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**134 St. Andrews St****1912****William & Annie McIntyre****Builder: William Dunford & Son**

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> house William McIntyre built on St. Andrews (**109 St. Andrews**) in 1912. A salesman for Pemberton & Son, he was likely investing in speculative housing on the side. There were four new houses built on St. Andrews in 1912, representing the peak year of Victoria's development boom prior to WWI. As John Adams said in his introduction, this block of St. Andrews was one of the last to be developed in James Bay: the playing field Caledonian Grounds originally ran from here west to Government, between Simcoe and Niagara. When subdivided for housing in 1907 it was named Caledonian Park, but the name was lost with time.

This house is also significant as representative of the wide-spread popularity of Arts & Crafts styles before WWI. Although this Craftsman "Dunford Bungalow" begins with a common front gable-within-a-gable, it acquires an unusual expansive, low-pitched hipped roof over the deep corner front verandah. The hipped roof has exposed rafter tails, while the gabled roofs display vestigial rafter ends tucked under the eaves. The verandah corners are supported on three square posts pegged together at the top, on stone piers. Stone is also used for the tall chimney on the north side. Although the plans are not signed, the sewer permit application is signed by William Dunford & Son as agent for the owner. Dunfords built another of the St. Andrews houses in 1912, and three on Niagara at the end of St. Andrews in 1911 (**629, 633 & 637 Niagara**).

William McIntyre had 134 built as a home for him and Annie. However, they only lived in it three or four years; in 1916 they were living in Esquimalt, and William was an agent for Mutual Life. William, born in Wyoming, ON, moved to Manitoba where he established a pharmacy in Crystal City. He came here in 1908 and entered the real estate and insurance business. He was department manager at Pemberton & Son when he lived in this house. During WWI, William was a captain in the Medical Corps, and later served overseas. He was a grand master of United Services Lodge No.24, AF&AM. Annie, born in Ontario, died in 1950 at 72. William later married May Lewis. He retired in 1955, and died in 1962 at 80.

By 1917, Henry Renwick, a BC forestry department clerk, and his wife Anna lived here. John and Madaline (Cassidy) Lambert were resident in the early 1920s. John, a civil engineer, was born in England, Madaline in Seattle. They married here in 1912 shortly after arrival. Madaline died in 1922 at 32 and John sold the house. He married Vera Bickle, a BC Department of Agriculture clerk, in 1934 and they lived in Vancouver. John died in 1969 at 86.

From 1926-31, William and Ethel (Wilby) McLagan lived here, then moved to **231 St Andrews St**, where they lived over 50 years. The residents from 1933-c.1937 were Alexander and Vivian Stevenson. His shoe repair business, which began as Inrig & Stevenson c.1930, is still carried

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on under his name in Victoria.

By 1939, Frederick and Grace Chinn lived here. Fred Chinn was born in Bristol, England, in 1884, and served with the Gloucestershire Regiment in the Boer War. He came to Canada in c.1910, married Grace Rogers of Portage la Prairie, MB, and settled in Moose Jaw, where they lived over 30 years. Fred served with the Royal Air Force during WWI. They came to Victoria c.1937, and Fred worked as an upholsterer at Spencer's. He was a member of Confederation Lodge No. 116, AF&AM. Fred died in 1966 at 81, Grace in 1973 at 75.

Lawrence and Elizabeth Elves owned this house from 1947-53. Lawrence, born in Sault Ste. Marie, ON, came here in 1911. He married Elizabeth Hitchin of London, England, in 1920. He was a lathing contractor in the late 1940s, by the early 1950s, a fireman at Dockyard until his death in 1963 at 64. Elizabeth died in 1980 at 80.

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**231 St. Andrews St****1913****M. Edith Carr**

This 2-storey, hipped-roofed Edwardian Foursquare has many Arts & Crafts features, including contrasting claddings of shingled main storey and stucco and half-timbered upper storey. The house has an open front deck created by a flat-roofed garage with side entry. It is nicely bracketed and surrounded by square posts, paired at the

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corners, and plain balusters. The left corner has a large recessed porch supported on a pair of square chamfered posts, balanced on the right by a large box bay with a 3-sash window. The upper storey has pairs of short 1-over-1 double-hung sashes. The right side has a pair of cantilevered box bays under a single canopy roof, the left, a leaded art glass stairwell window.

As the home of Emily Carr's sister, Edith, the house is of historical significance. The fact that the house is on part of the original Carr estate, as are the Richard Carr house at **207 Government** and Emily's *House of All Sorts* at **646 Simcoe**, reinforces its significance.

Edith Carr lived here with her sister Elizabeth "Lizzie" until 1915, at which point they moved back to the family residence at **207 Government**. Edith was born in 1856 in Alviso, CA, the eldest child of Richard and Emily (Saunders) Carr; she came to Victoria with her family in 1864. She was actively involved with the Protestant Orphanage Home Committee, Friendly Help Society, and related charitable organizations. She died in 1919 at 63. Elizabeth was born in Victoria in 1867. She worked as a masseuse, the equivalent of a contemporary physiotherapist, and was a person of selfless acts, "visiting the sick, bringing comfort to the blind and assisting the helpless and the needy," according to her obituary in the *Daily Times*. She died in 1936 at 68.

Henry and Ethel Davie lived here in the mid-1920s. Born in Sunderland, England, they came to Canada in 1910 and Victoria c.1913. Henry founded the Davie automobile dealership, but died in 1923 at 55. Ethel died in 1924 at 47.

In 1932 William and Ethel McLagan purchased this property, after living at **134 St. Andrews** for 5 years. William was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and came to Victoria in 1913. He married Victoria-born Ethel Wilby, sister of Olive (**35 San Jose**), in 1921. William, an insurance broker, by the early 1930s was manager of Sun Life Assurance. He died in 1944 at 59. Ethel was a member of Eastern Star for over 70 years as well as a charter member of both Oak Bay Chapter No.42 and Carne Rebecca Lodge No.45. She lived at this residence until shortly before her death in 1984 at 89.

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**35 San Jose Av (12, then 39 San Juan) 1891**  
**Charles & Johanna Prescott**  
**Builder: Charles Austen Prescott**

This 1-storey, hipped-roof, symmetrical Classical Cottage is one of a group of similar buildings (e.g. **642 Battery**, **15 Menzies**) all built around 1890. It has a pair of angled bays topped with pediments, with a little porch in the middle. Arched brackets make the transition between the bays and gables with cut shingle cladding. In the centre above the flat porch roof is a pedimented dormer. The right side has a box bay and in the space beside the rear extension is a verandah with chamfered posts and turned spindles matching the front porch trim. A comparison with **40**



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**San Jose** across the street would be a good case study for two approaches to updating a Victorian house.

Johanna Erskine was born in Perth, ON, in 1862, carpenter Charles Prescott in Odessa, ON, in 1860. They were married in Northumberland Co, ON in 1879, moved to Victoria in 1890, and lived in this house until c.1920. Johanna died in 1923, Charles in 1940. Son Claude Prescott and his wife Olive lived here from 1921-c.1929. Claude, also a carpenter, was born in Victoria in 1892. After serving overseas in WWI, he married Victoria-born Olive Wilby, sister of Ethel (**231 St. Andrews**), in 1919. From 1941, Claude ran the Strawberry Vale grocery store in Saanich until his death in 1951. He was a member of Columbia Lodge No.1, AF&AM, and Victoria Community Grocers' Association. Olive died in 1977 at 79.

John and Eileen Newall lived here through the 1930s. Eileen Maggs was born in the mining town of Bankhead near Banff, AB, and came to BC in 1923. In 1927 she married newly-arrived John Newall, born in Cumberland, England. John, a fireman, later became fire chief. Both died in 1970, Eileen at 64, John at 67.

From 1939-46, Otto and Elizabeth (Tobar) Klomp resided here. Born in Holland, they pioneered in Fort Fraser, BC, in 1912. They came here c.1935. Otto worked in CNR maintenance and retired in the early 1940s. He died in 1960 at 83. Elizabeth died 7 years later at 87.

Leland and Bernice Flach lived here from 1947-53. Leland was a taxi driver with Northwestern in the late 1940s, then a route supervisor for McGavin Taxi.

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**40 San Jose Av (30 San Juan) 1892**  
**Donald & Ellen Morrison**  
**Builder: Donald Stewart Morrison**

This 1-storey Queen Anne Cottage has a hipped roof with gabled extensions over front and side angled bays. The walls are clad in scalloped and plain shingles, likely over original drop siding. This is suspected because the window trim has lost its shadow detail as the two surfaces are flush. The original sashes have been lost to modern