

416 Vaughan Street Healy House – 1935



Front Elevation



North Elevation



Rear Elevation

Description

Healy House is a charming single storey wood frame house built in 1935 located atop a small hill on the northeast corner of Vaughan Street and St. Laurent Avenue in North Quesnel, BC. The historic place includes the building and the parcel of land it occupies.

Heritage Value

Healy House is located in North Quesnel which is an older residential neighbourhood in the city. Over the years, major renovations have occurred, however the house supports the other buildings on the street that have experienced change. While not in its original form, the house is a physical reminder of the people who shaped the development of Quesnel.

The original owner of this house was Walter Boyd. Walter is the youngest son of pioneers, John and Janet Boyd, who owned the homestead and stopping point for stage coaches, 'Cottonwood House'. Walter worked as an apprentice carpenter with Harry Joyce until 1915 when he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during WWI. Two of his brothers, Archie and Chester, also enlisted. Unfortunately, they were killed in action while serving in France. When Walter returned to Quesnel he continued in the carpentry trade and built many houses in Quesnel. The Boyd family is recognized for their contribution to the development of the community with a street named in their honour.

The house is named for Felix Jr. and Audrey (Huntsley) Healy who purchased this house in 1949. Felix Jr. was from Alberta and arrived with his parents at the Richbar Farm, in 1920. He was a life long friend of Albert Campbell, the oldest son of pioneers, Duncan and Eva Campbell, who built the log house on Murphy Street. Felix Jr. married Audrey in 1939. Audrey was a hospital worker in Quesnel. During WWII, Felix Jr. joined the Army and was wounded in action. He arrived back in Quesnel in 1945. The Healy family is recognized for their contribution to the development of the community with a street named in their honour.

Character-Defining Elements

The character-defining elements of Healy House include:

- a single storey wood frame construction building typical of the size of houses built in Quesnel during the 1930s;
- a gable roof on the T-shape form;
- a projecting entrance;
- decorative diamond shape windows;
- large windows on all sides;
- a heavily treed corner lot.