

These images show the evolution of one of the oldest homes in the area, constructed in 1894. For over 50 years, it was occupied by members of the Polson family, one of the original and most influential families of the Selkirk Settlement. The images reflect the subtle exterior changes that the house has undergone during the past 100+ years. The incredible ornamental carpentry features continue to contribute to the beauty and uniqueness of this home.

From Settlement to Community

At the turn of the Twentieth Century, Winnipeg played a central role in the emerging wheat economy of Western Canada. The boisterous economy spurred a significant increase in population, as thousands of immigrants sought a better quality of life here. The most immediate impact of this population boom was the demand for residential housing. One significant response saw the original river lots of the Selkirk Settlers subdivided into urban parcels, complete with tree-lined front streets and utilitarian back lanes. Single-family homes of every description were rapidly constructed to accommodate the demand for not only the newcomers, but also for the descendants of the original settler families.



Top: Left ca.1898 (Courtesy of Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg-Homes-Polson, Alex 1)
Top Right: ca.1910 (Courtesy of Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg-Homes-Polson, Alex 2)
Bottom: 2005 (M. Peterson)

sign size: 609 X 711 mm (24" X 28")

SCOTIA ST. INTERPRETIVE SIGN INSTALLATION

Project Title

PANEL 3 ARTWORK

Drawing Titl

HILDERMAN THOMAS FRANK CRAM

Landscape Architecture • Planning 500-115 Bannatyne Avenue East, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0R3 Telephone 204 • 944 • 9907 Facsimile 204 • 957 • 1467

NOT TO SCALE SEPT. 25/0

07 061 Rrawing SA-3

.