

## City of Brandon Municipal Heritage Site



### **Former Graham Residence**

706 Lorne Avenue  
(Lots 8/10, Block 28, Plan 2)  
Brandon Manitoba  
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Designation Authority: City of Brandon

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**T**he Queen Anne-style home at 706 Lorne Avenue was built in 1903 for Mr. Herbert Clement Graham. Graham arrived in Winnipeg in 1877 where he established a farm just outside the city. After several years Graham purchased 800 acres of land in the Brandon Hills. Graham was elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1888, representing Brandon South as a member of the Liberal party. He served three terms before resigning in 1897. Graham then became customs collector for all of western Manitoba. He also served as Brandon's resident director for the Home Life Association of Canada, and owned and operated a coal and lumber business in Carroll, Manitoba. H.C. Graham, his wife Annie, and their four children resided at 706 Lorne Avenue, which they affectionately referred to as "Wyndhurst", until 1913.

The house was then sold to Archibald Smith, son of local horse breeder John E. Smith. In addition to working as a barrister and solicitor, Archibald Smith acted as Brandon's police magistrate and juvenile court judge. The home belonged to Smith until 1937.

Designed by W.H. Shillinglaw, the home boasts a pyramidal roof adorned with arched and gable-shaped dormers, a detailed chimney, a finial, and a lightning rod. The roof trim is intricately detailed with its flared wide eaves, dentils, friezes, moulding, and pendant. The exterior features a pent extension, open verandah, enclosed porch, and decorative shingle belt. There are a variety of windows, including canted bay, display, and double-hung windows. Ornamental, palladian, and stained glass windows add elegance to the home. Behind the house sits a carriage house complete with wood shingles, sash lights, and a finial. H.C. Graham was a lover of horse, making the carriage house a fitting addition.

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