

Physical description:

This residence is a 1-story cobblestone building with a complicated roof plan that includes the main gable front on hip roof, with the gable facing south, a gabled extension from the rear portion of the west elevation, and two gabled porch canopies facing east and south, that accommodate the wrap around porch. The roof is covered with composition shingles. A corbeled brick chimney emerges from the back slope. The unenclosed eaves are wide and feature exposed rafter ends and double sets of exposed purlins in the gables. Exterior walls of the gable faces are clad with vertical board siding. All other exterior surfaces are of neatly coursed and mortared cobblestones. The front porch wraps around the southeast corner of the house. The two gabled canopies are supported at the corners by massive cobblestone piers. The poured concrete porch is bordered by horizontal rails that connect the canopy supports and intermediary cobblestone piers with concrete coping. The windows are wood sash and include a mix of both picture and casement types. Most have prefabricated concrete lintels and sills. A full-height, exterior cobblestone chimney is attached to the west elevation. The lower half is battered and wide, culminating in a prefabricated concrete mantle from which the main chimney rises. The south (front) entry door is wood panel with glass windows. Cobblestones are also incorporated into the landscaping, evident in the low terraced walls.

Bibliography:

Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.