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1558 Beach Drive
The J. W. Morris House
Built 1912
Architects: James and James
(Surveyed in 1976)

Brother architects Percy Leonard James and Douglas James designed this lavish home, which was built for \$25,000 in 1912. The cost per cubic foot was nearly double of most other homes of the period. The exterior of the home features split granite veneering up to the second floor on two sides. Shingles and half-timbering made up the rest of the exterior cladding. The interior features included oak panelling in the hall, staircase and dining room. Fir panelling was used in the library and upper hallway. 1500 sq. ft. of oak flooring (about the size of an average house of the period) was installed, along with 10 fireplaces and five WC's and three bathtubs. A large amount of stained and leaded glass was installed with the most beautiful on the Prospect Place facade. John W. Morris was president of the Wood Motor Co. Ltd. (offices on Broughton Street).

The home was divided into suites in 1948 with some infilling of porches being done over the years. The grounds have been kept to their original size and the original garage still exists.

