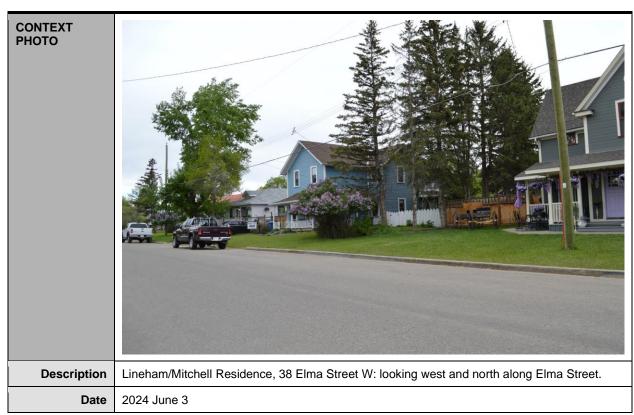




INVENTORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

HISTORIC PLACE DESCRIPTION

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RESOURCE NAME	Lineham/Mitchell Residence		
ALTERNATE NAMES			
ADDRESS	38 Elma Street West		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Plan 4563I, Block E, Lots 6 & 7		
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	50.7267253N, -113.9771507W		
CONSTRUCTION YEAR	ca 1900		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER	CHITECT/DESIGNER Unknown		
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR	DER/CONTRACTOR Unknown		
ORIGINAL OWNER	John Lineham (Lumber Merchant)		
NEIGHBOURHOOD Heritage Okotoks			
ORIGINAL USE	Residence		
CURRENT USE Residence			



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CURRENT PHOTO			
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: South (front) façade illustrating the two-storey massing and wood materials with a wrap-around verandah.		
Date	2024 April 8		
Copyright	Town of Okotoks		
HISTORIC PHOTO			
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W - Historic Photograph: West (side) façade illustrating the original two-storey massing along Elma Street West and the one and one-half storey north (rear) of the house. The W. D. Lineham house is seen under construction across the street.		
Date	ca. 1906		
Copyright	Town of Okotoks, Museum and Archives, Image F7f7p3.		

HISTORIC PHOTO		
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W - Historic Photograph: East (side) and south (front) façade illustrating the original two-storey massing and the east façade projecting crossgable along Elma Street West; and the one and one-half storey north (rear) of the house (shown with the arrow).	
Date	Undated, potentially between 1910-1915	
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HISTORIC PLACE SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY	This site is significant because		
	The Lineham/Mitchell Residence, constructed ca1900 during Okotoks' railway and early settlement (1892 - 1903), possesses symbolic value for its association with that period of the town's early establishment on the town's earliest subdivision registered by John Lineham. (Symbolic Value)		
	The Lineham/Mitchell Residence also possesses value as a well-preserved two- storey simple Gabled-front Style with a high-pitched roof and decorative wrap-around verandah residence in Okotoks. (Style Value)		
SIGNIFICANCE	☐ Activity/Theme/Cultural Practice/Event		
CRITERIA (VALUES)	☐ Institution/Person		
	□ Design/Style/Construction		
	☐ Information Potential		
	□ Landmark/Symbolic Value		

PROVINCIAL MASTER PLAN THEME (please select all that apply)	□ Precontact Alberta □ Work and Leisure □ Fur Trade □ Spiritual Life □ Aboriginal Life □ Business and Industry □ Resource Development □ Law Enforcement □ Transportation □ Military □ Agricultural Development □ Education □ Urban Development □ Sports □ Politics and Government □ Intellectual Life □ Health □ The Face of Alberta		
ERA OF DEVELOPMENT	□ Early Precontact (ca10,000 to 6,000 BCE) □ Middle Precontact (ca6,000 BCE to 200 CE) □ Late Precontact (200 to 800 CE) □ Pre Settlement (800CE to 1872) □ Macleod Trail, Stopping Houses and Frontier Settlement (1873-1891) □ Railway and Early Settlement (1892-1903) □ Pre-War Boom (1904-1913) □ First World War (1914-1918) □ Inter-war Okotoks (1919-1939) □ Second World War (1940-1945) □ Post-War Era Okotoks (1946-1969) □ 'Modern' Era Okotoks (1970-1989)		
DATES	As well as the year of completion other significant dates are: 1954: Subdivision of the original Lots 4-7 that the house sat on. Lots 4 and 5 were subdivided such that the house now sits right on the west property line of Lot 6 and Lot 7 as a large east side yard. Combined Lots 6 and 7 equal a 75-foot lot therefore the original lot was a 150' lot.		
INTEGRITY	Does the resource retain sufficient integrity to convey significance? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
DESIGNATION	Federal Yes No Provincial Yes No Registered Yes No Municipal Yes No		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION	The Lineham/Mitchell Residence is a two-storey, wood-frame house built ca1900 in a Gable-front Style with a high-pitched roof, and a decorative wrap-around verandah. The house is clad in bevelled wood with two symmetrical upper windows above a ull-width, curved shed-roofed front and side verandah supported with decorative posts. The house is located on Elma Street West, a quiet residential street with a soft andscaped front yard setback with mature trees and shrubs on the east side of the '5' lot providing a notable landscaped side yard. It is situated in the early Okotoks community of Heritage Okotoks as part of the original townsite and old town commercial core, across the lane from the escarpment to the north, and just north of the Sheep River.	
HERITAGE VALUES	The Lineham/Mitchell Residence constructed ca1900 during Okotoks' railway and early settlement (1892 – 1903), possesses symbolic value for its association with that period of the town's early establishment. The modest two-storey wood constructed house is built in a simple Gabled-front Style, a popular style in Alberta during the reign of King Edward (1901-14), and during Alberta's Pre-war construction boom. The residence symbolizes Okotoks' early settlement period (1892-1903) where John Lineham played a major role: it is situated in a subdivision registered by Lineham, fronting a street named for his daughter Elma. The town's early settlement period began in 1892 with the completion of the Canadian Pacific Rails (CPR) Calgary-Fort Macleod branch line through Okotoks and the construction of the CPR station there,	

enabling the town to become a railway transportation hub. With new opportunities, the community, until then a stopover along an oxcart route, became a village in 1893. That year John Lineham, together with Alexander McRae, as the respective owners of the west and east halves of section 28 where the station was located, registered Okotoks' first subdivision as Plan 1650E with roads like Lineham Avenue and McRae Street.

Charlotte Mitchell, nee Lineham (1859-1918) with her four children (Lineham, William "Sandy", Elma, and Barbara) lived in the residence between 1912-1918. Charlotte was born in Ontario and is the sister of John Lineham and W.D. Lineham. She married William Mitchell in 1882, later moving their family to Edmonton. Upon William's passing in 1906, Charlotte moved to Okotoks with her children. She also owned land at Millarville. Her two sons Lineham and Sandy worked as sawyers at their Uncle John's sawmill. Lineham enlisted in World War I in 1915. Charlotte died in her home in 1918 at the age of 59 while her son was serving overseas. Her daughter Barbara lived in the house between 1919-1920. Barbara married Thomas Clark Allen of High River in 1920. William worked with Alberta Government Telephones. Then known as Mrs. T. C. Allen, Barbara continued to be the owner of the house while living in High River, presuming that the Lineham/Mitchell Residence was leased in the 1920's until it was sold to William Foran in 1927. Since the 1927 sale the house has been owned by various people.

As an early constructed residential home in Okotoks, the Lineham/Mitchell Residence possesses value as a well-preserved home situated along Okotoks' historic residential Elma Street. The two-storey house is representative of early constructed home using the town's natural wood materials that were milled at the local Lineham Lumber Company. It is simple in its design with bevelled wood cladding, a high-pitched roof, and projecting cross-gabled roof on the east side of the house. The house is enhanced with the architectural curved shed roof over the wraparound verandah that is supported with decorative posts and brackets. The tongue and groove on the eaves and underside of the curved roof with its narrow rafter detail provide an architecture feature unique to the house. Although simple in its rectangular form, and door and window pattern, the prominent full-width front and side verandah design characteristics enhance the attractiveness of the house along the street. The house retains its railway and early settlement historic feel with no sidewalk along the north side of Elma Street West. It has its own early settlement presence and as it sits amongst other architectural styles as seen in the stucco-clad Spanish Revival Residence and the brick two-storey W. D. Lineham Residence across the street. The house is valued as an early example of the Gabled-front Style in Okotoks, for its location in the earliest subdivision registered by John Lineham, and as it fronts Elma Street West, named for his daughter.

CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS

Character-defining elements of the Lineham/Mitchell Residence include, but are not limited to:

- form, scale and massing as expressed by its simple two-storey, rectangular plan with narrow facade:
- high-pitched, front-gabled roof with a central projecting cross-gabled roof to the east; curved shed roof covering the wrap-around verandah with exposed underside tongue and groove and narrow rafter detail; projecting verges with plain fascia; wooden tongue-and-groove soffits; and central external brick chimney;
- wood-frame construction with bevelled wood cladding;
- original fenestration pattern on all façades: windows such as single assemblies of vertical windows; plain flat wood window and door trim; and plain wood lug sills;
- other exterior features such as full-width wrap-around, curved shed-roofed, and open verandah supported with decorative wood posts and brackets;
- original placement and orientation on property; large setback on east side and no setback on the west side; and landscaped front and rear setback with mature trees and shrubs;
- location fronting Elma Street West residential street with many early twentieth century homes; consistent large soft landscaped setbacks; situated adjacent to an unpaved lane at the bottom of the natural area escarpment, and near the Sheep River.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES APPROVAL DATE	
TOWN OF OKOTOKS APPROVAL DATE	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS Description Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: North (rear) façade illustrating the two-storey massing and wood materials with side addition. A cellar door and staircase accesses a partial basement/partial crawlspace from the north façade exterior (see arrow). Significant woodpecker damage has taken place on the upper portion of the north facade (see arrow). Date Copyright Town of Okotoks

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



Description

Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: East (side) façade illustrating the wraparound verandah.

Date	2024 April 8
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOS	
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: West (side) façade illustrating the two-storey massing, wood materials, and window pattern. Significant woodpecker damage has taken place on the north portion of the west façade (see arrow).
Date	2024 April 8
Copyright	Town of Okotoks
ADDITIONAL PHOTOS	

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Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: Wrap-around verandah curved and exposed wood detailing.		
Date	2024 April 8		
Copyright	Town of Okotoks		
ADDITIONAL PHOTOS			
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: South and west façade typical window style, plain flat wood head and plain wood lug sill; and exposed projecting eaves.		
Date	2024 April 8		
Copyright	Town of Okotoks		
ADDITIONAL PHOTOS			
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: South (front) façade illustrating the decorative verandah wood post and bracket detailing.		

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS			
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W – Interior: Original wood staircase detailing.		
Date	2024 April 8		
Copyright	Town of Okotoks		
ADDITIONAL PHOTOS			
Description	Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W – Interior: Dining Room original trap door to the basement, hallway floor furnace registers, original hardwood floors.		
Date	2024 April 8		
Copyright	Town of Okotoks		

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS Description Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W: South (front) façade illustrating the twostorey massing and wood materials with a wrap-around verandah. 1972 Date Copyright Alberta Heritage Survey Program HS 32441, Negative #: HS 32441 - 72-R0147-31 **ADDITIONAL PHOTOS** Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W – Historic Photograph; South (front) façade illustrating the original curved, exposed verandah roof; decorative verandah post and bracket **Description** details; and plain flat window frame and pattern. 1972 Date Copyright Alberta Heritage Survey Program HS 32441, Negative #: HS 32441 - 72-R0147-32

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



Description

Lineham/Mitchell Residence, 38 Elma Street W - Historic Photograph; East and north (side and rear) façade one-storey addition. Now replaced with a two-storey addition.

Date

1972

Copyright

Alberta Heritage Survey Program HS 32441, Negative #: HS 32441 – 72-R0147-34

RESOURCE RESEARCH RECORDS

Historic Land Titles - Plan 4563I, Block E, Lots 6 & 7 (also includes Lots 4 & 5)

1884: Kenneth Cameron of Township 20, Range Twenty-nine, West of the Fourth Meridian in the Provisional District of Alberta in the North West Territories of Canada (Farmer)
1887: Kenneth Cameron, Dominion Lands Grant in the Provisional District of Alberta North West Territories, Township 20, Range 29, W. 4th Meridian, Section N.E. ¼ of 29, 160 acres
1891: Kenneth Cameron of Township 20, Range Twenty-nine, West of the Fourth Meridian in the Provisional District of Alberta in the North West Territories of Canada (Farmer)
1898: Charles Coursolles McCaul of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta,
Administrator of the Estate of (not legible first name) Cauerose (deceased)
1898: John Lineham of Okotoks in the District of Alberta in the North West Territories
(Lumber Merchant)

1902: John Lineham of Okotoks in the District of Alberta in the North West Territories (Lumber Merchant)

1906: John Lineham of Okotoks in the Province of Alberta (Merchant)

1914: William Donald Lineham (Rancher) and Ernest Austin Daggett (Mill Owner) both of Okotoks, in the Province of Alberta, and William Murray Connacher (Manager) of the City of Calgary in the Province of Alberta. Executors of the Will of John Lineham (Rancher) of Okotoks in the said Province of Alberta (Deceased)

1925: Barbara F. Allen of Bassano in the Province of Alberta (Married Woman)

1927: William Foran of Okotoks in the Province of Alberta (Farmer)

1938: Lilian Foran of Okotoks in the Province of Alberta (Spinster)

Note:

1920: Charlotte Elma Saunders of Blackie in the Province of Alberta (Married Woman) is on title for Lots 4 & 5 until 1925 when all Lots 4 through 7 were registered in title to Barbara F. Allen.

Town of Okotoks Tax Rolls

1912-1918: Mrs Charlotte Mitchell & son Lineham Mitchell

1919: Miss Barbara Mitchell 1920: Miss Barbara Mitchell 1920-1927: Mrs T. C Allen

1927-1936: William Foran 1937: Miss L. Foran 1938: C. E. Miles 1939-1943: Sidney H Mattock 1944-1952/53: Mrs E. A. Hayes 1954: Lots 4 & 5 were split from Lots 6 & 7. 1954-1955: Henry Lewis Kidd 1955-1986: Edwin W. Kaul **ADDITONAL** Construction Date Note **HERITAGE VALUE** Research to identify the construction date was established by the 1905 Fire Insurance Map **INFORMATION** that shows the house existed on Lots 6 and 7 in 1905. No other research materials uncovered the exact construction date as the Town has no tax roll assessments prior to 1912. The evaluation, therefore, has established circa 1900 for a construction date until such a time that additional historical information (such as tax roll assessments).

Resource Rationale

The Lineham/Mitchell Residence is named for the original owner of the house, John Lineham, who likely constructed the house. His sister with her four children lived in the house between 1912-1918 however, could have moved into it as early as 1906 when they moved from Edmonton to Okotoks. The land titles remained under John Lineham's name until his passing in 1913 at which time the title was in the name of his executors W. D. Lineham, E. A Daggett, and W. M. Connacher until 1920. Charlotte Mitchell lived in the house until her passing in 1918 and her daughter Barbara Mitchell lived in the house until 1920. The resource name rationale combines the family ownership and occupancy of the house.

STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY

HISTORIC PLACE NAME AND ADDRESS	Lineham/Mitchell Residence 38 Elma Street West		
SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY	This site is significant because The Lineham/Mitchell Residence constructed ca1900 during Okotoks' railway and early settlement (1892 - 1903), possesses symbolic value for its association with that period of the town's early establishment on the towns earliest subdivision registered by John Lineham. (Symbolic Value) The Lineham/Mitchell Residence also possesses value as a well-preserved two-storey simple Gabled-front Style, high-pitched roof, and decorative wrap-around verandah residence in Okotoks. (Style Value)		
PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE	, ,		
CHRONOLOGY OF ALTERATIONS	Unknown: when the north (rear) one and one-half storey massing was altered to a two-storey continuation of the main house two-storey massing. Unknown: addition of a one-storey rear shed roof addition behind the projecting cross-gabled portion of the house to the east. Between 1972-81: verandah posts and decorative features removed and replaced with plain posts. Unknown: two-storey shed roof addition to replace the one-storey shed roof addition. Unknown: replacement of original wooden window sashes including the stained-glass design and pattern on the front living room window; and replacement of the original wood doors. 2024: Development Permit submitted for a two-storey carriage house/garage at the rear of the property off the lane.		

	PECTS OF EGRITY	Does the resource significance? Yes ⊠ No □	maintain s	sufficient overall integrity to convey its
1.	LOCATION	Yes ⊠	No 🗌	N/A 🗆
	Location is the place voccurred.	where an historic reso	urce was c	constructed or the site where an historic activity or event
	Statement of Integrity: on the property along			ce retains its original location and situation (placement)
2.	DESIGN	Yes ⊠	No 🗌	N/A □
	Design is the combina	ation of elements that	create the f	form, plan, space, structure and style of a resource.
	form and its cross-gab with both a front door exposed tongue and of detailing (seen on the a plan flat post and no post design at an unking replaced with a conting the east façade has be not impact the original except for the wood st	ole style elements, and and side door from it to groove wood covered historic early nineteer or railing between 1972 nown time since 1981 uation of the original to een replaced with a two design on the main for taircase and some of the some of the side.	d simple are to the house verandah re hundred to and 1981. The origin wo-storey foots or the original the original	the possesses a good degree of integrity, retaining its architectural detailing. The notable wrap-around verandable has been retained including the unique curved and roof. The decorative verandah posts and bracket teens and historic 1972 photographs) was replaced with and again replaced to replicate the original decorative hal one and one-half storey north addition has been front-gabled roof. The one-storey shed roof addition on a shed roof addition. These two addition alterations do a the integrity of the interior design has been altered all layout. And original trap door in the dining room has was built at an unknown time (possibly in the mid-1990s)

under the northwest corner of the house and accessed by both a rear exterior cellar door and from an interior staircase.

3.	ENVIRONMENT	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	N/A 🗌
				ce. Whereas location refers to a specific place, a resource played its historic role.
	with front setbacks landscaped including the well-known Lineh	I with mature am, Hessell, s its setting at	trees and sh McKay, Dov	retains its residential context on Elma Street West irubs; and many other early 20th Century buildings, oney, England and McEathron, and Spanish Revival of the natural escarpment with unpaved alley and no
4.	MATERIALS	Yes ⊠	No 🗌	N/A 🗆
	Materials are the physical elem frame and in a particular patter			or deposited during a particular period(s) or time an historic resource.
	Lineham/Mitchell Residence re original bevelled wood siding he verandah posts and brackets we decorative detailing. The exposi- been retained. The wood mate replacement due to the impact façade. The wood cladding, fact the foundation is in its original was built in the mid 1990s (no raised to construct the wood for concrete slab and dirt floor. The	etains some of as been replayed have be sed wood eaverials need a set of birds pecked as eaves, ar condition. The documentation bundation. So e south founds possibly rais	of its original acced with the en replaced wes, facia, ar significant arking through all trim on ere is a wood to confirm me of the origidation is a Potent to know the house the house the house the with the me of the house the with the me of the house the	repair/replacement of like materials, so the materials such as the door and window frames. The exame wood cladding as well the decorative wood with a plain version and then again back to the original additional decurved wood tongue and groove verandah roof have mount of maintenance including in some area's the wood cladding notably on the north and west the exterior of the house need painting. Very little of defoundation partial basement/partial crawlspace that the year) with the observation that the house was ginal concrete foundation remains, as well as a mix of WF pony wall on a concrete strip footing. The materials expected to the partial basement/partial crawlspace have in the foundation of the house.
5.	WORKMANSHIP	Yes ⊠	No 🗌	N/A 🗌
	Workmanship is the physical e history. It is important because principles.	vidence of the	e crafts of a de informatio	particular culture or people during any given period in n about technological practices and aesthetic
	curved and exposed tongue ar	nd groove ver	andah roof r	s plain flat wood door and window frames, and the etain evidence of workmanship however, these epairs on ends. Craftsmanship is evident on the
6.	FEELING	Yes ⊠	No 🗌	N/A 🗆
	The feeling of permanency and historical feel.	confidence a	at the time of	construction continues to retain an
		reetscape of	Elma Street	retains all its stylistic elements and as its situated on West, and therefore retain the feeling of a home eriod.
7.	ASSOCIATION	Yes ⊠	No 🗌	N/A 🗆
	Association is a <i>direct link</i> betwan institution or person.	veen an histo	ric resource	and a significant historical theme, activity or event, or
		as well as its	setting on a	has maintained its residential association with its residential street and its front and cross-gabled retained 75-foot lot.

Primary Sources:

Okotoks Museum and Archives

Assessment and Tax Roll for 38 Elma Street (Lots 4-7, Block E, Plan 4563I). 1912 – 1986 and Telephone Books 1995-1996

Fire Insurance Map, 1905 – for house location with Lots 4-7

Historic Photographs - to identify original character-defining elements

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Development and Building Permits – identify alterations and renovations

Alberta Heritage Survey Program

Alberta Register of Historic Places (1972), Inventory Site Form HS32441 – photographs, construction date Alberta Register of Historic Places (1981), Alberta Heritage Survey Programme, Inventory Site Form OKO-01-021, HS32441 – photographs, construction date

Secondary Sources:

Okotoks Historical Context Paper, J M Gartly Design Studio Inc. and Marilyn Williams Heritage Consulting, November 2019 – historic themes and values, people, railway and early settlement

Find a Grave and Family Tree – Charlotte Lineham Mitchell, William Mitchell, Lineham Mitchell, Mitchell children birth/death dates





Site Number	Category
	Α
Community District	
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Designation	

Heritage Evaluation Scoring Form

Site Name(s): LINEHAM/MITCHELL RESIDENCE Date of 38 Elma Street West **Municipal Address:** Construction: ca. 1900 Evaluation Consultant(s): Jeanie M. Gartly Date: 06 03 Okotoks Culture and Heritage: Allan Boss, Kathy Coutts **TOTAL** 77.0

History (H)	E	VG	G	F	Р			(H) SCC
H.1 Associations/Patterns		Х				20		
H.2 Age		Х				10		30.0

Comments:

H.1 The Lineham/Mitchell Residence, constructed during Okotoks' Railway and Early Settlement (1892-1903), possesses symbolic value for its association with that period of the town's early development.

H.2 Constructed in ca. 1900.

Architecture (A)	Ε	VG	G	F	Р	
A.1 Style/Type/Design		Х				20
A.2 Designer/Builder					Х	0
A.3 Construction Technology		Х				10
A.4 Interior Details				Χ		2
A.5 Alterations		-5				-5

(A) SCORE

27.0

Comments:

A.1 The Lineham/Mitchell Residence also possesses value as a well-preserved and well-constructed Gabled-front Style residence in Okotoks. The architectural design features displayed by the home are its simple, rectangular, two-storey form with narrow façade and high-pitched front-gabled roof, as well as the wrap-around curved shed roof over the front and east side verandah. The house is accentuated with the verandah roof that is supported by decorative posts and brackets.

A.2 Not identified

- A.3 Very early example of the front-gabled two-storey wood construction with a curved shed roof over the wrap-around verandah. The simple architectural detailing and workmanship is evident.
- A.4 The interior retains the main wood staircase and original hardwood floors in the living and dining room.
- A.5 The building exterior is unchanged except for a two-storey front-gabled continuation on the north (rear) façade and the two-storey shed roof addition to replace the original one-storey shed addition on the east rear façade however these are not visible from the street.

Urban Context (C)	Ε	VG	G	F	Р		_	(C) SCORE
C.1 Landmark/Character		Х				10		20.0
C.2 Streetscape/Landscape	Χ					15		

Comments:

- C.1 The Lineham/Mitchell Residence has maintained its two-storey front-gabled domestic architectural style and detailing which established and has maintained a presence along the residential street from when it was constructed during the towns early establishment on four lots that were later subdivided for two lots equally 75 feet.
- C.2 The Lineham/Mitchell Residence retains its residential context on Elma Street West with front setbacks landscaped with mature trees and shrubs, and many other early 20th Century buildings, including the well-known Lineham, Hessell, McKay, Downey, England and McEathron homes along Elma Street West. The house also retains its setting at the bottom of the natural escarpment with an unpaved alley and no sidewalks along the north side of the street.