

F.M. Rattenbury on porch c1899. PABC 96454

TECHINIHL (Glenlyon School)

1701 Beach Drive

The Francis Mawson Rattenbury House

Built 1898; addition 1913

Coach House 1914

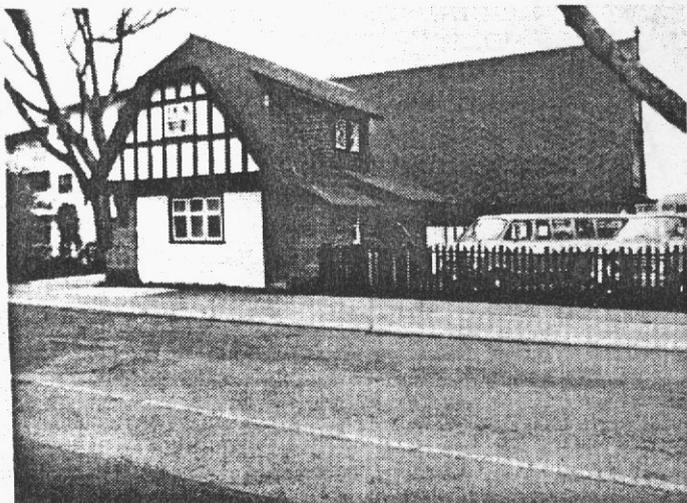
Architect: F. M. Rattenbury



Rattenbury's own home was built on a seafront portion of the property that he owned jointly with another architect--J. G. Tiarks. (See introduction to this section). It would seem that enough money was acquired through property transactions to allow Rattenbury to build the first portion of his home in 1898 for \$3,700. A solid home in the English interpretation of the Queen Anne style, it nevertheless

incorporated a few typical Rattenbury elements, including the solid, shingled gable over the stairway windows. In 1913, when a \$5,000 addition was built, the home nearly doubled in size and took on a rambling tudor manor appearance, especially on the ocean-front facade. Cresting and finials on the original house disappeared during renovations. A stable or coach house was built in 1914, being listed as a "\$1,000.00 dwelling" presumably living quarters for a chauffeur. An undated site plan shows other out-buildings which are no longer extant. The boathouse survived until a few years ago when it was enlarged for classroom use and virtually obliterated. The main house is mostly well-cared for, considering its heavy use in its school function, although a major two storey classroom wing has been added to the north end of the residence. Many features of the interior are intact, but the original kitchen walls, lined floor to ceiling in polished marble, have been covered completely with wallpaper. The coach house has been successfully adapted to classroom use with little disruption of the original design.

In September 1935, Glenlyon School moved into the house under the headmastership of Major J. I. Simpson. This move provided more commodious accommodation than that provided at their former St. David Street address. Today the school has 225 students.



The Coach house. VCA

