

Site Name:
Millar Residence

Physical Address:
33016 – 123rd Ave

RDOSCHR014

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Description of Site:

This property is located at 33016 123rd Ave (Legal Plan 29634 Section 2, 49 degrees 9' 14.2" N, 119 degrees 35' 10.2" W) and consists of both the house and land. The home consists of a Tudor revival style building with Craftsman accents. The grounds have the appearance of an English country garden. The property is a remnant of the 10 acre lots once present in this part of the valley.

Heritage Value of Site:

Architectural:

This home is prized for the strong design used in construction which was a popular architectural style in the second quarter of the 20th Century, and is consistent with other sites found throughout the area. In both form and massing, it presents to the viewer as a substantial property emphasizing the relative wealth and social stature of the owner. The beauty of the home is accentuated by the landscaping of the property.

Settlement:

The home and property remind the viewer of the British heritage of the original owners of the property, the Millar family, who highly valued the culture of Victorian and Edwardian England. The Millars were one of several families that were related either by marriage or by previous association before coming to Oliver.

Economic:

This site reminds the viewer of the life work of Albert Millar, who was internationally prominent in the oil industry before coming to Oliver. Mr. Millar was both an orchardist and partner in the Oliver Sawmill, which was the source of lumber for most houses built in Area C up to its closure. Later, the home was owned by Dr. John Dimma, who became head physician of the South Okanagan General Hospital.

As a remnant of the 10 Acre lots once prevalent in this part of the valley, the site reminds the viewer that this amount of orchard property was once considered sufficient to sustain a growing family.

Character Defining Elements:

- The appearance of a Tudor revival style home with Craftsman accents as evidenced by:
 - o The presence of false half timbering on the front gable dormer
 - o High, steep-pitched cross gabled entry
 - o Craftsman style wide, unboxed eaves accompanied by the presence of brackets
 - o The presence of windows with the appearance of diamond pattern leaded glass
 - o Side gabled wing to the south
 - o English pattern stucco
 - o The presence of ribbons of windows in the Craftsman style, with mullions

- The presence of windows with two symmetric vertical muntins, and a single asymmetric horizontal muntin
- The presence of dominant, decorated chimneys
- The presence of well tended, manicured gardens with topiary and hedges
- The presence of English Ivy covering trees, and built structures
- The presence of a stone wall built from glacial till field stones, with an iron gate
- The appearance of a 15 step flagstone single flight stairway to front entry

BC Register of Historic Places (Mandatory)

Millar Residence

Unique FPT Identifier

LOCATION

| Address # | Street | Community | Postal | Cadastral |
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| Description of boundaries | Oliver Rural |
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Functional Type

| Type |
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| Single Dwelling |
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| Era |
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| Current |
| Historic |

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| 2 |
| 4 |

| Type |
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| Building |
| Landscape(s) or Landscape Feature(s) |

Contributing Resources

FORMAL RECOGNITION

| Statute | Enactment | Date |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Community Heritage Register | B185/09A | March 19, 2 |

COMMENTS and INFORMATION (not used by registrar)