

**472 Wilson Street  
Alice Thomas-Kennedy House – 1932**



Front Elevation



South Elevation



Front and North Elevation

**Description**

Alice Thomas-Kennedy House is a single storey wood frame house built in 1920 and 1932 located on the east side of Wilson Street in North Quesnel, BC. The historic place includes the building and the parcel of land it occupies.

**Heritage Value**

Alice Thomas-Kennedy 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 original portion of the house was built in 1920 by William McGill. In 1932 a small addition was put onto the house.

The house is named for Alice (Cantin) and Jack Thomas who purchased the house from Joe O'Connor in 1940. Alice was the daughter of pioneers, Joe and Delena Cantin, who moved to the Quesnel area in 1906. Alice was born in 1923 at the family farm located at Granville Ferry on the Quesnel River. She did not receive a formal education until 1936 when she was enrolled in the third grade at the age of thirteen. In 1939, Alice left school to care for her ailing mother.

At the age of seventeen, Alice married Jack Thomas. Alice and Jack were living in Wells, BC when they purchased this house. In 1943, Jack took time away from his job at the Cariboo Gold Quartz Mine to move Alice and their child into their new house in Quesnel. Local contractors, Harker and Pawsey, were hired to build another addition to the house. In 1970, Jack died of leukemia. Two years later, Alice married Patrick Kennedy who moved into this house. From 1955 to 1980, Alice was as a janitor at the Quesnel Secondary School. She lived in this house for over sixty years. Alice died in 2005.

**Character-Defining Elements**

The character-defining elements of Alice Thomas-Kennedy House include:

- a relationship with its surrounding buildings;
- a representation of small houses built in Quesnel;
- a gable roof, an asymmetrical façade, and a T-shape form;
- an attached garage;
- a variety of window styles;
- a covered entrance with bracketed pediment.