

# Carlton Stone House

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**Location:** 5372 Miller Road, Koksilah, BC

**Formally Recognized:** 2015/08/12

**Other Names:** 5372 Miller Road

**Construction Dates:** 1915



*Front View of the Carlton Stone House*



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## Statement of Significance for Carlton Stone House

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### *Description of Historic Place*

The Carlton Stone House is a two-storey early 20<sup>th</sup> century Arts and Crafts style residence. This house is surrounded by sprawling gardens and mature trees, situated on a large lot at 5372 Miller Road in the old village of Koksilah, British Columbia. This historic place includes the building and grounds.

### *Heritage Value*

The Carlton Stone House has significant heritage value in the building's historic integrity, specifically the original character and materials. A key aspect of this historic place is its association with Carlton Stone, an individual who contributed greatly to the development of the Cowichan Valley. Thus, the relationship between the Carlton Stone House and the growth of the Cowichan Valley has immense value.

Built in 1915, the Carlton Stone House is an excellent example of the early Arts and Crafts style homes built within the Cowichan Valley. Heritage value can be found in the original character and design of this house, which has been well preserved. Original elements of this home that speak to the design include the clover leaf cut-outs in the upper balustrades and the clinker built chimney.

The historic integrity of the Carlton Stone House has the most significant heritage value. Many of the exterior materials date to the time of construction, including the windows and window frames. The Carlton Stone House's interior also retains the original design and materials dating to 1915. Several of these design features include

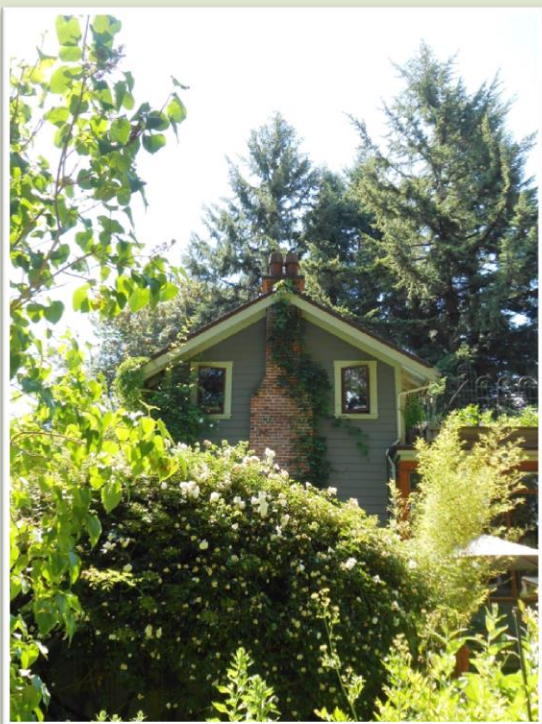
fireplaces, built-ins, and window seats. The most noteworthy original materials are the exposed beams found throughout the residence.

The association between the Carlton Stone House and the development in the Cowichan Valley is an immensely important component. The original owner of this historic place was Carlton Stone, known for founding the Hillcrest Lumber Company. Carlton Stone also founded the town of Mesachie Lake through his logging enterprises and is credited with developing this area, both economically and socially. As the only remaining house of Carlton Stone's, the Carlton Stone House provides a rare representation of the individual who so notably contributed to the growth of the Cowichan Lake communities.

### *Character-Defining Elements*

Key elements that define the heritage character of the Carlton Stone House include:

- All original design features relating to the unique Arts and Crafts character of the building including the 'birds mouth' barge boards, look outs and look out beams, clover leaf cut-out design to upper balustrades, the horizontal drop siding, the clinker-built chimney, and the corner boards.
- All original exterior materials including the window frames and glass, the square cut nails, the cantilevers, and the local Douglas fir.
- All original interior features including the beams, the built-ins, the window seats, and the fireplaces.
- The building's position in its original location.
- The mature plants and trees planted by Carlton Stone still remaining on the grounds, including the King apple trees, the rhododendron, climbing heritage roses, and Atlas cedar.



*View of the Clinker-Built Chimney*



*Interior View of an Original Fireplace*



## Historical Information

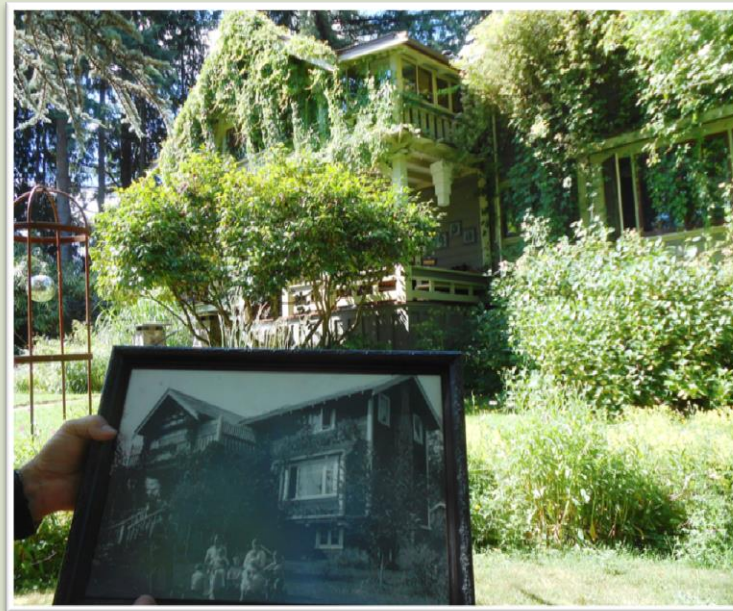
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### *Timeline*

- 1915. Carlton Stone built his first family home, the Carlton Stone House at 5372 Miller Road.
- 1917. Carlton Stone founded the Hillcrest Lumber Company in Mesachie Lake.
- 1917. The Stone family grew, and a second wing was added to the house.
- 1926. Carlton Stone sold the Miller Road house to C.M. French and the Stone family moved to a larger residence.

### *Important Facts*

- The Miller Road house is the only remaining Stone family residence, as the larger second house was destroyed.
- Carlton Stone was the founder of the Hillcrest Lumber Company and developed infrastructure, multi-cultural centres, and a reforestation program in Mesachie Lake.



*An original photo of the Carlton Stone House*

## Current Information

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### *Function*

- The Carlton Stone House is a full-time private residence.

### *Construction*

- The owners have undergone several heritage revitalization projects on the Carlton Stone House.

### *Heritage Status*

- Pending Provincial Recognition.