

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

I. DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE

The Clegg House is located at the northeast corner of 16th Street and Haywood Avenue in the Ambleside neighborhood of West Vancouver, British Columbia. The property is a third of an acre and includes considerable setbacks from both 16th Street and Haywood Avenue. The one and a half storey wood frame single-family house, built in 1929, is positioned in the middle of the lot. The northeast corner of the lot is intersected by the Vinson Creek whereas the northwest corner of the property is enhanced by a grove of large mature cedar trees. Currently a continuous hedge lines the two street frontages.

2. HERITAGE VALUE

The Clegg House is valued because of its style, its contribution to the development of its immediate neighbourhood, and its association with the Clegg family.

The Clegg house is a good example of the late Craftsman style houses prevalent in West Vancouver at the time of its construction. The structure features several features typical of the style, including wooden lapped siding, eave knee-brackets, exposed rafter tails, and multi-pane wood windows.

The Clegg house is valued as one of the first residences built in the neighborhood. The property was created as part of the 1912 subdivision.

The property is distinctive for its configuration affected by its natural environment incorporating part of the Vinson Creek, an important landmark of the area. To this day, the exposed banks of the Vinson Creek interrupt Haywood Avenue a few meters east of the Clegg house as well as a blind lane on the north end of the property.

The Clegg House is valued for its association with Warren and Margaret Clegg and their family. Clegg was an English farmer who immigrated to Canada in 1903. He moved to West Vancouver from Saskatchewan in 1929 and purchased the property to build the house. His family with four children, lived in the house until 1936; his wife and children subsequently moved to a Fraser Valley farm. Clegg, then an agent with the Wawanesa Insurance, kept the house until 1939. Warren Clegg remained in West Vancouver, residing on Fulton Avenue with his daughter until his death, in 1945.

3. CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The elements that define the heritage value of the Clegg House include the following:

- Continuous residential use.
- Prominent corner lot intersected by the Vinson Creek.
- Front gabled 1½ storey with large roof overhang, gabled dormers, cedar shingle dormer cheeks and roofing.
- Craftsman style with typical roof and box window knee-brackets with pointed ends, exposed rafter tails, open tongue-and-groove soffit boards, flared roof eaves, barge boards with swollen ends and ridge keys.
- Wooden lapped siding, head corner and boards, water table, belt board, and decorative flower box support studs.
- Covered front porch gabled roof structure with triangular fascia, low wide front stairs balustrade, shed roof above south elevation box window and above northeastern deck access.
- Front entrance door with leaded glass lite.
- Double hung multi-pane wooden windows, fixed multi-pane windows, and exterior casings with brick moulding.
- Exterior shaft of an internal brick chimney.