

1193 Beach Drive

The Henry Burt-Smith House

Built 1927

Architect: P. L. James

Mr. Burt-Smith was retired when this house was built. Although municipal records in 1927 estimated the construction value of the house at \$5,800, the architect's own notebook records such requirements as "special high-grade plumbing fixtures", and a "special kitchen sink". Even when the owner was "to supply certain items: shingles, painting, work, etc. say \$1,000" the value of the home was in reality \$11,760.

The home, by one of Victoria's better architects is one of many throughout Oak Bay that give the municipality its English-Tudor character. Its well-landscaped cottage appearance assists in visually scaling down the Oak Bay Beach Hotel next door and, in a modest manner continues the Tudor motif established by the larger estates south on Beach Drive.

