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Karen –

A friend of mine is getting ready to start work on the house at 2 North Allan Park, so I wanted to track down any photos of the house. The house was built by the Rubin family in 1919, but they sold it in 1925, and it became a rental house. That was bad news because (1) finding a photo during the 1920s is rare and (2) finding a photo from a renter is even rarer. Still, I was able to track down a great-grandson of the first owner. I sent an email, but I didn't hear anything back for two months. Then, out of the blue, he wrote back yesterday. He told me he didn't have any good shots, but he did send me six photos that, while close ups of people instead of any house, might show the house. One of them was dated 1924.

I was looking at the details of those photos that I got from Mr. Rubin, and at first, they didn't match up. The problem was only that all of the photos were mirror images of what I would expect. For example, the front door is on the right, not left, side of the house. And the details on of the neighboring house are from the house on the left, not the one on the right. I thought that seemed really coincidental.

Then, I had a head-slapping a-HA moment. I was staring at the photo of the woman behind the wheel of a car with a baby on her lap when I realized that the steering wheel was on the wrong side of the car. And, if you closely zoom in on the photo of the man with the baby, you can see that the fly on his pants is right over left instead of left over right. And, the same thing on his shirt.

It seems that all of those photos must have been on the same roll of film, and someone just made a mistake when developing them and processed them in reverse!

I changed the formatting to a different format and flipped the images. Now, they all match up, the steering wheel is correct, and the man's clothing is right too!

I'm attaching the photos post-corrections. The man is going to check with his aunt to see if she might have any photos too, so there is still hope of finding a better view of the house. These aren't great shots of the house at all, but you might be able to find a file folder for them.

Kevin