



Soon after First United Church was built in 1909, some panoramic photographs of Kelowna were taken from the bell tower. The section above shows the Bernard-Lawrence neighbourhood of the time (with an early postcard inset). At right is a church tower view looking west down Bernard Avenue towards the early downtown and Okanagan Lake.

DAVID LECKIE

Established Hospital, Board of Trade, Western Cannery

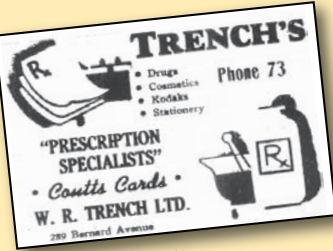
(781 Bernard) A successful businessman and civic leader, Leckie contributed to the early development of many Kelowna institutions. He opened the Leckie Hardware store (later Bennett's) on Bernard Ave. in 1904, and went on to assist in establishing the Aquatic Building, the Kelowna Hospital, the Board of Trade, Western Cannery, Kelowna Lawn Tennis Club and the Scout Hall. He served a number of terms on Kelowna City Council and oversaw the development of Kelowna's first water system.



The Leckie and Muirhead houses c. 1910



JW JONES Mayor 1912-17, MLA 1917-33
(830 Bernard) Arriving in 1907, James William Jones became involved in the parceling of irrigated orchard lands in Rutland and Dry Valley (Glenmore) with the Central Okanagan Lands Co. He later served five terms as mayor of Kelowna, including WWI years, then moved into provincial politics, sitting for 12 years in the Conservative opposition ranks. Eventually he rose to Minister of Finance during the Depression, introducing an unpopular 1% income tax to try to balance the books.



The Kelowna Courier c. 1949

WR TRENCH

Pharmacist, Mayor 1934-35

(784 Lawrence) William Robert Trench opened a drugstore on Bernard Avenue in 1908, employing the first women pharmacist in the 1920s. Trench was the city's mayor during the Depression years of 1934-35.



Two premiers associated with Bernard Ave. home

(862 Bernard) From 1930-32, grocer Harold Waldron rented the "Cooper House" to **WAC and May Bennett**. WAC Bennett later became the renowned Premier of British Columbia. Their son **Bill**, who was also to become Premier of British Columbia, was born while they lived here. In 1936 the Bennetts bought F.R.E. DeHart's "Brookside Manor" on Ethel Street.



Annie-Louise Knowles with baby son Bill in front of their home at 865 Bernard Ave., c. 1908

The Knowles family

(865 Bernard) **Annie-Louise** came to Kelowna in 1906 to join her husband **James Bacon Knowles**. JB established a jewellery store on Bernard Avenue in 1905, which operated until 1938.

JB was also involved in many groups and civic affairs, including: the Aquatic Association, Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, and Board of Trade. He served on City Council 1918-28 and was chair of the Parks Committee during the development of City Park. In later years he helped establish the Museum Association and served as president of the Okanagan Historical Association, Kelowna branch. He built the first Knowles House in 1908 and later, the second house at 1001 Lawrence Avenue. Son **Bill Knowles** wrote extensively of his memories of early Kelowna, and his book, *According to Bill*, was published in 2001. **Knowles Park** was named to recognize the many contributions of this pioneering family, and in 2001 KSAN restored the Knowles House in partnership with the City of Kelowna.



Foursquare face-off
The Collins House (above) and the Doyle House have faced each other on Lawrence Avenue for more than 100 years.



JW Hughes:

Father of Okanagan grape industry

(806 Bernard) **Jessie Willard Hughes** started the first commercial grape 'Pioneer Vineyards' in 1926. He also successfully grew raspberries and exported peony and gladiolus bulbs throughout the world.



Professional dance taught at Women's Institute Hall

Arriving in Kelowna in 1937, **Mary Pratten** established a dance studio at the Women's Institute Hall at 770 Lawrence. Over the years she taught hundreds of students the art of various forms of dance. She continued her teaching well into her eighties.



Generations of young people learned the art of dance on Lawrence Avenue.

DeHart helped establish City Park

(770 Bernard) **Frank DeHart** was a managing director of Okanagan Fruit and Land Co. and he built the house at 770 Bernard in 1907. He was elected mayor in 1909, and during his term City Park was established, the Aquatic Association was formed and the Aquatic Pavilion built. He later built and resided at the home now known as the Bennett estate.

Meikle's store a Bernard Ave. fixture for 32 years

(757 Lawrence) **George Meikle** arrived in Kelowna in 1904 and began a long partnership with the Lawson, Rowcliffe & Co. drygoods store — from 1937-1969, under his own name. He was a member of City Council for 15 years, president of the Kelowna Board of Trade and president of the Aquatic Association for the first Regatta in 1909.



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KELOWNA'S

Historic BERNARD-LAWRENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD

A heritage walking tour



A PRESENCE FROM THE PAST

Since Kelowna's incorporation in 1905, development has spread outward from the original business area along Bernard Avenue. In the Bernard-Lawrence neighbourhood just east of downtown, there remains a concentrated inventory of heritage buildings in a variety of architectural styles favoured over the past 100 years.

Many of these buildings also have historical associations with the city's pioneer families—early residents who, through civic involvement or commerce, shaped the city we know today.

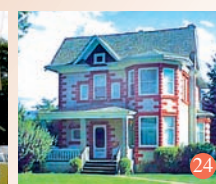
Of the 32 buildings shown here, 29 are recognized in the Kelowna Heritage Register as having significant historic value to the community. Heritage buildings are an important link to the past and tangible reminders of the city's social and architectural history.

In 2005, the Bernard-Lawrence neighbourhood received a Preservation Award from the Central Okanagan Heritage Society.

Munson House
966 Lawrence • Built 1911
Home of Robert Munson, sawmill worker
Victorian Foursquare design with
hipped roof, gabled dormer
and covered porch.



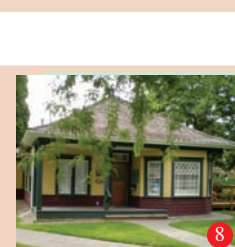
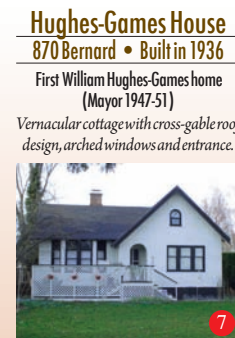
United Church Manse
963 Lawrence • Built 1913
First served as the manse (Minister's home) for First United Church
Large brick house, unusual style for Kelowna, Craftsman influence shown in front bay window.



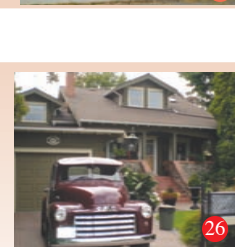
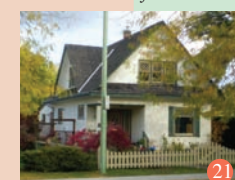
Renwick House
987 Lawrence • Built 1912
Occupied by two generations of the Renwick family
(Shown unaltered) Late Queen Anne style and a rare example of concrete block imitating sandstone.



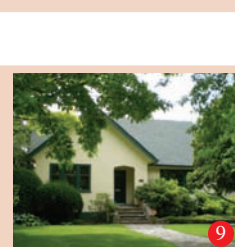
2nd Knowles House
1001 Lawrence • Built 1913
The second house associated with JB Knowles, jeweller and civic leader
Dutch Colonial Revival style, barn-inspired with rural vernacular features and enclosed front porch.



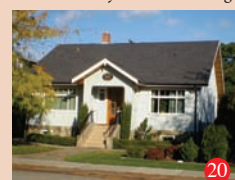
Hughes-Games House
870 Bernard • Built in 1936
First William Hughes-Games home (Mayor 1947-51)
Vernacular cottage with cross-gable roof design, arched windows and entrance.



JB Knowles House
865 Bernard • Built 1907
First home to James Bacon Knowles, businessman and civic leader
Arts and Crafts Bungalow (Restored by KSA in 2000)



HC Cooper House
862 Bernard • Built in 1905
HC Cooper owned a saddlery and harness business (1904) on Water Street
Early Arts and Crafts style with a low gabled roof and covered verandah.



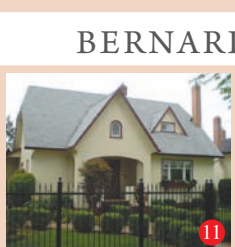
McKim House
855 Bernard • Built 1936
Home to Owen Jones, (Mayor 1936-39), Albert McKim (W Kootenay Light & Power)
Mid-War Vernacular Cottage, cross-gable roof with curvilinear detailing.



JW Jones House
830 Bernard • Built 1912
Home to James W Jones, (Mayor 1912-17, Conservative MLA 1916-33)
A classic hip-roof foursquare design with curving wrap-around verandah.



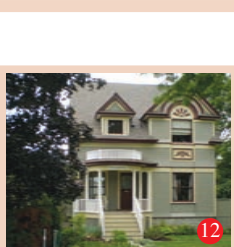
JW Hughes House
806 Bernard • Built 1933
JW Hughes planted the first commercial vineyards in 1926, exported flower bulbs
Modest Colonial-style with grand entrance featuring eight round columns.



W Harvey House
796 Bernard • Built 1926
Home to Bill Harvey, who worked as a purser on the lake ferries
Classic Craftsman Bungalow style with sloping front roof and covered verandah.



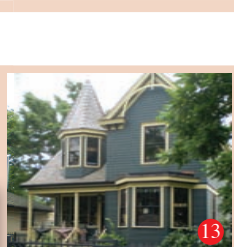
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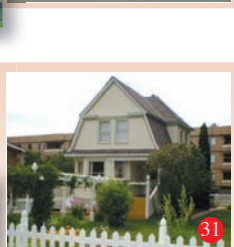
FDE DeHart House
770 Bernard • Built 1907
Built by Frank DeHart (Mayor 1909), Manager of Okanagan Fruit & Land Co.
A larger foursquare design with Arts & Crafts elements.



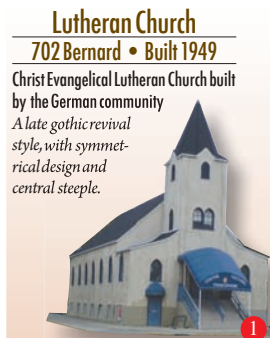
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Muirhead House
763 Bernard • Built 1910
First known resident W.F. Muirhead
Victorian Revival, Queen Anne design with large turret.
Builder: I. Mawhinney



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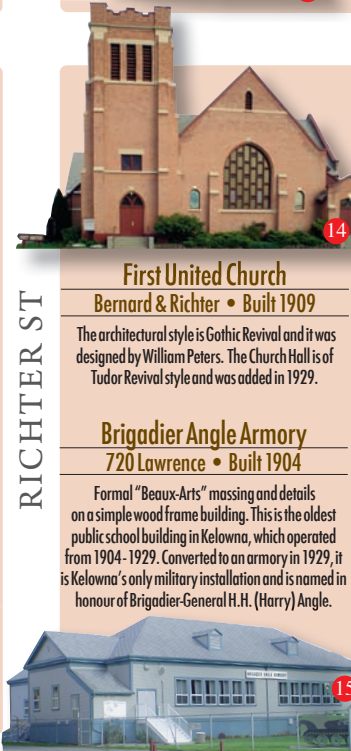
Lutheran Church
702 Bernard • Built 1949
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church built by the German community
A late gothic revival style, with symmetrical design and central steeple.



First United Church
Bernard & Richter • Built 1909
The architectural style is Gothic Revival and it was designed by William Peters. The Church Hall is of Tudor Revival style and was added in 1929.

BERNARD AVE

LAWRENCE AVE (formerly Glenn Avenue)



Brigadier Angle Armory
720 Lawrence • Built 1904
Formal "Beaux-Arts" massing and details on a simple wood frame building. This is the oldest public school building in Kelowna, which operated from 1904-1929. Converted to an armory in 1929, it is Kelowna's only military installation and is named in honour of Brigadier-General H.H. (Harry) Angle.



Glenn Avenue School
1633 Richter • Built 1910
Builder: HW Raymer. Originally constructed as the High School, it had six rooms. When KSS opened in 1939 it became an elementary school for grades 3 and 4. Constructed of Kelowna brick.



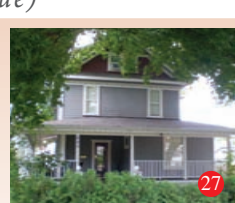
G Meikle House
757 Lawrence • Built 1910
Home to the George Meikle family, long-time downtown merchants (1905-69).
Dutch Colonial Revival style, the gambrel (or barn-style) roof is unique to the area.



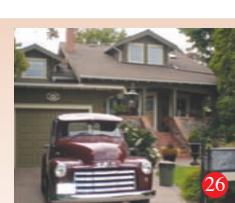
JL Doyle House
795 Lawrence • Built 1908
Built and owned by James Doyle, city assessor and partner in Layritz nursery
Foursquare style with hipped roof, covered verandah, more recent addition on the side-front.



Brunette House
825 Lawrence • Built 1906
Original residence of Arthur Brunette, chief mechanic for Leckie Hardware
Craftsman elements, low gable roof with a low gable wing, front porch addition.



Atchison House
831 Lawrence • Built 1931
Built for Howard Atchison, who worked as a labourer at Kelowna Sawmill
A Tudor Revival style home, second floor is jettied on brackets with exposed rafter ends.



G Ritchie House
845 Lawrence • Built 1907
Built by and for George Ritchie, contractor and builder
Well-rested wood frame home with gable roof and large wrap-around hip-roof verandah.

Knowles Park

ETHEL ST

Downtown Kelowna
RICHTER ST