



The W.J. Mathers house in 1912. The original cedar shingle roof and two of three original chimneys are visible in the photograph. PHOTO: HV985.57.1 (BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM).



The W.J. Mathers house with its new cedar roof. The chimneys have been temporarily dismantled above the roofline due to concerns about their stability.



A photograph from early 2024 shows the condition of the roof prior to replacement of the shingles. Replacing the flashing between the chimney and the roof was part of the scope of the project.



Detail of the shingles, prior to replacement.



Bricks from one of the dismantled chimneys, stamped "Kilgard." It was previously believed that the chimneys were constructed with brick manufactured at the Clayburn Company brickyards in Abbotsford. Clayburn produced approximately 90% of all brick in British Columbia at that time. This discovery increases the historical value of the three chimneys, which were all constructed with Kilgard bricks.