

Defining characteristics of Character Area 36 St-Antoine Street

The following are some of the key *defining characteristics* applying to the whole area.

Use and typology: Most buildings are triplexes although a few duplexes as well as institutional, commercial and industrial occupancies are also found. Virtually all buildings are attached.

Siting and orientation: All building facades are parallel to the street. They are virtually all on the same plane (especially each attached grouping), 3.0 - 4.5 m from the streetline.

Heights and frontages: The buildings are generally three storeys high with frontages 6.0 - 9.0 m wide.

Roofs: All roofs are flat. These generally have straight parapets which are almost always silhouetted by cornices. The remainder of the roofs have decorative false mansards with dormers, gable projections and/or eaves with some decorative details (dentils, brackets, mouldings, etc.)

Facade materials: About two-thirds of the facades are in stone and about a third in brick. On St-Antoine Street, between Brooke and Greene, all facades are in stone (rock-faced stone with smooth cut stone bands, and window and door surrounds).

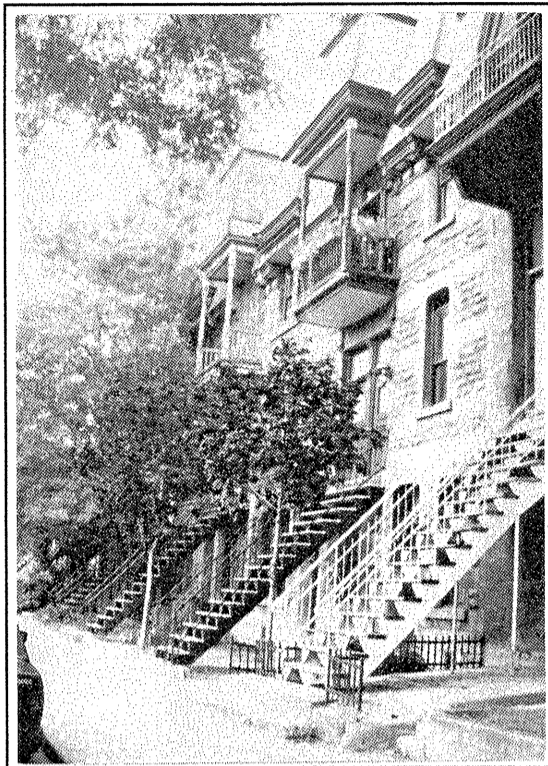
Entrances conditions: All entrances are at the front and in the case of the triplexes (three-storey houses) they are almost all at two levels: one close to sidewalk level (ground floor); the other at the second floor, 3.0 - 3.7 m from the sidewalk. The latter are reached by staircases perpendicular to the street, in close proximity to the sidewalk, and always in a single run.

Facade treatments: The triplexes always have one or two of the following elements: balconies over entrances, right-angled wall projections, recessed entrances.

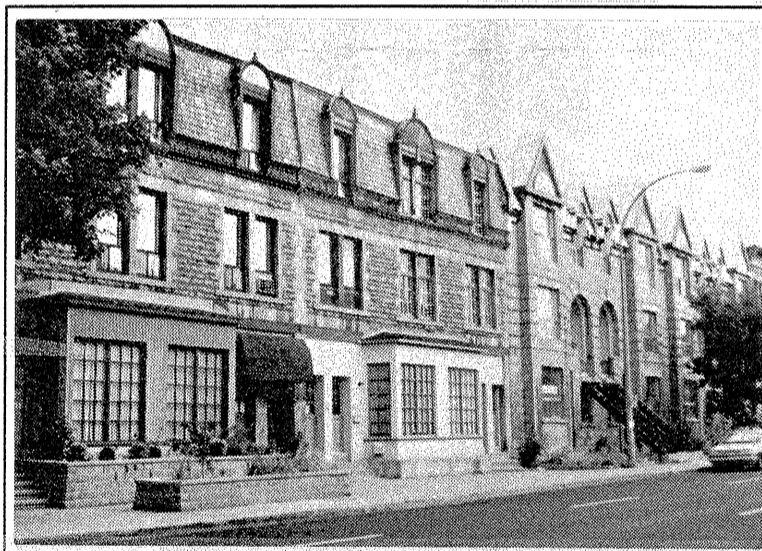
Windows: The windows and their openings are virtually all very vertical. The facade composition of the triplexes almost always has a pair of windows, spaced closely together, and aligned on each floor. Originally, the windows were virtually all double-hung in the residential buildings (about a third have since been replaced by other styles).

Parking: The parking areas are all reached by the rear lane and are thus virtually unseen from the street.

Landscaping: The front yards are generally enclosed by low fences (wooden as well as some wrought iron ones) as is quite common for triplexes in the neighbouring area in Montreal but is unusual for Westmount.



St-Antoine St., north side: triplexes with single-run staircases close to the sidewalk are characteristic of this street.



St-Antoine St., north side: three storey buildings generally in stone, along with animated rooflines.