

**683 St. Laurent Avenue  
George and Myrtle Allen House – 1939**



Front Elevation



Front and West Elevation



East and Rear Elevation

**Description**

George and Myrtle Allen House is a pleasant single storey wood frame house built in 1939 located on the northwest corner of St. Laurent Avenue and Wilson Street in North Quesnel, BC. The historic place includes the building and the parcel of land it occupies.

**Heritage Value**

George and Myrtle Allen House is located in North Quesnel which is an older residential neighbourhood in the city. While not in its original form, the house is a physical reminder of the people who shaped the development of Quesnel. The house makes its own unique contribution to the streetscape and supports the overall ambience of the block. The house was built by well-known local contractors Harker and Pawsey in 1939. They lived here while they built the Quesnel School.

The house is named for George and Myrtle Allen who lived in this house for many years. They were pioneers of Quesnel who owned and operated a bakery beside the Cariboo Hotel on Front Street. Later, George and Myrtle moved their bakery Vaughan Street. They sold this house to the Telford family.

**Character-Defining Elements**

The character-defining elements of George and Myrtle Allen House include:

- a delightful single storey wood frame house situated on a large corner lot;
- a garage under the house next to the basement along Wilson Street;
- its shingle exterior and interesting three paned windows;
- a unique appearance and warm texture;
- a projecting entrance way with pediment similar to houses built in Quesnel in the 1930s;
- similar scale, proportion and style to other houses on the street;
- a gable roof with bracketed eaves.

