



William Wilson House

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Repository:	Burnaby Heritage Planning
Other Names:	William & Annie Wilson House
Civic Address:	6088 Wilson Avenue
Associated Dates:	1913
Formal Recognition:	Heritage Designation, Community Heritage Register
Enactment Type:	Bylaw No. 10350
Enactment Date:	22/04/1996
Description:	The William Wilson House is a vernacular two-storey wood-frame Foursquare house with a hipped roof. It is situated at the corner of Wilson Avenue and Central Boulevard in the Metrotown area of Burnaby, adjacent to the SkyTrain line, and is now part of a multi-family residential complex.
Heritage Value:	The house is valued as the residence of William Wilson (1860-1935) and Annie Wilson (1868-1966) and demonstrates the development of Burnaby from a rural, farming community to an early commuter suburb, and is one of the few remaining early houses in the Metrotown area of Burnaby. Reflecting the area's early history, it was constructed on a subdivided piece of the Wilson's 3.2 hectare farm that once bordered Kingsway, the primary road linking New Westminster to Vancouver. To develop his subdivided property, Wilson constructed a bisecting street, named it for himself and situated his new home on a large parcel adjacent to the interurban tramline. Constructed in 1913, the William Wilson House is additionally valued as a modest vernacular example of an Edwardian era Foursquare house. Although simple in form, it is distinguished by an inset front verandah, front bay window and clipped ground level corner. Once commonly found in Burnaby, this is a rare surviving example of the homes typically constructed for the working-class families enticed to Burnaby as a consequence of the interurban tramline.
Defining Elements:	Key elements that define the heritage character of William Wilson House include its: - corner location, adjacent to the old interurban alignment - vernacular Foursquare style as exemplified by its symmetrical form, square floor plan and cubic massing with pyramidal roof - cladding, with narrow lapped wooden siding on the first storey and cedar shingles on the second storey - recessed front verandah, with square columns and ground floor cut-away bay window - regular fenestration, including double-hung 1-over-1 wooden-sash windows, and casement and transom assembly feature window in the living room
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area
Person:	William Wilson Annie Wilson
Function:	Primary Historic--Single Dwelling Primary Current--Single Dwelling
Community:	Burnaby
Cadastral Identifier:	023-352-701
Boundaries:	The William Wilson House is comprised of a single residential lot located at 6088 Wilson Avenue, Burnaby.
Area:	2824.9
Contributing Resource:	Building
Ownership:	Private
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6088 Wilson Avenue
Street View URL:	Google Maps Street View

Images





Wilson family home

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto35784>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Date:	1912 (date of original), copied 1986
Collection/Fonds:	Mayor's Office fonds
Series:	Pioneer Tales files
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	204-642
Accession Number:	BHS988-3
Storage Location:	A/V Storage
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 12.7 x 17.8 cm print
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Photograph of the Wilson family home at 3317 Wilson Avenue (later renumbered 6088 Wilson Avenue). This second home on Wilson Avenue was bigger than the family's first home on Westminster Road, with seven rooms.
Subjects:	Buildings - Residences - Houses
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Wilson Avenue Burnaby - 6088 Wilson Avenue
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Repository: Burnaby Village Museum
Book: Burnaby's Heritage
Type: Book Chapter
Publication Date: 2007
Notes: South Burnaby
Original Book: Catalogue record for source book

Digital Book

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WILLIAM & ANNIE WILSON HOUSE
4088 11th Avenue
1913

This was the residence of William Wilson (1860-1930) and Anne Wilson (1866-1954) and marks the development of Burnaby from a rural farming community to an early commuter suburb, and ultimately to a high-density modern city. This is one of the few remaining early houses in the Metcalf area of Burnaby. Reflecting the area's early history, it was constructed on a subdivided piece of the Wilson's eight-acre farm that once bordered Englewood, the primary road linking New Westminister to Vancouver. To develop his subdivided property, Wilson constructed a leading street, named it for himself and situated his new home on a large parcel adjacent to the subdivision boundary.

Although simple in form, the Edwardian-era four-square house is distinguished by an iron roof ornament, hand-hewn window and eave-end ground level courses. Once commonly found in Burnaby, this is a rare surviving example of the houses typically constructed for the working-class families enticed to Burnaby as a consequence of the subdivision.

Below: c. 1920
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