

Carey Area

1208 Altamount Court (4072 Wilkinson Rd) ca. 1903

John Thomas William and Rose Clapperton

“Oak Lodge” was the retirement home of one of the original white settlers of the Nicola Valley in the interior of British Columbia. John Clapperton came to the province for the Cariboo Gold Rush, prospered, and in 1868, bought a ranch near Nicola. He later became the local postmaster, government agent and Justice of the Peace. He moved to Victoria in the 1890s and became superintendent of the Cameron Lumber Mills. He also started a limestone extraction business in the Wilkinson Road vicinity.

This 1½ storey Queen Anne cottage has a finely detailed gabled bay window and verandah on the front. Two pairs of turned columns with brackets support two differing portions of frieze on the verandah. There are decorative timbering and mouldings, fancy shingles, drop finials and brackets on the gabled bay. All four sides of the cottage have shed-roofed dormers, the front one with elaborate brackets. Recent renovations have added skylights on the front roof and a greenhouse on the south dormer.

