

2753 Cavendish Avenue
 The Edward Woodford Hamilton-Smith House
 Built 1912
 Contractor: N. Benneck and Sons

This house has survived in remarkably original condition due to being owned by one family until 1985. The house sold in that year and the new owners are intent on preserving the house. Mr. Hamilton-Smith came from Scotland via Pennsylvania to Victoria. The house was worth \$4,000 when built on Beachway Avenue, the former name of this street. It is in the Bungalow style and the wide front porch and upper balconies would have commanded fine views of the ocean and Willows Beach. Mr. Hamilton-Smith was a well-thought-of teacher and his daughter, Patricia Hamilton-Smith, who continued to live in the home also taught for many years at Oak Bay High School.



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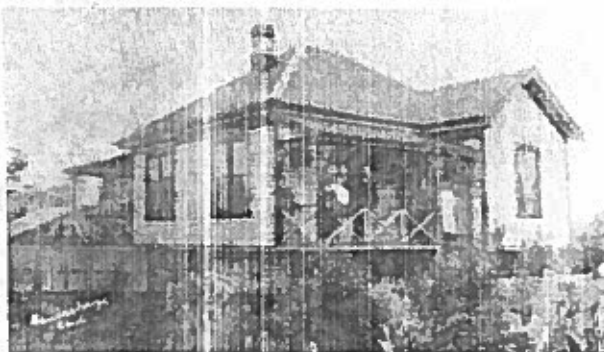


2345 Cranmore Road
 The Albert Henry Blakemore House
 Built: 1904
 Builder: A. H. Blakemore

Cranmore Road derives its name in part from the name of this family, one of the first to settle in the immediate area (the other was Ross Crane--Cran/more). A. H. Blakemore was a contractor and bought four acres in 1904 which included what is now Hampshire Road--and down to Bowker Creek. This right-of-way was purchased by Oak Bay in 1908. A few years after building this house he also built 1708, 1728, 1736, 1742, 1750, 1758 and 1764, all on Hampshire Road.

The family's 1904 house was rather old-fashioned when it was built, looking much more like a Victorian cottage, rather than an Edwardian bungalow. After the flurry of building activity, the family moved to Alberni in 1913.

The two magnificent trees in the garden are Blue Atlas cedars and are listed as Heritage trees.



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