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FOREWORD

From First Edition – January 1990

This report represents the research and documentation that was carried out on the Colwood Pioneer Cemetery during the Fall of 1989. Historical accuracy was a major goal of the research but because of some discrepancies and human error, some dates, places or events may be slightly inaccurate.

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Second Edition – 2010

The City of Colwood Heritage Commission tasked its member, William Silvester with revising, updating and rewriting this manuscript in September 2010. New information that has come to light over the past twenty years regarding those mentioned within has been added to the original. Burials that have occurred since publication in 1990 have been added and any errors and discrepancies found were corrected.

The reviser, William Silvester, is a free-lance author and amateur historian responsible for hundreds of published articles. A long-time resident of Colwood he has written numerous articles about the history of the area.

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CHAPTER 1

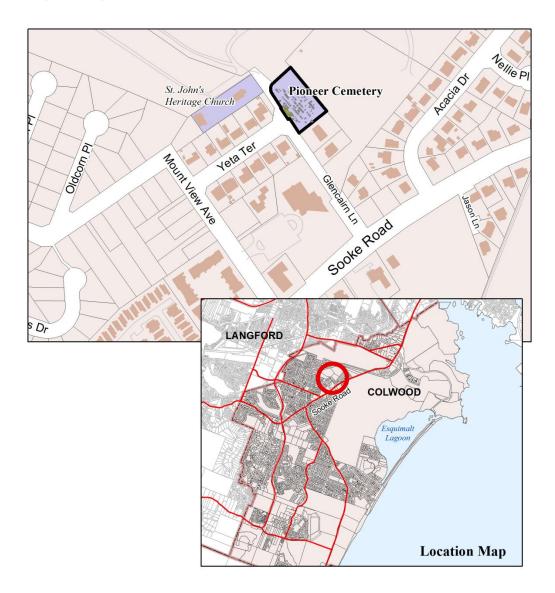
INTRODUCTION

Small pioneer cemeteries are common throughout the Province of British Columbia, yet very few of these cemeteries have been studied in any detail. Most studies have concentrated on cemeteries near large centres or ghost towns graveyards in the B.C. interior. The Pioneer cemetery that began as a family resting place has largely been ignored by researchers. There is, however, a wealth of information to be gathered from these smaller graveyards. Questions concerning immigration, migration, birth and death rates along with how the community has changed and developed over time may all be discovered by the study of the community cemetery. The graveyard does not represent just an old assortment of broken headstones and monuments but a window to observe and understand the past.

In the Western Communities, many of the street names and landmarks have been named after the pioneers. Although these pioneers have left their mark on the community and helped shape the West Shore into what it is today, many of the pioneer names, such as Atkins, Peatt, Wishart, etc. mean very little to Western Community residents. Many people do not even know that a pioneer cemetery exists in Colwood. It is hoped that this report will act as a catalyst to encourage an interest in the history of the West Shore, particularly the early pioneers who sowed the seeds of the community that exists today. We can never fully understand why we are as we are or how we will be if we do not know how we were.

LOCATION AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Pioneer Cemetery is located on Glencairn Lane in the City of Colwood, approximately 19 kilometers (12 miles) west of Victoria.



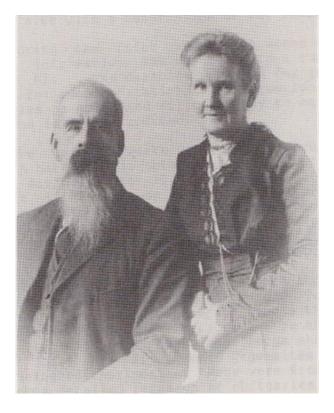
The cemetery is surrounded by a heritage style wooden fence, constructed in 2003, replacing a chain link fence. There are two black iron gates at either end of the fence flanked by stone concrete capped pillars facing the road. There have been approximately 175 burials in the one acre cemetery; all oriented in a southwest to northeast direction (see Map 2 at end of report). Thirty of the burials are unmarked. In the 1920's and 1930's, it was common practice to mark graves with wooden stakes or crosses. Due to vandalism and natural deterioration, none of the wooden markers have survived. Vandals were also responsible for the damage to many of the remaining burial monuments (see Chapter 4 – Condition Report).

CEMETERY HISTORY

The cemetery land was originally owned by Alfred Thomas Peatt (1856 – 1940) who donated the land to St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in the 1890's. The tiny Presbyterian Church did not attract a large congregation and failed in later years. In 1925, Alfred Peatt gave the church cemetery to the community for a public burial ground.

On July 6, 1925 a city hall meeting was held to discuss the cemetery and appoint a committee to oversee it. A cemetery committee was formed by the Colwood Women's Institute, which first met on September 1, 1925, with Mrs. C. Goodall, chairman, Mrs. E. Peatt, treasurer and Mrs. F. A. Parker, secretary. At that time "it was decided to measure the cemetery and divide off into lots to be sold at \$5.00 (five dollars) per plot..... The cost of digging the grave to be paid by relatives." The Old Presbyterian Church was removed from the site. The Colwood Women's Institute had kept the records and maintained the cemetery since that time. The City of Colwood took over control and maintenance of the cemetery in 1993.

Another essential project began in 1929 with the laying of pipes to connect the Victoria City water pipeline to the cemetery. Throughout that year and into the next, pipes were laid on land donated by Mr. Peatt. The cost of the project was \$52.50, paid to Mr. Peatt in October 1930. A further \$1.00 a month was charged by the City of Victoria for use of the water.



Alfred Thomas Peatt and Elizabeth Peatt (nee Veitch). Courtesy of Mr. Alf Peatt.

THE PROJECT

During the fall of 1989 extensive research and documentation was carried out on the Pioneer Cemetery. The first four weeks of the project were devoted exclusively to documenting and recording the gravesites as accurately as possible with the use of photography and inventory worksheets. The worksheets (see Appendices) contain all the information on the gravesites. An alpha-numerical (e.g. PC-005) system was used to identify each site. The lettering 'PC' stands for Pioneer Cemetery. The system allows for future expansion to include new burials or separate listings for other cemeteries in the region. The worksheet records name, date of birth, death, materials, style of monument, condition of site, and associated gravesites (e.g. relatives), the orientation of the grave and a detailed written description of the gravesite including dimensions. The back of the inventory worksheet was used for full and close-up photos of each site with a description of any inscriptions.

During the fifth and sixth weeks of the project, the worksheet information was entered into a computer database (see Appendix 6). The database was used for indexing by name and date and running statistical information. The computer database enables a quick efficient way to maintain files on the cemetery and is easily updated.

The next few weeks were used to develop an accurate scale map. A baseline was obtained from Glencairn Lane and the cemetery was divided into 10 meter grids. Gravesites were recorded on a 1:100 scale on metric graph paper. The grid map was later transferred to clear Mylar which enables the map to be reproduced for blueprinting. The finished map has all the physical gravesites marked and drawn to scale. Unmarked gravesites and trees can also be found on the map. (The graves added since the original 1990 survey are indicated with gray shading.)

The next step involved researching the obituaries for genealogical information on the deceased. To save time, the computer database was used to generate labels that were applied to the obituary work sheets. Because of the short duration of the project, it was felt that the focus should be on pre-1930 gravesites. There are 31 unmarked graves in the cemetery and it is believed that most of these were from the 1910's and 1920's. Through detailed research of obituaries and the records of the Colwood Women's Institute, a list of 31 names was compiled. Obituary information obtained was entered into the computer database. The research became a way to cross check some of the existing records and to fill in information gaps about the pioneer. The obituary worksheets were organized alphabetically and stored in a three ring binder.

The remaining weeks were used to organize the obituary file, conduct interviews and produce this report. Slides were also taken during the final weeks of the project and presentations were made to the Heritage Advisory Committee and Council.

The project produced an inventory file of the graves, an obituary file, a photograph file, a scale map and a computer database containing all written research. All three files, map and database are held at the Planning Department, City of Colwood. Also, a video on the cemetery had been planned with some of the pioneer family members.

In the fall of 2010 the Heritage Commission decided to update the book that had been printed and tasked Commission member William Silvester to take that on.

Not satisfied with simply transferring the work that had already been done he decided to update the work in Word and add as much new information as possible from the City Archives as well as correcting any mistakes and updating the information. During this process it was discovered that a number of the dates of death given in the original book were wrong. This probably happened when the names and dates were being transcribed from the original Notice of Registration of Death papers which included not only the date of death but also the date of registration. In a number of cases the date of registration was erroneously used as the date of death. These have been corrected where possible. New information about the people interred such as middle names and birth and death dates that had been omitted in the first edition have also been added where known. A diligent search through the City of Colwood 'Vault' and back issues of Victoria newspapers produced more facts as did a search of the BC Archives online vital statistics section.

CHAPTER 2

BURIAL PRACTICES, GRAVEYARD SYMBOLISM AND GRAVEYARD MONUMENTS

HISTORY OF BURIAL PRACTICES

Ceremonial burial can be traced back at least 50,000 years to the Neanderthal in Europe In the first millennium B.C., both cremation and inhumation were practiced by the Greeks and Romans. Cremation disappeared with the spread of Christianity in Europe and was not revived until the late 19th century. Throughout history, the burial method has been closely related to social status, religious beliefs, type of death, age and sex of the deceased.

Western burial practices have largely been influenced by the Greek, Roman and Egyptian civilizations. The use of tombstones goes back to 3000-4000 years and was first used by the Romans. Ground ledgers as seen in most 19th and 20th century cemeteries are from the Victorian era and were developed to hinder grave robbing. Flat ground level bronze plaques are a modern phenomenon and popularity today is related to cemetery maintenance, expense and land shortages.

GRAVEYARD SYMBOLISM

Symbolism is graveyards may be sacred or secular, fraternal, civic, social, professional or military. This symbolism can be seen in any graveyard in the world. In a cemetery it is common to see monuments mounted on three blocks, representing faith, hope and charity. A common monument, the obelisk, was originally an Egyptian memorial representing the sun or the god Ra, the creator of the universe. In the cemetery, the obelisk is symbolic of light and life. Another monument type, the broken column, is usually found on a child's grave and is symbolic of a life cut short.

Flowers are a common symbol and can convey a variety of meanings. Roses usually symbolize love and friendship. Ivy symbolizes immortality, friendship, fidelity, or memory. Oak leaves represent life or resurrection. The oak tree is symbolic of the tree of life; it is interesting that most smaller cemeteries have planted oak trees between the craves. There is also a tendency to bury the dead, especially children, beside oak trees. Flowers may also convey the place of origin of the deceased, for example a thistle on a headstone may mean the dead is of Scottish descent. The maple leaf is a common symbol used with Canadian military burials. Another symbol, the shell, is linked to fertility, resurrection or pilgrimage. The circle is pre-Christian and is accepted as a symbol of eternity; it usually contains some other symbol or monogram like a cross. Other symbols commonly seen are Masonic lodges.

Another common feature is the direction the dead are buried. Larger cemeteries bury the dead in an east-west orientation. It is believed that on the Day of Judgment the dead will rise to face the east, since the righteous, it is believed, will be judged in the morning of the last day. Smaller cemeteries tend to bury the dead in a direction that is dictated by boundaries, fences or lot size.

MONUMENTS

Graveyard monuments take on a variety of forms and meanings. In the Pioneer Cemetery the basic monument is the ground ledger (see Figure 1) that is raised 10-15 cm off the ground. Most ground ledgers are made of concrete or granite but can also be made of wood. Headstones encountered in the Pioneer Cemetery are simple shoulder types and are made of granite or marble. There are two obelisks and these are made of grey granite and marble. There is only one example of a broken column in the cemetery. Because of the damage from vandalism, there are no complete Calvary crosses.

The source of the materials local stonemasons used was varied. Gray granite generally was quarried from Nelson, Texada or Granite Islands. Red granite was imported from Scotland, Sweden or New Brunswick. White marble was imported from Italy and blue marble from Vermont.

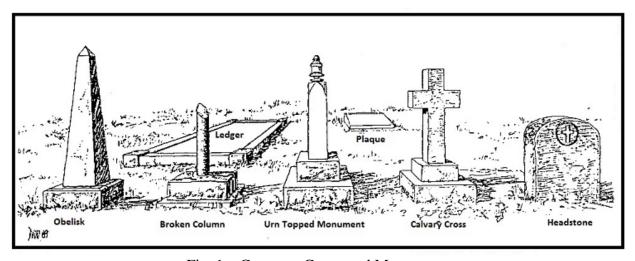


Fig. 1 – Common Graveyard Monuments

In Victoria, there were 8 to 10 stonemasons who could have made the monuments in the Colwood Pioneer Cemetery. Of roughly fifty monuments, only two were initialled by stonemasons. The first (PC-001 – Adams) is the largest obelisk in the cemetery. It is made of gray granite and signed 'J.E. Phillips'. Mr. Phillips (1850-1908) was originally from England and arrived in Victoria in 1881. He worked from his View Street office and made many monuments found in other cemeteries around Victoria. The second signed monument (PC-055 – Wale) was made by Alexander Stewart (1864-1943) and the company he established still exists today as Stewart Monumental Works. A third (PC-030), more recently installed, is inscribed D. Crowther Engraver.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE CEMETERY

CAIRN

A cairn was erected on the eastern side of the cemetery in a grove of Gary Oaks, marking the area as an historic site. It reads:

Colwood Pioneer Cemetery

The Colwood Pioneer Cemetery was established in the 1890's on land donated by Alfred Thomas Peatt. Originally the site included St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church.

The Colwood Women's Institute maintained the cemetery from 1925 to 1993 and then responsibility was transferred to the City of Colwood

City of Colwood Heritage Site

This cairn is a generous gift of the Acres and Aubrey families of Colwood

> In loving memory of Bert and Agnes Parker

FENCES

There was some controversy over the position of the original fence constructed around the cemetery. In 1925, at the inaugural meeting of the Committee, it was proposed that the fence and gate be moved back to permit automobiles to be able to turn around on the lane in front of the cemetery. The proposal was defeated after some debate as it was pointed out that Mr. Peatt had "already given so much" and if more was needed at a future date it could be purchased. It was not until 1957 that the fence was replaced.

On September 2, the day after the first meeting, the Committee met Mr. Peatt at the cemetery and discussed plans for a road through the land, to be constructed after the old church was removed. A gate would also be required and "the broom cut so people could drive through."

In June of that year Robert Woodruff was paid \$5.00 "for removing fence and clearing it away". A new fence was constructed by Ed Sheilds and he was paid \$50.00 in December. A third fence was put up in June 1980 and it was made of chain link and lasted until it was replaced in 2003 by the present heritage style wooden fence. Work on the current fence was done in October by inmates of William Head Institution under the supervision of the manager of Public Works and Building Maintenance.

CORONATION OAK

The cemetery is also the location of a Coronation Oak. Acorns from English Oaks in Great Windsor Park in London were distributed throughout the British Empire to be planted on May 12, 1937 to commemorate the coronation of King George VI. According at a small concrete plaque at the base of the tree it was actually planted on June 18, 1937 and is referred to as a Royal Oak. This English Oak has been designated a Heritage Tree.



H.M. King George VI

CHAPTER 3

THE PIONEERS

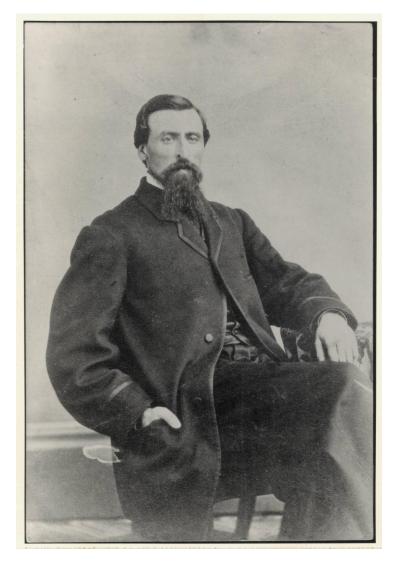
In the past the Pioneer Cemetery served a large area extending from Gorge Road, encompassing View Royal, Langford, Colwood, Highlands, Metchosin and Sooke. Most of the deceased were immigrants from the North of England, Scotland or Ireland. These pioneers were primarily working class people who immigrated to Canada in search of a better life. Many of the pioneers were related through marriage, so the cemetery exhibits strong family ties among the deceased. Many of the same families (ie. Peatt, Parker, Adams, etc.) have members that are buried in other cemeteries like St. Mary's in Metchosin, St. John's, Hatley Memorial Park and Ross Bay Cemetery. The following is a brief genealogical background of most of the pioneers that are buried in the cemetery.



Daniel Adams and wife Adelaide. Courtesy of British Columbia Archives and Records Service (BCARS) (Catalogue No. HP 2206)

Adams (PC-001)

A large granite obelisk made by J. Phillips marks the grave of Daniel Fowler Adams. Adams was born in Greenwich, New Brunswick on September 30, 1830 and first travelled to San Francisco to prospect for gold. He arrived in Victoria in 1858. He lived on the Gorge Road with his wife Adelaide Eliza and worked as a builder/contractor. Adams also invested heavily in local real estate, and owned a business on Broad Street and a small sawmill on David Street. Mr. Adams died December 10, 1905 leaving behind four sons and a daughter. One of his sons, Charles Adams, was killed at Vimy Ridge in 1917. His wife Adelaide died in 1919 and was interred in Ross Bay Cemetery.



Daniel Adams

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Obelisk of Daniel Adams Photo N-1-02

Anderson (PC-054)

A daughter of William and Emily Johnson, Sarah Charlotte, (born August 6, 1888), married D.J. Anderson and died on February 28, 1920. (See Johnson)

Atkins (PC-019)

A large grey ground ledger made of concrete with no inscription marks the graves of Thomas and Sarah Jane Atkins. Thomas Atkins was born in Worcestershire, England (c.1854) and immigrated to Canada with his father in 1872. Thomas later married Sarah Hodges, (born c.1875) who came from Ottawa. In 1914, Thomas and Sarah moved to Hart Road and operated a lime kiln. Thomas died on August 28, 1934. Sarah died on March 28, 1953. They were survived by two sons and three daughters.

Bennett (gravesite unknown)

James Bennett was born in Staffordshire, England in 1846. It is unclear when the family immigrated to Canada. The Bennetts farmed land around Garbally Road. They had only one daughter, Sadie Ellen (**PC-055**), who later married Albert Wale. James Bennett died on January 2, 1923. It is believed that Mrs. Bennett is also buried somewhere in the cemetery.

Blatchford (gravesite unknown)

Mrs. Blatchford, died 1928

Brotherston (PC-072)

Margaret Brotherston, died on September 29, 1933.

Robert Brydon Brotherston, born c.1879, and who died on August 16, 1961 and Thomas Brotherston, born c.1899; died on February 12, 1930 are possibly buried on or near this site.

Brown (PC-042)

Alice Mabel Brown, born June 23, 1912; died March 6, 1988 Ethel Kate Brown, born c.1882; died on May 1, 1966 John Herbert Brown, born February 5, 1915; died May 30, 1979 Wilfred Mailins Brown, born c.1879; died June 13, 1955

Burbidge (PC-065)

Constance Burbidge, born c.1898; died November 23, 1978 in Central Saanich. Lesley Burbidge, born c.1896; died June 7, 1973 Maurice Burbidge, born c.1896; died September 9, 1977 Sybil Lilla Burbidge, born c.1885; died July 13. 1979

Clark (PC-031) (PC-108)

A column monument with incised gold inscription and a white wooden wire mesh fence mark the Clark grave. Stanley Arthur Clark was born in Stanstead, Quebec on August 1, 1882. In the 1800's he came to Metchosin with his parents and attended Metchosin School. After leaving school he worked at Layritz Nursery as a fruit tree salesman. He married an American girl named Dorothea in 1903 and resided in Colwood. The couple had a son, Frederick Arthur and a daughter, Marjorie. Stanley served as Postmaster for Metchosin from 1903 to 1906 and as a police constable in Metchosin until 1910. He assisted in raising funds to build St. John's Church shortly before moving back to Metchosin to a farm he named Clovernook.

Tragically, he was aboard *Iroquois* with an order of fruit trees when that vessel sank in a storm off Sidney on April 10, 1911. Having given his life jacket to a woman passenger he drowned along with twenty-two others. Mrs. Clark and her family left the area after his death and returned to California.

A second inscription on the monument is that of Erica Irmgard Clark, (nee Gillam) the wife of Stanley's son Frederick Arthur Clark. She died on February 9, 1985. Frederick later resided in Washington State. (PC-108)

There is also a James Clark, born c.1871 in Ireland; died February 27, 1919, listed as having been buried in the cemetery but his gravesite is presently unknown.



Column Urn topped monument to Stanley Clark.
The fence has since been removed.
Photo N-03-21

Cockerton (PC-050)(PC-051)

Beatrice Minnie Cockerton, was born c.1884; died on August 11, 1934. (**PC-050**) D. Cockerton (**PC-051**)

Croft (PC-075)

Three people with the Croft surname were buried in the Pioneer Cemetery but only one is confirmed to be in this gravesite. First name unknown but died in 1923. Two others, Benjamin Croft, born c.1852; died June 1, 1924 and Elizabeth Croft, born c.1867; died January 26, 1955 in Cobble Hill, may also be buried in or near this site.

Deveau (PC-100)

Elizabeth Deveau, died in 1948 Sylvia Marion Deveau, born c.1928; died March 28, 1950

Dewar (PC-062)

Elizabeth White Dewar, born c.1878; one of the first officers of the Langford Women's Institute in 1914, died on Ganges on July 1, 1948. She married James Dewar (born c.1875) who died on February 2, 1951 in Oak Bay.

Drummond (PC-004)

A concrete ledger with an incised white marble plaque marks this site.

Ernest William Drummond, born 1907; married Dolora Letham, daughter of Daniel and Abigail Letham; died February 17, 1957.

Florence Edith Drummond (nee Clough), born July 29, 1908, sister of Harry and Reginald Clough. For many years she operated the Clough School of Dancing in Victoria. She was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, a dedicated supporter of The C.N.I.B, Royal Purple and a proud 50 year member of Daughters of the Nile. Died April 15, 2008.

Fedden (PC-112)

Margaret Elizabeth Fedden (nee Peatt) was born in Colwood on May 29, 1911 to Ernest Victor Peatt and Catherine Morrison Peatt (nee Burnett). She married Jimmy Fedden who predeceased her. Margaret graduated from Normal School in Victoria and at the age of 18 began a career in teaching that would continue until she retired in 1973. She died on May 2, 2009.

Firestone (PC-103)

Joan Marilyn Firestone, born 1940; died September 4, 1984 Philip Arnold Firestone, born 1932; died November 9, 2007

Fox (PC-057)

William Edward Fox, born c.1861; died on July 9, 1942.

Fraser (PC-016)

The couple's names are on a black granite polished plaque Adria Marrion Fraser, born c.1911; married Duncan Fraser; died on February 23, 1968 Duncan Fraser, born c.1891; died in August 27, 1967

Gent (gravesites unknown)

The Gents were farmers who worked land near Parson's Bridge. Aaron and Sarah Gent emigrated from England in the 1890's and had one son, Frederick William, who was born at the home near Parson's Bridge in 1893. Frederick died in a farm accident in North Sooke on May 24, 1923. His mother, Sarah, born c.1851; died April 24, 1921. Aaron Gent died in 1936 and is also buried in an unmarked site in the cemetery.

Gibson (PC-041)

Names on a black granite polished plaque.

Wilfred Gibson was born in Newcastle On Tyne, England on January 7, 1886, the son of William and Catherine Gibson. He immigrated to Canada with his family in 1889, landing in Montreal and then travelling by train to Vancouver and finally to Victoria. A year later the family moved to Rivers Inlet where Wilfred's father served as a missionary to the First Nations people in the area. They returned to Victoria in 1899 and in time Wilfred developed an interest in photography and worked with various local photographers. In 1908 he married Hannah Whitehead and they produced seven children.

Wilfred opened a studio in Victoria and in 1919 was approached to take photos of school classes, an endeavour for which he became well known throughout the Victoria area.

In 1937 he married Muriel and moved to Colwood. Though semi-retired in 1947 he continued with school photos until 1965. He died January 6, 1968.

Muriel Lily Gibson, nee Gummeson, born 1904; married; one daughter, Ellen; widowed; remarried Wilfred Gibson in 1937; one son, Michael; she died on February 18, 1998.

Goodall (PC-076)

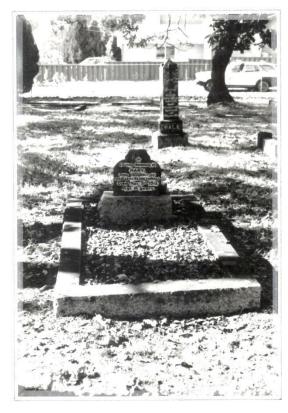
A high granite ground ledger with the initials "C.H.G." marks the grave of Charles Henry Goodall. Born in c. 1870 in Heckmondwicke, Yorkshire, England, married Sarah; Charles opened a general store and post office on the road to Sooke in 1893. Charles died October 10, 1933.

Mary Goodall, born c.1896 (**PC-077**), the only daughter of Charles and Sarah, died suddenly at the age of 16 on November 5, 1912.

Eliza Goodall (sister-in-law) is in an unmarked grave somewhere in the cemetery. She was born c.1873 and died on March 23, 1933.

Kathleen Mary Goodall (**PC-035**), born c.1899; was at one time a switchboard operator, she died on December 24, 1952.

John Hick Goodall is also in an unmarked grave in the cemetery. Born c.1896, he died January 22, 1982.





Greenwood (PC-008)

A beautiful moss covered granite ground ledger marks the Greenwood graves. Henry and Elizabeth both came from Yorkshire, England in 1906. Elizabeth Greenwood, born c.1854, was very active in the Colwood Women's Institute. Henry, born c.1857, died on October 12, 1926 and his wife Elizabeth died August 20, 1927. They were survived by two daughters. One daughter later became Mrs. Latham (**PC-007**).

Greig (Unknown Gravesite)

James Greig, born c. 1866; died January 21, 1948.

Hankin (PC-058)

A large ground ledger with three mid-size bushes growing on the ledger top marks the Hankin graves. Also on top is a large inscribed red granite headstone. Alfred Hankin was born c.1839. After retiring as Bank Manager in England, Alfred and his wife Sarah (born c.1840) immigrated to Canada with their two grown sons in 1909. They lived first on the prairies and then in Happy Valley and did a little farming. Sarah Hankin died in Happy Valley on August 27, 1916 and Alfred died February 21, 1924. Of note is the small adjacent ground ledger that commemorates the burial of Alfred George Hankin (**PC-059**), a grandson who died when only three days old on March 14, 1927.

Harding (gravesite unknown)

Mrs. Harding died in 1929.

Heaslip (PC-013)

A large concrete ground ledger with the simple inscription "Heaslip" marks the graves of George and Frances Cordelia Heaslip. George was born in Bailleborn, Ontario, in 1869. In 1898 he married Frances (born c.1870) who came from Rideau, Kemptville, Quebec and they settled around Metchosin in 1907. George died on March 27, 1917 while Frances lived to be 92, dying in Saanich on January 20, 1962. They had two daughters, Mrs. Annie Geddes and Mrs. J.A. Bettes and a son, George Frederick.

Hillyards (gravesite unknown)

Fanny Hillyards, was born in London, England c.1863; died in Esquimalt on August 13, 1926.

Hopwood, Joseph (PC-018)

A large concrete ground ledger with a faded inscription on the base marks the Hopwood grave. Joseph was born in England c.1866 and served with the Winnipeg Light Infantry during the Northwest Rebellion in 1885. Later, in the 1890's and 1900's, he was a prospector in the Cariboo, Quesnel and Barkerville districts. Joseph moved to Colwood in 1922 and lived with his wife, Margaret Wilson Hopwood, in a house on Belmont Road when he became superintendent of the Rosebank lime kiln. He died May 30, 1950. Margaret was a member of the Colwood Women's Institute and she and her husband purchased two plots in the Pioneer Cemetery so it is quite possible that she is buried here as well. She was born c.1878 and died August7, 1976.

Hughes (PC-053)

Granite ground ledger with names applied.

Hannah Hughes, died in 1920

Sarah Hannah Hughes, born c. 1887; died May 2, 1952

Jane Hughes, born c.1873; first wife of Samuel Hughes; died November 25, 1923 and may be buried in or near this gravesite.

Johnson (PC-054)

A large ground ledger made of concrete and small seashell fragments marks the grave of the Johnson family. An interesting feature of this gravesite is the scattered seashell fragments around the ledger (see Graveyard Symbolism). William Johnson was born in Tyrone, Ireland in 1841; his wife Emily was born in 1849. The Johnsons immigrated to Canada in 1884 and bought land near Parson's Bridge to farm. They had two sons and four daughters, but it is unknown if any of the children were born in Canada. William died May 3, 1911 and Emily died on January 12, 1929. One of their sons, Christopher Charles, died in October 1909 and another, John, was lost in Alaska in 1915. (See Anderson and Tait). A daughter-in-law, Hazel Elvina, died mysteriously on New Year's Eve, 1926. Hazel was only 30 years old and a headstone was not erected for her. Hazel had been born in Minnesota and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil.





Close-up of Johnson headstone and inscription 1990 – 2011 Photo N-06-11





Close-up of damaged monument to Hazel Tait 1990 - 2011 Photo N-06-08





Close-up of slant-faced granite monument for Sarah Anderson. 1990 - 2011 Photo N-06-04

Kelly (PC-047) (PC-048) (PC-049)

The most distinct feature of this grave is the misspelled surname of the deceased, spelled "Kelley" on the ledger. Helen Gardner Kelly was born in Bathgate, Scotland c.1868 and was a resident of Colwood for 35 years. She was appointed Public Health Nurse for the Western Communities in 1924. Two of her other sisters, Marion (born c.1861) and Mary Gardner (born c.1872) were also nurses. Together the Kelly sisters operated a nursing service for the community from their Colwood residence known fittingly as Nightingale. None of the sisters married. Helen died on March 1, 1955 (**PC-047**); Marion on February 19, 1947 (**PC-048**) and Mary on January 3, 1934. Of note is Mary Kelly's grave (**PC-049**), having a wooden ledger with no inscription.

Kemp (PC-021)

A large granite ground ledger, partially covered on the top surface with cement, marks three graves. The Kemps immigrated from Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England in 1910 and in 1919 they settled around Colwood to farm. George Kemp (born c.1866) died on June 4, 1925 and is wrongly listed in the obituaries as having been buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Metchosin. George's widow, Celia, (born c.1867) died April 3, 1954. There is no inscription for Celia but her grave is located in the area that was never covered with cement. A son, Ernest, born c.1887; died in Esquimalt on May 20, 1931 and is buried in the family plot.

Lamerton (PC-099)

Roland Brian Lamerton, born in 1919, died in September 16, 1967. He married Mildred Eunice Lamerton, who had been born in Colwood on April 24, 1920 to Nellie and Leslie Peatt. She died in Fort St. John, BC on March 17, 2003.

Latham (PC-005) (PC-007)

Concrete ground ledgers with marble plaques mark these sites.

Abigail Hudson Latham, born c.1884; married Daniel Latham on May 3, 1924; died on October 10, 1954. (PC-005)

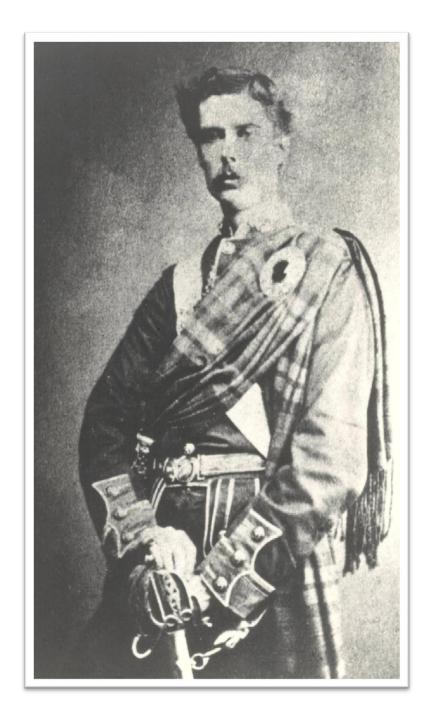
Daniel Peters Latham, born 1882; husband of Abigail; died in April 20, 1932. (PC-007)

McCallum (PC-084)

A large granite ledger with a leaning rectangular column, mounted on a granite base marks Captain and Mrs. McCallum's gravesite. Captain A.E. McCallum was born in St. Petersburg, Russia in1839 of British parents. He entered the Imperial British Army and rose to captain in the 91st Argyllshire Highlanders. During the 1850's he commanded an elite guard to protect Queen Victoria from the Fenian (Irish terrorists) threat. Captain McCallum retired from the army and immigrated to Canada in 1886. The McCallum's first residence in Victoria was the Old Admiralty house off Esquimalt Road. Later they settled in Colwood. McCallum obtained notoriety in 1885 when he purchased what was called the 'stoneman' and attempted to export it to the British Museum claiming it to be a petrified human. Originally shipped from San Francisco, it was in fact a piece of rock shaped like a man that had been buried and dug up a few years later in Sooke. McCallum bought the item and was attempting to ship it to England when he was stopped by a Mr. Collector Hamley, head of Customs Victoria.

McCallum was later involved in a number of litigations over some of his many purchases, mostly goldmine interests. Captain McCallum died on April 11, 1899 at the age of 62 and his became the third gravesite in the cemetery.

Rosa McCallum died on October 3, 1923 and is buried beside her husband. McCallum's only son, Arthur, became an engineer and estate broker (A.C. McCallum & Co.). Arthur was responsible for improving Victoria streets and planned a new system of lighting around the city. Arthur died in 1910 and is buried in Ross Bay Cemetery.



Captain A. E. McCallum
91st Argyllshire Highlanders
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Close-up of inscription on Captain McCallum column.

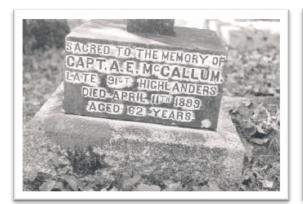




Photo N-09-09 (L - 1990) (R-2011)

McLennan (PC-038) (PC-039) (PC-040)

Ann Beatrice McLennan, born 1938, died May 2, 1949, age 11. (PC-039)

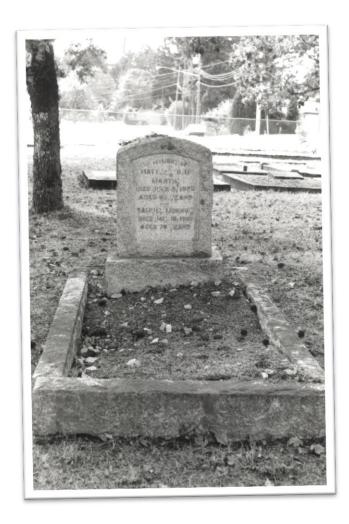
Donald Ewen McLennan, born September 22, 1894 in Kelowna, BC to A. McLennan; worked as a teacher; served in Rocky Mountain Rangers; enlisted in Seaforth Highlanders in World War I (#687279) and reenlisted in World War II to serve in a searchlight battery; married Beatrice Flossie nee Wilson (**PC-038**) in Kelowna on November 24, 1921; died October 30, 1960 (**PC-40**)

Martin (PC-093)

An interesting gravesite is that of two bachelors buried together in the same single ground ledger. A large granite headstone with applied lead lettering marks the graves. Matthew D. Martin was from Northern Ireland and lived on Kings Road where he also farmed. Matthew died on June 5, 1920. (See Morrow)

Morrow (PC-093)

Samuel Morrow was born in County Down, Ireland c.1831 and farmed along Sooke Road. He died on January 18, 1907. It is believed he and Matthew Martin immigrated to Canada after the great potato famine in Ireland in the 1850s. (See Martin)





Matthew/Morrow single granite ledger Photo N-09-17 – (L 1990) (R 2011)

Murray (PC-017)

This husband and wife have a grey granite and concrete ground ledger. Mary Murray, born c.1878; died in December 23, 1977 Robert Bertram Murray, born c.1858; died in January 30, 1935.

Neff (PC-070) (PC-105)

Hervey Milton Neff, born in 1912 and died on October 22, 1968 Linda Gail Neff, died May 1999, interred by Ministry of Human Resources on May 14, 1999. (**PC-070**)

Gladys Georgina Neff, born in 1914; died on May 5, 1988 (PC-105)

Neil (PC-083)

A large concrete ledger with a bronze plaque marks the graves of Charles W. and Alma Josephine Neil. Charles and Alma were originally from Minnesota, U.S.A. and immigrated to Sooke in 1907 with their eleven children. Similar to other large families at that time, the Neil's suffered many tragic deaths in their family.

Only the parents' burials can be located in the cemetery. Alma, born c.1879; died on June 28, 1943 and Charles on May 29, 1950. On February 25, 1920 a one month old baby, Ardyce Eugene, died and was buried in an unmarked grave. One son, Arthur Andrew, born in 1899, died at the age of 24 on November 27, 1923 and is believed to have died from tuberculosis. On May 10, 1924, Clifford Neil, born c.1893, was killed in Sooke and in 1926 another daughter, Hazel (see Johnson) died on New Year's Day. George Neil was born c.1872; died on November 17, 1952 and may be in the cemetery.

Parker (PC-034) (PC-035) (PC-036) (PC-045) (PC-046) (PC-096)

There are a large number of Parker graves in the cemetery. The Parker's are descended from John and Mary Parker (gravesites unknown) who arrived in Victoria in 1853 and his brother Thomas who arrived in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. John Parker had thirteen children. One son, Harry Helmcken Parker (**PC-046**) born c.1874; who died on June 6, 1938, is buried in the cemetery with Flora Ann Parker (born c.1876) who died on January 30, 1949. A daughter, Kathleen, (**PC-035**) married into the Goodall family and is also buried in the cemetery. John Parker died in 1900, and his wife, Mary on March 15, 1917; they are buried in Ross Bay Cemetery. The brother, Thomas Parker, and his wife had nine children. One son, Arthur T., died January 18, 1947 (**PC-045**) is buried in the cemetery. Another son, Walter Herbert, died December 1, 1972 and is buried in an unknown location in the cemetery.

James Parker, was born c.1847 and died on January 16, 1919, his gravesite is unknown.

Bert Whittier Parker (born 1902; died February 23, 1985) and his wife Mary Agnes (born 1904; one time manager of Colwood Community Hall; and died May 18, 1991) were also buried here under a grey granite ledger with a polished black granite plaque (**PC-034**). Elmore Crawford Parker (born 1897; died March 31.1985) and Constance W. Parker (born 1900; died September 24, 2000) share a plot. (**PC-096**). Jessie Thom Parker, (**PC-036**) was born c.1900 and died on February 18, 1953. Other family members are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hatley Park and Ross Bay Cemetery.

<u>Peatt (PC-027) (PC-060) (PC-064) (PC-097) (PC-098) (PC-101) (PC-102) (PC-104) (PC-107) (PC-110) (PC-111) (PC-112)</u>

There are many ground ledgers marking Peatt family burials. The Peatts are descended from Arthur Henry and Alice Peatt who were born in Nottingham, England and came to Victoria in 1861 from the Sandwich (now Hawaiian) Islands. There were three sons and four daughters in the family. One son, Alfred Thomas (**PC-060**), was born in the Sandwich Islands in 1856. Two other sons were born in Victoria. The father, Arthur Henry Peatt, died May 23, 1891 and his wife, Alicia died in 1888. The senior Peatt's are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Metchosin. Alfred Thomas married Elizabeth Veitch on March 27, 1885. They had two sons Ernest Victor, (died 1966) who married Catherine Morrison Burnett (died 1969) and Leslie B. (died on May 28, 1973), and is buried with S.E.(Nellie) Peatt (died May 28, 1977), (**PC-102**) and one daughter Esther (later Sheilds) (**PC-064**). Alfred was the original owner (see Cemetery History) of the cemetery land. Alfred Thomas died July 11, 1940 and his wife Elizabeth died April 26, 1947. (**PC-060**). Ernest Leslie Peatt died on April 15, 1919. (**PC-101**). Next to this is a small plaque with the words "Baby Harry".

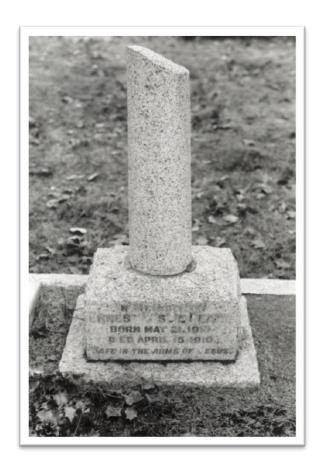
Ernest Peatt and Catherine had Margaret (married Jimmy Fedden) (**PC-112**), Pat, Eleanor (married Tom Towers) (**PC-104**), Irene (married Bud Strandell) (**PC-107**) and Alfred (married Eileen), (**PC-110**). Catherine Morrison Peatt (born c.1888) died in January 25, 1969 and Ernest Victor died on December 5, 1966. (**PC-097**)

White marble plaques marks Arthur C. Peatt who died in 1947 and Harriet Peatt, born c.1875; died April 13, 1956. (PC-027).

Doris Audrey Peatt died on August 2, 1930 at the age of 8 and her brother, Evan Ernest Peatt died on September 17, 1941 at the age of 15. (**PC-098**).

Leanne Ruth Peatt, born March 13, 1981; died January 19. 2001. "Daughter, sister, aunty / Her love of life touched us all / She will be forever loved and missed." (**PC-111**)

Eileen Hague Peatt, was born 1919 and died January 5, 2005. She married Alfred Victor Peatt (born 1915; died November 6, 1997) (**PC-110**) and they had five children, Dale, Kathryn, Ernest, Linda and Alan. She was predeceased by her husband Alfred. She was a member of the Colwood Women's Institute, and a square dancer with husband Alf. Died on January 5, 2005. (**PC-110**)





Ernest Leslie Peatt column Photo N-10-06 (L 1990), (R 2011)

Pike (PC-015)

A very large ledger, inlaid with flat rocks and a marble plaque marks the multiple burials of the Pike family. Henry Pike was one of the ten children of Caleb and Elizabeth Pike. The Pikes immigrated to Canada in 1850 and settled in Highlands raising sheep and cattle on their "Yew Tree Farm". Henry obtained title to the farm when his father died in 1888. Later, in 1912, the farm was sold to a Mr. Holmes. Henry and his wife, Elizabeth, had one son and two daughters. The son, Harold Percy, for whom there is a quartz and white marble headstone, fought in France during World War I as a driver in the Canadian Army Service Corps, (#515782) and was injured by mustard gas.

Harold returned after the war and died at Tranquille, BC on November 10, 1920 after a long illness. A daughter, Christine, died at an early age on January 9, 1917. Williamina Elizabeth Pike (born c.1912) died in November 1958. The father, Henry, died on February 11, 1941 and Elizabeth Martin Pike (born c.1875) on July 1, 1959 in Edmonton, AB, both are buried in the family ledger. Charles Pike (dates unknown) is apparently also buried here. All those interred here have their first names on a marble plaque.

Porteus (PC-106)

John Cameron Porteus, born 1909; died October 22, 1970

Caroline Boyd Porteus, born 1908; school teacher in Colwood and Happy Valley; died May 12, 1991 "I touched the future...I taught."

Proudfoot (PC-043) (PC-109)

Names on a brass plaque, cast in relief.

Arthur James Proudfoot, born 1901; died December 2, 1970

A. Florence Proudfoot, born 1902; died 1996

Richard J. Proudfoot, born 1936; served as Fire Chief for Colwood and became Colwood's first full time Fire Chief in 1973; died 1997 (**PC-109**)

Quinney (PC-022)

Bromley David Quinney was born in Victoria on August 19, 1911. He was hired to work at Hatley Castle in 1937 and remained there until retiring in 1974 as Head Gardener of Royal Roads Military College. He died on January 15, 2004.

Rhode (PC-042) (PC-063)

Ina K. Rhode, born 1913; died 1999 (PC-042).

Albert Rhode, son of Joseph Rhode, born in Happy Valley c.1887 and worked on the family sheep and cattle farm. He died on January 19, 1951.

Eva Sophia Rhode, (nee Ball), daughter of Charles and Hannah Ball, was born on Rocky Point in 1887. Married Albert Rhode in 1909. Children were Clarence, Norman, Wilbur, Lawrence, Adeline and Verna. She died September 27, 1984. (**PC-063**)

Norman James Rhode, son of Albert and Eva, born c.1913; died October 21. 1989. (PC-063)

Ridley (PC-010) (PC-011)

George Clement Ridley, (born c.1865) arrived in Canada in 1905, followed a few months later by his wife, Annie and their seven children. After living in Toronto for a time they moved to the temperate climes of Vancouver Island. In1910 the Ridleys arrived in Metchosin where George went into the dairy business. A year later George sold the dairy and while he was away in England his wife bought some more land in Metchosin which George added to on his return, He died on September 30, 1958 (**PC-010**) and Annie Ridley, born c.1869, died July 28, 1967 (gravesite unknown but probably with her husband).

Hubert G. Ridley, (born c.1899 in Watford, England) along with his brother Clement set up a business in 1921 supplying cordwood to establishments as far away as the Empress Hotel. Clement retired due to ill health but Hubert carried on until 1965. Hubert died November 19, 1981.

Charlotte Mabel Ridley, born c.1904, in London, England; died February 8, 1984. (PC-011).

Robinson (PC-002) (PC-067) (PC-068) (PC-069)

Ethel Maude Robinson lies beneath a ground ledger and a polished red granite plaque with her name carved in relief. She was born September 1, 1888; died October 11, 1970 (**PC-002**) James Frederick Robinson, born c.1880; died April 10, 1963 (**PC-067**) Elizabeth Jane Robinson, born c.1874; died July 11, 1954 (**PC-068**) Evan John Robinson, born c.1905; died December 20, 1950 (**PC-069**)

Ross (PC-086)

Sandstone square plaque incised for Hugh Ross, born c.1862 in Ontario; resided in Happy Valley; died February 28, 1916

Semple (unknown gravesite)

Margaret Semple, nee Veitch, died November 15, 1920

Sheilds (PC-064)

John Edward Sheilds, born c.1886, worked on road construction including the causeway to Fisgard Lighthouse. He died May 23, 1961.

Alicia Jane Esther Sheilds, daughter of Alfred Peatt and Elizabeth Veitch, married Edward Sheilds on May 11, 1910 and was a member of the Colwood Women's Institute. She died January 31, 1957.

Bertram Edward Sheilds was born in Colwood on May 24, 1914 the only son of pioneers John Edward Sheilds and Alicia Jane Esther Peatt. Bert married Eunice Marshall in 1955. He spent much of his life working outdoors building roads on southern Vancouver Island with his father and later logging around Sooke, Courtenay and Sayward. In the 1960's he eventually settled in Lake Cowichan and with his wife built a family home. He died April 27, 2008 and was buried a short distance from where he was born. (**PC-064**)

Slater (PC-044)

A red granite plaque marks the site of Norma Jean Slater (nee Parker) born on June 19, 1910. Married Leonard James Slater (born c.1900; died September 27, 1957 in Sidney) and had three sons, Meril (predeceased her in 1999), Barry and Howard. She spent her entire life in the Victoria area having been born in an old farm house on Esquimalt Lagoon. She was one of the first telephone operators for Colwood and later worked at the BC Motor Vehicle Branch until she retired. Norma was also recognized for her many years of volunteering for the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics. She died on May 22, 2008.

Small (PC-061)

Emma Elizabeth Small, born c1859; died December 8, 1941 Emma Honour Small, born c1852; died July 22, 1960 Frank Anderson Small, born c.1867; died February 13, 1951

Smith (PC-030)

Violet Marguerite Smith, died August 6, 1922, plaque inscribed D. Crowther Engraver.

Stockand (PC-003)

The concrete ledger once had a white marble cross adorning it which has since broken. John Stockand, born c.1861; died September 11, 1927

Nancy Eugenie Stockand, born c.1867; died August 15, 1958.

Strandell (PC-107) (PC-108)

Irene Catherine Strandell, nee Peatt, born 1914; died 1992 (**PC-107**) Kenneth (Bud) Andrew Strandell, born September 14, 1920; died August 23, 1998 (**PC-108**)

Tait (PC-054)

A daughter of William and Emily Johnson married and became Mr. D. Tait; she lost a two year old child named Hazel Eileen Tait, on August 1, 1917 in Esquimalt who is interred in the family plot under a broken column monument. (See Johnson)

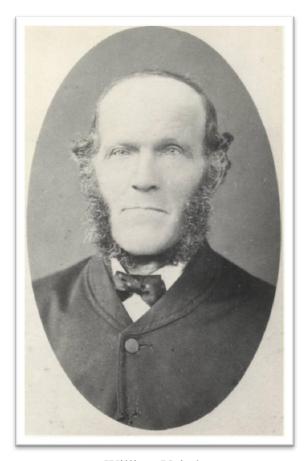
Towers (PC-104) (PC-104A)

Donald Ford Towers, born 1952; died March 13, 1954 in Vancouver BC Eleanor M. Towers, born c. 1917, served Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps during World War II, attained rank of lieutenant, died December 18, 1982. (**PC-104**) Thomas Ewart Towers, born February 12, 1920; died March 30, 1997. (**PC-104A**)

Veitch (PC-074) (PC-087) (PC-088)

Two small, simple concrete ground ledgers beside one another mark the two oldest graves in the cemetery. William Veitch (**PC-088**) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1818. Jane (**PC-087**) was born in Biggar, Scotland the same year. They were married on June 30, 1843 and left England to immigrate to Canada on August 14, 1852 aboard *Norman Morrison*. The ship arrived in Victoria on January 16, 1853. The Veitchs were accompanied by their three children, Jane, Christina and Maggie (later Margaret Semple). Four more children were born in Victoria, William, James, Elizabeth (later Elizabeth Peatt) and Isabelle. One child, Jane, died at an early age in 1869. It is uncertain where she was buried. The Veitchs farmed an area called Maple Point on Craigflower Farm supplying the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort Victoria, with provisions. Later, William Veitch (**PC-088**) purchased some land on Craigflower Road and farmed on a small scale independently. Jane Veitch died on February 28, 1899 and her husband William died less than a month later on March 17.

One daughter, Elizabeth, married Alfred Peatt in 1885. Another daughter, Maggie, married Mr. Semple and is buried in the cemetery. James Veitch, born c.1860; died on May 20, 1932 and Margaret Veitch, born c.1860; died on December 23, 1924 and are also buried in the Pioneer Cemetery. (**PC-074**)



William Veitch Courtesy of British Columbia Archives and Records Service (BCARS) (Catalogue No. HP 3939)



Close-up of simple inscription for Jane Veitch, the oldest grave in cemetery.

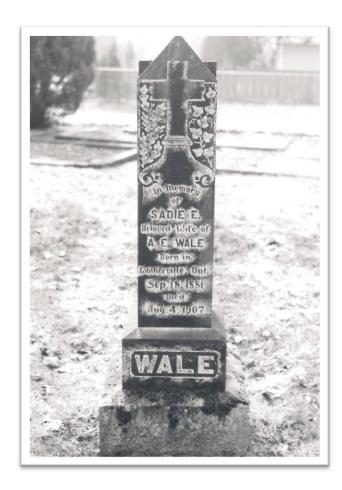
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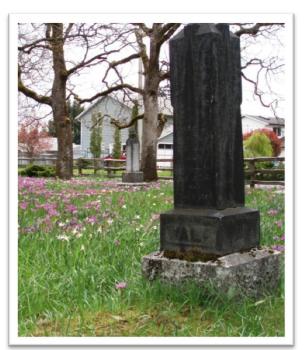
Vellacott (PC-009)

James Incled Vellacott, born in Linton, Devonshire, England in c.1868; died July 17, 1933 Emma Anne Vellacott, born c.1873; died September 7, 1959 in Sidney (grave unknown)

Wale (PC-055)

A beautiful obelisk carved by A. Stewart marks Sadie Ellen Wale's grave. Sadie was born on September 18, 1881, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett of Walkerville, ON (see Bennett) and she married Albert Edward, (born c.1879) the son of William Wale at the turn of the century. Sadie died prematurely in Colwood on August 4, 1907. Albert did not remarry after her death and lived to the age of 72, passing away on February 20, 1951. He is believed to have been buried close to Sadie. The Wales were a well-known family in the district. Albert's father, William, was the first Justice of the Peace for British Columbia. William Wale died in 1933 and is buried in a family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.





Sadie Wale obelisk – Note carved ivy and oak motifs. Photo N-06-13 (L 1990 - R 2011)

Weir (unknown graves)

Two unmarked graves hold the remains of Charles and Matilda Weir. Charles was born in Glasgow, Scotland c.1865 and immigrated to Canada in 1879. He is not related to the Weir family of Metchosin. Charles farmed land in Langford and died August 31, 1925. Matilda, born c.1862, died October 27, 1948.

Whiffen (PC-006)

Edith M. Whiffen (nee Latham), born 1877 in Yorkshire, England, married Frank Whiffen; died May 5, 1947

Wishart (PC-020) (PC-066)

A large concrete ground ledger with fading inscriptions on the base (originally imprinted and painted black), marks the graves of Edward and Mary Sim Wishart. Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, they immigrated to Canada around the turn of the century. Edward (born c.1876) died in 1947 and Mary (born c.1879) died on December 27, 1949. They had one son, Edward John, who died in 1984. The son's ashes have been interred in the ledger. (**PC-020**)

Marie Wishart was born Marie Brown on July 10, 1921 in England. She married George Wishart and had four daughters, Diane, Penny, Roberta, Karen and a son, Bill. She died on February 6, 2007.

Robert H. Wishart, born 1910; died 1993

Jeannie Hutchison Wishart, born 1912; died October 9, 1986

Jessie Wishart, born c.1884; died September 15, 1957

William John Wishart, born c.1885; died September 10, 1953 (PC-066)

CHAPTER 4

CONDITION REPORT ON GRAVE SITES

Over the years, the cemetery has sustained damage. Some of this damage has been the result of vandalism and some is the natural result of weathering and aging. A detailed report on each site can be found on the Inventory Worksheets along with photographs. The following is a brief summary of each site with recommendations as it was accessed in 1989. Additional assessments made in 2010 are in italics. A priority system was developed as follows:

- Priority "A" Immediate attention needed. Either these sites present a safety hazard or have sustained considerable damage.
- Priority "B" Are in need of conservation work but immediate attention is not warranted.
- Priority "C" Are stable. Only cleaning or periodic monitoring necessary.

A summary of "A" and "B" sites is located at the end of the chapter.

PC-001 - Adams

Description: Large grey granite obelisk tilting 80° towards the Southwest.

Condition: Good; no damage.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning and periodic monitoring of monument angle.

PC-002 – Robinson

Description: Large single ground ledger with red granite plaque. Condition: Good; no damage, slight mould covering. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning plaque.

PC-003 – Stockand

Description: Large concrete ground ledger with marble cross lying on

ledger top (not original to this site).

Condition: Ledger, good; slight fading of inscription, cross broken and

chipped. Moss covered.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Remove and repair marble cross, replace cross to original site.

PC-004 – Drummond

Description: Large concrete ground ledger with 2 bushes growing on ledger

surface and one white marble plaque on the base.

Condition: Good; slight mould growth on plaque. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning plaque.

<u>PC-005 – Latham</u>

Description: Single ground ledger with white marble plaque on base.

Condition: Good; no damage, slight mould growth on plaque.

Moss covered. Hole in concrete at fence.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning plaque.

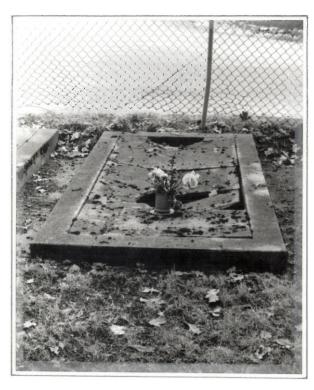
PC-006 – Whiffen

Description: Single concrete ground ledger with imprinted inscription in base. Condition: Poor; ledger top broken (numerous fragments), lettering worn but

legible. Some restoration done in 1992. Moss covered.

Priority: A

Recommendation: Remove concrete fragments and replace ledger, top with concrete.



Damaged ledger top of Whiffen ledger Photo N-01-16

$\underline{PC-007-Latham}$

Description: Single concrete ledger with white marble plaque on base.

Condition: Good; no damage, slight mould growth on plaque.

Moss covered. Hole in concrete at fence.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning plaque.

PC-008 - Greenwood

Description: Large granite ground ledger covered with moss.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-009 - Vellacott

Description: Single concrete ledger with inscription imprinted on base. Condition: Good; inscription lettering worn. *Beginning to sag in middle*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-010 – Ridley

Description: Large concrete ledger with inscription imprinted and painted base,

shrub growing on edger top.

Condition: Good; inscription lettering worn. *Foliage covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-011 – Ridley

Description: Polished grey granite plaque set in ground.

Condition: Excellent; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-012 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-013 – Heaslip

Description: Large concrete ledger, top filled with soil, left top soil eroded

forming depression.

Condition: Good; soil erosion left side. *Moss and grass covered*.

Priority:

Recommendation: Fill in depression and level; periodic monitoring.

PC-014 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-015 – Pike

Description: Large ledger inlaid with rock and marble plaques.

Condition: Good; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-016 - Fraser

Description: Black granite plaque set on concrete base.

Condition: Good; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-017 – Murray</u>

Description: Large granite ledger.

Condition: Good; slight sinking of north side of kerbing. *Moss covered*.

Priority:

Recommendation: Monitor north side of kerbing.

PC-018 - Hopwood

Description: Large concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; lettering worn and faded. Some restoration done in 1992.

Moss covered.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-019 – Atkins

Description: Large granite ledger: no inscription.

Condition: Fair; oak tree roots distorted ledger shape.

Moss covered.

Priority: A

Recommendation: Stop tree root growth; cut tree.



Full view of Atkins ledger with right side of ledger distorted by a tree. Photo N-03-03

PC-020 - Wishart

Description: Large concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; lettering worn and faded.

Ledger collapsed on NE corner, moss covered.

Priority: B - C

Recommendation: Monitor ledger.

PC-021 - Kemp

Description: Large granite ledger, top not completely covered with concrete. Condition: Good; some cracks on ledger top. *Some restoration done in 1992*.

Covered with moss and grass. Ledger sagging.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Fill in northwest corner with soil and level.

PC-022 – Quinney

Description: Concrete ground ledger

Condition: Good Priority: C

PC-023 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-024 – Unmarked Grave Mound

Description: Traces of wooden liner can be seen

PC-025 – Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-026 – Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-027 – Peatt

Description: Single concrete ledger ground level. Condition: Good; stable condition. *Standing water*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring, cleaning plaques.

PC-028 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-029 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-030 – Smith

Description: Grave mound

Condition: Grass and moss covered.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-031 - Clark

Description: Urn top monument surrounded by a white fence. (no trace of the

fence remains.)

Condition: Good; stable condition. Moss covered, top of monument tilted.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-032 – Unmarked Grave

PC-033 – Unmarked Grave

<u>PC-034 – Parker</u>

Description: Large granite ledger with black polished plaque.

Condition: Excellent; stable condition. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

PC-035 - Goodall

Description: Large granite ledger.

Condition: Fair; inscription lettering worn.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-036 - Parker

Description: Large granite ledger with marble name plates inlaid.

Condition: Fair; large crack west side of kerbing with hole; slight sagging of

kerbing same side. Moss and grass covered.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Consult with conservator, structural damage below ground;

cleaning of marble plaque.

PC-037 – Unmarked Grave

PC-038 – McLennan

Description: Circular concrete object (10cm in diameter) with a large M or W

inprinted and painted red. May mark a burial spot.

Condition: Fair Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring

PC-039 – McLennan

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; lettering worn and faded. *Half covered in moss*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-040 – McLennan

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Fair; ledger sagging, northeast end soil erosion and exposed hole.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Consult with conservator. Structural damage below ground.

<u>PC-041 – Gibson</u>

Description: Black polished granite plaque.

Condition: Excellent; stable condition. *Some moss*.

Priority:

PC-042 - Brown / Rhode

Description: Large concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; some lettering worn, stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-043 - Proudfoot

Description: Flat bronze plaque.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-044 - Slater

Description: Polished red granite plaque. Condition: Good; condition stable.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning, periodic monitoring.

PC-045 - Parker

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; condition stable. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-046 – Parker</u>

Description: Large concrete ledger.

Condition: Fair; kerbing crack southwest sides, slight sinking. *Moss covered*.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Consult with conservator, structural damage below ground.

PC-047 – Kelly

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-048 – Kelly

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Poor; broken top, sinking, heavy damage. Some restoration done in

1992.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Consult with conservator, heavy structural damage.



Kelly ledger with heavy structural damage. Photo N-05-18

<u>PC-049 – Kelly</u>

Description: Single ledger, wooden kerbing, concrete top. Condition: Fair; kerbing rotten and separated. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring of continual deterioration.

PC-050 - Cockerton

Description: Grave depression.

Condition: Fair Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-051 - Cockerton

Description: Outline of kerbing visible.

Condition: Fair Priority: C

PC-052 – Unmarked Grave Depression

<u>PC-053 – Hughes</u>

Description: Large granite ledger with lead applied lettering.

Condition: Good; stable condition. Some restoration done in 1992. Grass

covered.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-054 - Anderson / Tait / Johnson

Description: Large ledger with headstone.

Condition: Fair to good; overturned headstone, loose original headstone,

broken monument, ledger surface damaged. Some restoration done

in 1992.

Priority: A

Recommendation: Reset headstones on bases, cleaning and periodic

monitoring of ledger surface.



Tait ledger, monument broken and fragments removed. Photo N-06-07

PC-055 – Wale

Description: Marble obelisk on granite base.
Condition: Good; covered with black mould.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Cleaning and periodic monitoring.

PC-056 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-057 - Fox

Description: Single granite ledger.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-058 - Hankin

Description: Large granite ledger with red granite headstone and shrubs

growing on ledger surface.

Condition: Good; headstone is loose on base. *Three shrubs cover ledger*

Priority: A

Recommendation: Reset headstone on base, cleaning and periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-059 – Hankin</u>

Description: Small concrete ledger of infant.

Condition: Good; stable condition. Some restoration done in 1992. Moss

covered.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-060 – Peatt</u>

Description: Large concrete ledger.
Condition: Excellent; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-061 - Small

Description: Large concrete ledger.

Condition: Fair; lettering worn, large crack top centre of kerbing.

Moss and grass covered.

Priority:

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring of crack.

<u>PC-062 – Dewar</u>

Description: Large concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss and grass covered.*

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-063 – Rhode</u>

Description: Large concrete ledger withy granite plaque.

Condition: Good; slight wear of lettering on base. *Moss covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning and periodic monitoring.

PC-064 - Sheilds

Description: Polished black concrete plaque. Condition: Excellent; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-065 - Burbidge

Description: Polished grey granite plaque. Condition: Excellent; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-066 - Wishart

Description: Large ledger with black granite plaque. Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss covered.*

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-067 - Robinson

Description: Single ledger ground level, no inscription.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss covered and beginning to sag.*

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-068 - Robinson

Description: Single ledger with red granite plaque.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss covered and beginning to sag.*

Priority:

PC-069 – Robinson

Description: Single concrete ledger with concrete plaque.

Condition: Fair; inscription worn. Moss covered and beginning to sag.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning and periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-070 – Neff</u>

Description: Single concrete ledger. Condition: Good; stable condition.

Priority:

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-071 - Unmarked Grave Depression

PC-072 - Brotherston

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; small crack on southwest kerbing. Some restoration done in

1992. Moss and grass covered.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-073 - Unmarked Ground Ledger

Description: Single concrete ledger covered with moss.

Condition: Good; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-074 – Veitch</u>

Description: Large granite ledger with applied lead lettering. Condition: Good; stable condition. *Moss and grass covered.*

Priority: C

$\underline{PC-075-Croft}$

Description: Large concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; left section of ledger top soil eroded. Some restoration done

in 1992. Grass covered.

Priority:

Recommendation: Fill and level ledger top.

PC-076 - Goodall

Description: Single concrete ledger with initials on base. Condition: Good; stable condition. *Grass covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-077 - Goodall

Description: Single granite ledger with broken headstone and fragments.

Condition: Fair; headstone broken. *Grass covered*.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Fragments may belong to site, at this time the fragments

appear difficult to assemble; consult with conservator.

PC-078 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-079 – Unmarked Ground Ledger

Description: Ledger with wooden kerbing.

Condition: Fair; wood rotting. *Moss and grass covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Leave wood in natural state.

PC-080 – Unmarked Ground Ledger

Description: Ledger with wooden kerbing.

Condition: Fair; wood rotting. *Moss and grass covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Leave wood in natural state.

PC-081 – Unmarked Grave Depression

PC-082 – Unmarked Grave Mound

<u>PC-083 – Neil</u>

Description: Large concrete ledger with bronze plaque.

Condition: Excellent; stable condition. Some moss, standing water and sloping

ledger.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-084 – McCallum

Description: Large granite ledger with broken column monument.

Condition: Fair; monument sinking and broken at top. Some restoration done

in 1992. Moss and grass covered.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Level monument, cleaning.

PC-085 – Unmarked Grave Mound

<u>PC-086 – Ross</u>

Description: Square concrete plaque.

Condition: Good; plaque is not anchored. *Moss in letters*.

Priority: B

Recommendation: Plaque should be anchored in a concrete base. Periodic

monitoring.

<u>PC-087 – Veitch</u>

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Grass covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-088 – Veitch</u>

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Good; stable condition. *Grass covered*.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-089 – Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-090 – Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-091 – Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-092 - Unmarked Grave Mound

PC-093 -Martin / Morrow

Description: Single granite ledger with granite headstone.

Condition: Fair; ledger top broken and collapsed down. Some restoration done

in 1992.

Priority: E

Recommendation: Consult with conservator; use original broken fragments

for ledger top. Do not replace with new concrete.

PC-094 – Unmarked Grave

PC-095 – Unmarked Grave

<u>PC-096 – Parker</u>

Description: Bronze plaque

Condition: Good Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring

PC-097 - Peatt

Description: Large concrete ledger with gray granite plaque.

Condition: Good; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning, periodic monitoring.

PC-098 – Peatt

Description: Large concrete ledger with gray granite plaque.

Condition: Good; stable condition.

Priority:

Recommendation: Cleaning, periodic monitoring.

PC-099 – Lamerton

Description: Large concrete ledger with gray granite plaque.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

<u>PC-100 – Deveau</u>

Description: Single concrete ledger.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-101 – Peatt</u>

Description: Small gray granite ledger with broken column monument.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-102 – Peatt

Description: Large concrete ledger with gray granite plaque.

Condition: Fair; soil erosion under ledger kerbing. Some restoration done in

1992.

Priority: A

Recommendation: Shore up soil under kerbing before kerbing cracks.

PC-103 - Firestone

Description: Large concrete ledger with gray granite plaque.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-104 – Towers</u>

Description: Small concrete ledger with granite plaque.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-104A – Towers</u>

Description: Black granite polished plaque.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority:

<u>PC-105 – Neff</u>

Description: Granite plaque. Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-106 – Porteous

Description: Concrete granite ledger with gray granite plaque.

Condition: Good; some moss

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring

PC-107 - Strandell

Description: Black granite plaque

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-107A - Strandell

Description: Black granite plaque

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-108 - Clark

Description: Black granite plaque

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

PC-109 - Proudfoot

Description: Black granite plaque.

Condition: Excellent.

Priority:

<u>PC-110 – Peatt</u>

Description: Large granite ledger, black granite headstone.

Condition: Good; stable condition.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning, periodic monitoring.

<u>PC-111 – Peatt</u>

Description: Black granite headstone on concrete ground ledger

Condition: Good Priority: C

Recommendation: Cleaning, periodic monitoring.

PC-112 - Fedden

Description:

Condition: Excellent.

Priority: C

Recommendation: Periodic monitoring.

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY "A" AND "B" SITES

Priority "A" Sites	Priority "B" Sites
PC-006 – Whiffen + PC-054 – Anderson/Tait/Johnson + PC-058 – Hankin PC-102 – Peatt + PC-019 – Atkins	PC-021 – Kemp + PC-040 - McLennan PC-046 - Parker PC-048 – Kelly + PC-055 - Wale PC-077 - Goodall PC-084 – McCallum + PC-086 - Ross PC-093 – Martin/Morrow +

^{+ -} some restoration done in 1992.

It should be noted that the Pioneer Cemetery does not have perpetual care provisions and it is therefore incumbent on the families to provide for care and maintenance of individual sites. The City of Colwood carries out seasonal routine yard maintenance.

See Chapter 6 – Restoration Project – 1992 – 1993 for updated information.

CHAPTER 5

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

PRESERVATION:

The primary goal of preserving the graveyard is to maintain its character as a "Pioneer Cemetery". To accomplish this, the following are recommended.

- 1. A conservation program should be developed as soon as possible by the City of Colwood. This will involve the hiring of a qualified conservator (see Appendices) to act as a consultant to oversee all conservation or restoration work performed on the Priority "A" and "B" Sites (see Condition Report).
- 2. Certain gravesites should be left to deteriorate naturally. Some ledgers have wooden kerbing and this should not be replaced or preserved but left so that natural deterioration proceeds, uninterrupted.
- 3. All stone fragments should be clearly marked as to location and removed to a safe dry environment. Removal of fragments will prevent souvenir hunters and vandals from stealing these objects.
- 4. The headstones and monuments as identified in the condition report (see Chapter 4) should be cleaned. Many of the monuments are covered with black mould that should be removed. The Victoria Old Cemeteries Committee offers this service and is highly recommended to do the cleaning.
- 5. At least once a year a qualified worker (i.e. someone with museum or historic site experience) should make a condition report on the cemetery. This yearly condition report will enable the City to monitor the condition of individual gravesites over time.

MAINTENANCE:

Routine yard maintenance does not need the guidance of a conservator but care should be followed by the workers. It is recommended that the City adopt a periodic maintenance program for the cemetery. Yard maintenance should be carried out at least four times a year. The spring, summer and fall seasons should be targeted for yard clean-up. The following recommendations should be followed during routine maintenance:

- 1. Ensure that the maintenance personnel are aware that this is an historic site and that proper care and procedures are followed.
- 2. No commercial herbicides should be used around the ledgers or headstones.
- 3. No removal of stones or fragments from any site unless properly documented.
- 4. Weedeaters should be equipped with nylon whips. Only bamboo rakes should be used. Avoid metal garden tools around ledgers.

- 5. Under no circumstances should any heavy equipment such as tractors or backhoes be allowed in the cemetery. Two ground ledgers have sustained heavy damage in the past from the use of such equipment.
- 6. If a small lawn mower is used it should be equipped with rubber bumpers to prevent damage to the ledgers.∖
- 7. If the workers encounter anything usual about the grave sites, it should be reported immediately to a member of the cemetery committee (see management of heritage resources).

MANAGEMENT OF HERITAGE RESOURCE

The cemetery represents an historical site and a heritage resource and it should be managed accordingly. The following represents a list of recommendations on management with actions taken to implement in italics:

1. Cemetery Sign:

One of the first objectives should be the erection of a sign identifying the cemetery as 'pioneer' with a short by-line on the earliest grave. The sign will function to let the public know who controls the cemetery and who to contact for further information. A small bronze plaque mounted in cement or stone would be most suitable. At this time it is not recommended that a large sign be erected containing information on all of the deceased. A cairn was erected on the eastern side of the cemetery, a gift of the Acres and Aubrey families of Colwood. (See also Pioneer Cemetery Sign/Display Panel – page 61.)

2. Protection By-laws:

The cemetery is surrounded by a fence and a housing development is close by. At this time, it does not appear that City by-laws be drafted for the protection of the cemetery. In the past, most damage has been the result of vandalism. With the housing development close by the cemetery has become less attractive to vandals.

3. Brochure / Booklet:

The cemetery is historically very important for the Western Communities and the City should produce a small brochure or booklet highlighting the history of the cemetery with some genealogical information about the pioneers. The booklet should be made available to local schools and the public. To date a brochure or pamphlet has not been produced as it was decided that a Cemetery Sign/Display Panel would accomplish that purpose and that was erected in 1993.

4. School Program:

At this time there is no school program dealing with the history of the Western Communities. Many children are ignorant of the development of the community or who the pioneers were. It is recommended that a part-time, seasonal education officer be hired to visit each school in the district with a slide presentation aimed at elementary, middle and high schools. Similar programs have been developed in the Queen Charlotte and Prince Rupert areas with a great deal of success.

At this time it is recommended that field trips to the cemetery be organized with the schools. The risk of damage to the gravesites is too severe to warrant large groups of people touring the cemetery. *None of this was ever implemented*.

5. Future Burials:

Future burials should be restricted to families who already have ancestors buried in the cemetery. Also, the City should have some control over the types of monuments erected in the future. A guideline should be established so that the cemetery maintains its character and to ensure all future graves are hand dug. *This was implemented by Council*.

6. Cemetery Committee:

A cemetery committee should be formed to oversee cemetery maintenance, record management and future burials. It is highly recommended that the Colwood Women's Institute be represented on this committee with one member from the Heritage Advisory Committee and one member from the City. The City of Colwood took over control of the cemetery in 1993 and formed a Heritage Commission with regular meetings and attendance by member of neighbouring heritage organizations.

7. Victoria Old Cemeteries Committee:

The last recommendation is that the City arrange for some representation with the Victoria Old Cemeteries Committee. An exchange of information and technical advice is a major benefit of this association. The Committee also sponsors workshops on cleaning and maintenance of cemeteries and is available to be contacted in event of an emergency.

CHAPTER 6

RESTORATION PROJECT – 1992 – 1993

By 1991, many of the gravesites were showing the effects of neglect, vandalism or natural deterioration. In response to this situation, the City of Colwood undertook to repair many of the more heavily damaged gravesites and to construct a sign and display panel containing historical information. This work was completed with the assistance of a grant from the British Columbia Heritage Trust. The restoration study was overseen by David Townsend who had done the original survey of the cemetery in 1989.

Mortimer's Monumental Works (1977) Ltd. was chosen to complete the restoration. An initial meeting of Mr. Townsend with Mortimer's took place to make certain all work followed appropriate guidelines. Work was completed in February 1992 with the initial inspection by David Townsend and later by the Heritage Advisory Committee. In April 1992, Townsend documented and photographed all work that had been completed. Photographs, negatives, notes on the cemetery are kept in the City of Colwood Planning Department for future reference.

As a continuation of Chapter 4 – Condition Report on Gravesites, the following upgrades were made as part of the restoration project:

PC-006 – Whiffen

The ledger top was heavily damaged. It was filled in with concrete and the surface was levelled.

PC-018 – Hopwood

The ledger top was filled in with stones and levelled.

<u>PC-021 – Kemp</u>

A large hole existed at western side of the ledger causing the ledger top to crack, the earth to sink and the ledger border to twist. The hole was filled in with gravel, topped with concrete and levelled.

PC-048 – Kelly

The ledger top was filled in with stones and levelled.

PC-053 - Hughes

The ledger top was filled in with small stones and levelled.

PC-054 - Johnson

The Emily Johnson headstone was broken off at the base and pushed over. The base was sunken into the ledger top. The headstone was repaired and dowelled, the base was levelled and the ledger top was filled with small stones. The headstone was fixed on the base and secured in place.

PC-054 - Tait

The ledger top was filled in with stones and levelled.

PC-054 – W. Johnson

The headstone was loose at the base. The headstone was removed, drilled and dowelled and secured on the base. The ledger top was filled with stones and levelled.

PC-059 - Hankin

The headstone was loose on its base. The headstone was drilled and dowelled to secure it onto the base.

PC-072 – Brotherston

The ledger has been filled with stones and levelled.

PC-075 - Croft

The ledger was filled in, topped with stones and levelled.

PC-084 – McCallum

The monument was loose on its base. It was removed, drilled, dowelled and then secured in place.

<u>PC-093 – Martin</u>

The headstone was loose on its base and the ledger surface was cracked, broken and with an uneven surface. The headstone was drilled and dowelled, the ledger surface was filled with stones and levelled and the headstone was secured on its base.

<u>PC-102 – Peatt</u>

Soil erosion had occurred around the base of the ledger. Fill was placed around the ledger to prevent it from cracking.

PIONEER CEMETERY SIGN / DISPLAY PANEL

At the initiation of the restoration project it was anticipated that a sign would be erected and an informational pamphlet on the cemetery would be printed. As the project proceeded and more consideration was given to the matter, it was decided to combine the sign and the information that would have been in the pamphlet in the form of a solid and durable display panel. The panel was to be located in the city park immediately across the lane from the cemetery close to St. John's Church, another heritage site within the City of Colwood.

The display panel was officially unveiled at the ceremony of the transfer of the Colwood Pioneer Cemetery from the Colwood Women's Institute to the City of Colwood on Saturday, February 20, 1993.



Mayor Chow in front of the display panel at the transfer ceremony – February 20, 1993

CHAPTER 7

OTHER PIONEER CEMETERIES

There are many small and large cemeteries located on Southern Vancouver Island. Many of these cemeteries contain ancestors and relatives of the deceased that are found in the Colwood Pioneer Cemetery. The following is a very brief description of Ross Bay Cemetery and the two Western Communities Cemeteries.

ROSS BAY CEMETERY

The cemetery at Ross Bay is the largest and one of the oldest cemeteries on Southern Vancouver Island. The cemetery land was originally purchased by the Province of British Columbia from Robert Burnaby in 1872 and by March 1873 plots were offered for sale to the public. At present, Ross Bay Cemetery occupies 27.5 acres and has 15,400 plots. The City of Victoria and the Old Cemeteries Committee are presently raising funds to fence the cemetery. The City has also passed a number of by-laws for the protection of the cemetery.

In the late 1990's over 200 unused plots were discovered in what was long thought to be a 'full' graveyard. The City of Victoria held a lottery selling seven plots in 2004 and an additional sixty-five in 2007. Money raised went towards refurbishment work at the cemetery.

Many of the burials in Ross Bay were Western Community pioneers and their family members. At present, the Old Cemeteries Committee is developing a computer database on all the graves in Ross Bay. The Committee also sponsors very popular tours through the cemetery and has produced a colour brochure on Ross Bay.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CEMETERY

Located on Metchosin Road, St. Mary the Virgin is one of the oldest churches on Vancouver Island. John Witty donated two acres of land for a church and cemetery in the early 1870's. The foundation was laid in 1873 and in August 1876 the churchyard was fenced and the ground consecrated and set apart as a cemetery.

The first burial was Lillian Helgesen, an eight year old girl who died of measles in late 1870. The cemetery contains many graves of pioneers of the Metchosin, Colwood and Langford areas. Of note are the graves of Arthur and Alice Peatt, the Parkers and Browns all of whom have descendants and relatives in the Colwood Pioneer Cemetery.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY

St, John the Baptist Anglican Church, located on Glencairn Lane, across from the Pioneer Cemetery, was constructed in 1912 and dedicated in 1913. Land for the church and cemetery was originally donated by Alfred Thomas Peatt. The cemetery was consecrated in 1913 and contains roughly one hundred graves. The earliest burial was the Reverend A. Wells in 1919. Many familiar family names are found in both the Pioneer Cemetery and St. John's Cemetery.

For a time the future of St. John's Cemetery was uncertain because the church was deconsecrated and services no longer held. Many of the cemetery monuments were broken, damaged or removed. A daycare centre next to the church allowed children to play amongst the graves and monuments.

The property was transferred to the City of Colwood by the Anglican Diocese in 1996 and a BC Heritage Trust grant allowed restoration to commence. Today weddings, funerals and other events are held there. A volunteer committee manages the church and nearby Emery Family Hall.

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSIONS

The initial project was a complete success and represented the first steps by the City of Colwood to preserve, manage and maintain the cemetery as an historic site. Similar to other small cemeteries in British Columbia, many of the gravesites have been damaged by vandalism or robbed of their monuments or markers. Like many heritage projects, the cemetery project ideally should have been completed 20 or 25 years ago. In the past, no map of the cemetery existed and many graves were quickly forgotten when markers and headstones were broken or removed. There is little doubt that if the original project had not taken place in 1989, much of the information would have been lost. It is extremely important that the knowledge of those with insights into its history be recorded. The following represents some of the findings:

OLDEST GRAVE:

Originally thought to be that of Captain McCallum, is has now been established that the grave of Jane Veitch is the oldest known in the cemetery. A search of the obituaries pre-1899 back to 1895 was completed with no discoveries of any earlier graves. However, in the March 4, 1899 edition of the *Daily Colonist* it is stated that "The internment (of Mrs. Veitch) took place at the new Colwood Cemetery, this being the second burial there." Who was the first?

UNMARKED GRAVESITES:

A large number of unmarked gravesites have been found and marked on the cemetery map. From the obituary research, 15 individuals have been identified as being interred in the Colwood Pioneer Cemetery. The names of a further 16 people were obtained from the Colwood Women's Institute records. There is still the possibility that more gravesites may be located from obituaries for the period 1930 to 1949.

COMPUTER DATABASE:

A computer database was created on the cemetery which enables quick reference and can easily be updated. The database is also able to print reports and index alphabetically by date or site number.

A number of interesting demographic statistics have been complied. There are roughly an even amount of males and females buried in the cemetery which allows for a good statistical comparison. It should be noted that a high degree of error might exist in the statistics because of the small sample being used. The following statistics were compiled in 1989.

•	Total number of individuals interred	151
•	Oldest individual interred	100 years
•	Youngest individual interred	3 days
•	Average age of males at death pre-1930	54 years
•	Average age of females	25 years
•	Average age of males at death post-1930	57 years
•	Average age of females	56 years

Some of the statistics are surprising, but the large age difference in the sexes pre-1930 might be attributed to poor health care and high infant mortality. It would be interesting to compare the statistics from the Colwood cemetery with other cemeteries in the province. The Old Cemeteries Committee has developed a much larger database on Ross Bay Cemetery. In the future, it may be possible to merge the two databases of Ross Bay and Colwood Pioneer Cemetery.

It should be mentioned that the major shortfall if the original project was the genealogical research. Only three weeks were allocated for detailed obituary research which resulted in large gaps in the genealogical file. It was hoped at the time that the City of Colwood would hire a heritage researcher to complete the genealogical file on burials from 1930 to 1949. It was anticipated that two or three weeks would be required to complete the obituaries and enter them in the computer database.

When William Silvester took over the project in 2010 his first job was to transcribe the existing book onto a Word document, updating occasionally as he went along. Having done that he visited the cemetery of numerous occasions and documented the burials from 1990 to 2010, then searched out their obituaries both online and through newspaper files at the library. Information from the City of Colwood database rounded out the research.

OTHER STUDIES:

Finally, it was hoped that the original study would lead to other studies of pioneer cemeteries and increased protection of those historic sites in the Province.

Cemeteries can tell us much about our ancestors yet modern society largely ignores these historic sites and does little to protect them from vandalism and destruction. The Colwood Pioneer Cemetery will in the future be protected and maintained, but for many other old cemeteries in British Columbia, this may not be the case.

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APPENDIX 1

LIST OF GRAVESITES BY SITE NUMBER

SITE#	NAME	DEATH (dmy)
PC-001	Adams, Daniel Fowler	10/12/1905
PC-002	Robinson, Ethel	11/10/1970
PC-003	Stockand, John	11/09/1927
	Stockand, Nancy Eugene	15/08/1958
PC-004	Drummond, Ernest William	17/02/1957
	Drummond, Florence Edith	15/04/2008
PC-005	Latham, Abigail Hudson	10/10/1954
PC-006	Whiffen, Edith M.	05/05/1947
PC-007	Latham, Daniel Peters	20/04/1932
PC-008	Greenwood, Henry	12/10/1926
	Greenwood, Elizabeth	20/08/1927
PC-009	Vellacott, James Incled	17/07/1933
PC-010	Ridley, George Clement	30/09/1958
PC-011	Ridley, Hubert G.	11/1981
	Ridley, Charlotte Mabel	08/02/1984
PC-012	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-013	Heaslip, George	27/03/1917
	Heaslip, Frances Cordelia	20/01/1962
PC-014	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-015	Pike, Harold Percy	10/11/1920
	Pike, Henry	11/02/1941
	Pike, Charles	?
	Pike, Elizabeth Martin	01/071959
	Pike, Williamina Elizabeth	15/11/1958
	Pike, Christina	09/01/1917
PC-016	Fraser, Duncan	27/08/1967
	Fraser, Adria Marrion	23/02/1968
PC-017	Murray, Robert Bertram	30/01/1935
DG 010	Murray, Mary	23/12/1977
PC-018	Hopwood, Joseph	30/05/1950
PC-019	Atkins, Thomas	28/08/1934
PG 020	Atkins, Sarah Jane	28/03/1953
PC-020	Wishart, Mary Sim	27/12/1949
	Wishart, Edward (senior)	28/05/1947
DC 021	Wishart, Edward (junior)	10/02/1984
PC-021	Kemp, George	04/06/1925
	Kemp, Ernest	20/05/1931
DC 022	Kemp, Celia	03/04/1954
PC-022	Quinney, Bromley David	15/01/2004
PC-023	Unmarked Grave Mound Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-024 PC-025	Unmarked Grave Mound Unmarked Grave Mound	
rC-023	Offinarked Grave Mound	

PC-026	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-027	Peatt, Arthur G.	1947
1002.	Peatt, Harriet	13/04/1956
PC-028	Unmarked Grave Mound	-5, 0, 1, -, 0
PC-029	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-030	Smith, Violet Marguerite	06/08/1922
PC-031	Clark, Stanley A.	10/04/1911
	Clark, Erica Irmgard	09/02/1985
PC-032	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-033	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-034	Parker, Bert Whittier	23/02/1985
	Parker, Mary Agnes	18/05/1991
PC-035	Goodall, Kathleen Mary	24/12/1952
PC-036	Parker, Jessie Thom	18/02/1953
PC-037	Unmarked Grave	
PC-038	McLennan, Beatrice Flossie	?
PC-039	McLennan, Ann Beatrice	02/05/1949
PC-040	McLennan, Donald Ewan	30/10/1960
PC-041	Gibson, Wilfrid	06/01/1968
	Gibson, Muriel Lily	18/02/1998
PC-042	Brown, Wilfred Mailins	13/06/1955
	Brown, Ethel Kate	01/04/1966
	Brown, Alice Mable	06/03/1988
	Brown, John Herbert	30/05/1979
	Rhode, Ina K.	1999
PC-043	Proudfoot, Arthur James	02/12/1970
	Proudfoot, A. Florence	1996
PC-044	Slater, James Leonard	27/09/1957
	Slater, Norma Jean	22/05/2008
PC-045	Parker, Arthur T.	18/01/1947
PC-046	Parker, Harry Helmcken	06/06/1938
	Parker, Flora Ann	30/01/1949
PC-047	Kelly, Helen Gardner	01/03/1955
PC-048	Kelly. Marion	19/02/1947
PC-049	Kelly, Mary G.	03/01/1934
PC-050	Cockerton, D.	?
PC-051	Cockerton, Beatrice Minnie	11/08/1934
PC-052	Unmarked Grave Depression	
PC-053	Hughes, Hanna	1920
	Hughes, Sarah Hannah	02/05/1952
PC-054	Anderson, Sarah C.	28/02/1920
	Tait, Hazel Eileen	01/08/1917
	Johnson, William	03/05/1911
	Johnson, Hazel Elvina	31/12/1926
	Johnson, Emily	12/01/1929
	Johnson, Christopher C.	22/09/1908
	Johnson, John G. (Lost in Alaska)	11/1915
PC-055	Wale, Sadie Ellen	04/08/1907
PC-056	Unmarked Grave Mound	

PC-057	Fox, William Edward	09/07/1942
PC-058	Hankin, Alfred	21/02/1924
	Hankin, Sarah Ann	27/08/1916
PC-059	Hankin, Alfred George	14/03/1927
PC-060	Peatt, Alfred Thomas	11/07/1940
	Peatt, Elizabeth	26/04/1947
PC-061	Small, Frank Anderson	13/02/1951
	Small, Emma Honour	22/07/1960
	Small, Emma Elizabeth	08/12/1941
PC-062	Dewar, James	02/02/1951
	Dewar, Elizabeth White	01/07/1948
PC-063	Rhode, Albert	19/01/1951
	Rhode, Eva Sophia	27/09/1984
PC-064	Sheilds, John Edward	23/05/1961
	Sheilds, Esther Alicia Jane	31/01/1965
	Sheilds, Bertram Edward	27/04/2008
PC-065	Burbidge, Constance	23/11/1978
	Burbidge, Sybil Lilla	13/07/1979
	Burbidge, Lesley	07/06/1973
	Burbidge, Maurice	09/09/1977
PC-066	Wishart, William John	10/09/1953
	Wishart, Jessie	15/09/1957
	Wishart, Jeannie Hutchison	09/10/1986
	Wishart, Marie	06/02/2007
	Wishart, Robert H.	1993
PC-067	Robinson, James Frederick	10/04/1963
PC-068	Robinson, Elizabeth Jane	11/07/1954
PC-069	Robinson, Evan John	20/12/1950
PC-070	Neff, Gladys Georgina	05/05/1988
	Neff, Hervey Milton	22/10/1968
PC-071	Unmarked Grave Depression	
PC-072	Brotherston, Margaret	29/09/1933
PC-073	Unmarked Ground Ledger	
PC-074	Veitch, James	20/05/1932
	Veitch, Margaret	23/12/1924
PC-075	Croft,	1923
PC-076	Goodall, Charles Henry	10/10/1933
PC-077	Goodall, Mary	05/11/1912
PC-078	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-079	Unmarked Ground Ledger (wooden)	
PC-080	Unmarked Ground Ledger (wooden)	
PC-081	Unmarked Grave Depression	
PC-082	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-083	Neil, Charles W. A.	29/05/1950
	Neil, Alma Josephine	28/06/1943
PC-084	McCallum, Arthur E. (Captain)	11/04/1899
	McCallum, Rosa	03/10/1923
PC-085	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-086	Ross, Hugh	28/02/1916

PC-087	Veitch, Jane	28/02/1899
PC-088	Veitch, William	17/03/1899
PC-089	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-090	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-091	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-092	Unmarked Grave Mound	
PC-093	Martin, Matthew D. M.	05/06/1920
	Morrow, Samuel	18/01/1907
PC-094	Unmarked Grave	
PC-095	Unmarked Grave	
PC-096	Parker, Constance W.	24/09/2000
	Parker, Elmore Crawford	31/03/1985
PC-097	Peatt, Ernest V.	05/12/1966
	Peatt, Catherine Morrison	25/01/1969
PC-098	Peatt, Evan Ernest	17/09/1941
	Peatt, Doris Audrey	02/08/1930
PC-099	Lamerton, Roland Brian	16/09/1967
	Lamerton, Mildred Eunice	17/03/2003
PC-100	Deveau, Elizabeth	1948
	Deveau, Sylvia Marion	28/03/1950
PC-101	Peatt, Ernest Leslie	15/04/1919
	Baby Harry	?
PC-102	Peatt, Leslie B.	28/05/1973
	Peatt, S. E. (Nellie)	28/05/1977
PC-103	Firestone, Joan Marilyn	04/09/1984
	Firestone, Philip Arnold	09/11/2007
PC-104	Towers, Donald Ford	13/03/1954
	Towers, Eleanor M. (Lt.)	18/12/1982
PC-104A	Towers, Thomas Ewart	30/03/1997
PC-105	Neff, Georgina Gladys	05/05/1988
PC-106	Porteous, Caroline Boyd	12/05/1991
	Porteous, John Cameron	22/10/1970
PC-107	Strandell. Irene Catherine	1992
PC-107A	Strandell, Kenneth Andrew	23/08/1998
PC-108	Clark, Frederick Arthur	?
PC-109	Proudfoot, Richard J.	1997
PC-110	Peatt, Alfred Victor	06/11/1997
	Peatt, Eileen Hague	05/01/2005
PC-111	Peatt, Leanne Ruth	19/01/2001
PC-112	Fedden, Margaret Elizabeth	02/05/2009

LIST OF KNOWN GRAVESITES BY NAME

NAME	DEATH (dmy)	SITE#
Adams, Daniel Fowler	10/12/1905	PC-001
Anderson, Sarah C.	28/02/1920	PC-054
Atkins, Sarah Jane	28/03/1953	PC-019
Atkins, Thomas	28/08/1924	PC-019
Brotherston, Margaret	29/09/1933	PC-072
Brown, Alice Mable	06/03/1988	PC-042
Brown, Ethel Kate	01/04/1966	PC-042
Brown, John Herbert	30/05/1979	PC-042
Brown, Wilfred Mailins	13/06/1955	PC-042
Burbidge, Constance	23/11/1978	PC-065
Burbidge, Lesley	07/06/1973	PC-065
Burbidge, Maurice	09/09/1977	PC-065
Burbidge, Sybil Lilla	13/07/1979	PC-065
Clark, Erica Irmgard	09/02/1985	PC-031
Clark, Frederick Arthur	?	PC-108
Clark, Stanley A.	10/04/1911	PC-031
Cockerton, D.	?	PC-050
Cockerton, Beatrice Minnie	08/11/1934	PC-051
Croft,	1923	PC-075
Deveau, Elizabeth	1948	PC-100
Deveau, Sylvia Marion	28/03/1950	PC-100
Dewar, Elizabeth White	01/07/1948	PC-062
Dewar, James	02/02/1951	PC-062
Drummond, Ernest William	17/02/1957	PC-004
Drummond, Florence Edith	15/04/2008	PC-004
Fedden, Margaret Elizabeth	02/05/2009	PC-112
Firestone, Joan Marilyn	04/09/1984	PC-103
Firestone, Philip Arnold	09/11/2007	PC-103
Fox, William Edward	09/07/1942	PC-057
Fraser, Adria Marrion	23/02/1968	PC-016
Fraser, Duncan	27/08/1967	PC-016
Gibson, Muriel Lily	18/02/1998	PC-041
Gibson, Wilfrid	06/01/1968	PC-041
Goodall, Charles Henry	10/10/1933	PC-076
Goodall, Kathleen Mary	24/12/1952	PC-035
Goodall, Mary	05/11/1912	PC-077
Greenwood, Elizabeth	20/08/1927	PC-008
Greenwood, Henry	12/10/1926	PC-008
Hankin, Alfred	21/02/1924	PC-058
Hankin, Alfred George	14/03/1927	PC-059
Hankin, Sarah Ann	27/08/1916	PC-058
Heaslip, Frances Cordelia	20/01/1962	PC-013

Heaslip, George	7/03/1917	PC-013
Hopwood, Joseph	30/05/1950	PC-018
Hughes, Hannah	1920	PC-053
Hughes, Sarah Hannah	02/05/1952	PC-053
Johnson, Christopher C.	22/09/1908	PC-054
Johnson, Emily	12/01/1929	PC-054
Johnson, Hazel	31/12/1926	PC-054
Johnson, John G. (Lost in Alaska)	11/1915	PC-054
Johnson, William	03/05/1911	PC-054
Kelly, Helen Gardner	01/03/1955	PC-047
Kelly, Marion	19/02/1947	PC-049
Kelly, Mary	03/01/1934	PC-048
Kemp, Celia	03/04/1954	PC-021
Kemp, Ernest	20/05/1931	PC-021
Kemp, George	04/06/1925	PC-021
Lamerton, Roland Brian	16/09/1967	PC-099
Lamerton, Mildred Eunice	17/03/2003	PC-099
Latham, Abigail H.	10/10/1954	PC-005
Latham, Daniel Peters	20/04/1932	PC-007
Martin, Matthew D.	05/06/1920	PC-093
McCallum, Arthur E. (Capt.)	11/04/1899	PC-084
McCallum, Rosa	03/10/1923	PC-084
McLennan, Ann Beatrice	02/05/1949	PC-039
McLennan, Beatrice Flossie	?	PC-038
McLennan, Donald Ewan	30/10/1960	PC-040
Morrow, Samuel	18/01/1907	PC-093
Murray, Mary	23/12/1977	PC-017
Murray, Robert Bertram	30/01/1935	PC-017
Neff, Gladys Georgina	05/05/1988	PC-105
Neff, Hervey Milton	22/10/1968	PC-070
Neil, Alma Josephine	28/06/1943	PC-083
Neil, Charles W.	29/05/1950	PC-083
Parker, Arthur T.	18/01/1947	PC-045
Parker, Bert Whittier	23/02/1985	PC-034
Parker, Constance W.	24/09/2000	PC-096
Parker, Elmore Crawford	31/03/1985	PC-096
Parker, Flora Ann	30/01/1949	PC-046
Parker, Harry Helmcken	06/06/1938	PC-046
Parker, Jessie Thom	18/02/1953	PC-036
Parker, Mary Agnes	18/05/1991	PC-034
Peatt, Alfred Thomas	11/07/1940	PC-060
Peatt, Alfred Victor	06/11/1997	PC-110
Peatt, Arthur G.	1947	PC-027
Peatt, Catherine Morrison	25/01/1969	PC-097
Peatt, Doris Audrey	02/08/1930	PC-098
Peatt, Eileen Hague	05/01/2005	PC-110
Peatt, Elizabeth	26/04/1947	PC-060
Peatt, Erizabeth Peatt, Ernest Leslie	15/04/1919	PC-101
Peatt, Ernest Lesne Peatt, Ernest Victor	05/12/1966	PC-097
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Peatt, Evan Ernest	17/09/1941	PC-098
Peatt, Harriet	13/04/1956	PC-027
Peatt, Leanne Ruth	19/01/2001	PC-111
Peatt, Leslie B.	28/05/1973	PC-102
Peatt, S. E. Nellie	28/05/1977	PC-102
Pike, Charles	?	PC-015
Pike, Christina	09/01/1917	PC-015
Pike, Elizabeth Martin	01/07/1959	PC-015
Pike, Harold P.	10/11/1920	PC-015
Pike, Henry	11/02/1941	PC-015
Pike, Williamina Elizabeth	15/11/1958	PC-015
Porteous, Caroline Boyd	12/05/1991	PC-106
Porteous, John Cameron	22/10/1970	PC-106
Proudfoot, A. Florence	1996	PC-043
Proudfoot, Arthur James	02/12/1970	PC-043
Proudfoot, Richard J.	1997	PC-109
Quinney, Bromley David	15/01/2004	PC-022
Rhode, Albert	19/01/1951	PC-063
Rhode, Eva Sophia	27/09/1984	PC-063
Rhode, Ina K.	1999	PC-042
Ridley, Charlotte Mabel	08/02/1984	PC-011
Ridley, George Clement	09/1958	PC-010
Ridley, Hubert G.	30/11/1981	PC-011
Robinson, Elizabeth Jane	11/07/1954	PC-068
Robinson, Ethel	11/10/1970	PC-002
Robinson, Evan J.	20/12/1950	PC-069
Robinson, James Frederick	10/04/1963	PC-067
Ross, Hugh	28/02/1916	PC-086
Sheilds, Bertram Edward	27/04/2008	PC-064
Sheilds, John Edward	23/05/1961	PC-064
Sheilds, Esther Alicia Jane	31/01/1957	PC-064
Slater, James Leonard	27/09/1957	PC-044
Slater, Norma Jean	22/05/2008	PC-044
Small, Emma Elizabeth	08/12/1941	PC-061
Small, Emma Honour	22/07/1960	PC-061
Small, Frank Anderson	13/02/1951	PC-061
Smith, Violet Marguerite	06/08/1922	PC-030
Stockand, John	11/09/1927	PC-003
Stockand, Nancy Eugenie Strandell. Irene Catherine	15/08/1958	PC-003
	1992	PC-107
Strandell, Kenneth Andrew Tait, Hazel Eileen	23.08/1998	PC-107A
•	01/08/1917	PC-054
Towers, Donald F. Towers, Eleanor M. (Lt.)	13/03/1954 18/12/1982	PC-104 PC-104
Towers, Eleanor M. (Lt.) Towers, Thomas Ewart	30/03/1997	PC-104 PC-104A
Veitch, James	30/05/1997	PC-104A PC-074
Veitch, James Veitch, Jane	28/02/1899	PC-074 PC-087
Veitch, Margaret	23/12/1924	PC-074
Veitch, William	17/03/1899	PC-088
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Vellacott, James Incled	17/07/1933	PC-009
Wale, Sadie Ellen	04/08/1907	PC-055
Whiffen, Edith M.	05/05/1947	PC-006
Wishart, Edward (Sr.)	28/05/1947	PC-020
Wishart, Edward (Jr.)	10/02/1984	PC-020
Wishart, Jeannie Hutchison	09/10/1986	PC-066
Wishart, Jessie	15/09/1957	PC-066
Wishart, Marie	02/06/2007	PC-066
Wishart, Mary Sim	27/12/1949	PC-020
Wishart, Robert H.	1993	PC-066
Wishart, William John	10/09/1953	PC-066

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NAME	DEATH (dmy)	SITE#
Veitch, Jane	28/02/1899	PC-087
Veitch, William	17/03/1899	PC-088
McCallum, Arthur E. (Capt.)	11/04/1899	PC-084
Adams, Daniel Fowler	10/12/1905	PC-001
Morrow, Samuel	18/01/1907	PC-093
Wale, Sadie Ellen	04/08/1907	PC-055
Johnson, Christopher C.	22/09/1908	PC-054
Clark, Stanley A.	10/04/1911	PC-031
Johnson, William	03/05/1911	PC-054
Goodall, Mary	05/11/1912	PC-077
Johnson, John G. (Lost in Alaska)	11/1915	PC-054
Ross, Hugh	28/02/1916	PC-086
Hankin, Sarah Ann	27/08/1916	PC-058
Pike, Christina	09/01/1917	PC-015
Parker, Mary	15/03/1917	
Heaslip, George	27/03/1917	PC-013
Tait, Hazel Eileen	01/08/1917	PC-054
Parker, James	16/02/1919	
Clark, James	27/02/1919	
Peatt, Ernest Leslie	15/04/1919	PC-101
Hughes, Hannah	1920	PC-053
Anderson, Sarah C.	28/02/1920	PC-054
Neil, Ardyce Eugene	25/02/1920	
Martin, Matthew D.	05/06/1920	PC-093
Pike, Harold P.	10/11/1920	PC-015
Semple (Veitch), Margaret	15/11/1920	
Gent, Sarah	24/04/1921	
Smith, Violet Marguerite	06/08/1922	PC-030
Croft,	1923	PC-075
Bennett, James	02/01/1923	
McCallum, Rosa	03/10/1923	PC-084
Hughes, Jane	25/11/1923	
Neil, Arthur Andrew	27/11/1923	
Hankin, Alfred	21/02/1924	PC-058
Neil, Clifford	10/05/1924	
Croft, Benjamin	01/06/1924	
Atkins, Thomas	28/08/1924	PC-019
Veitch, Margaret	23/12/1924	PC-074
Kemp, George	04/06/1925	PC-021
Weir, Charles	31/08/1925	
Hillyards, Fanny	13/08/1926	
Greenwood, Henry	12/10/1926	PC-008

Johnson, Hazel	31/12/1926	PC-054
Hankin, Alfred George	14/03/1927	PC-059
Greenwood, Elizabeth	20/08/1927	PC-008
Stockand, John	11/09/1927	PC-003
Blatchford, Mrs.	1928	
Harding, Mrs.	1929	
Johnson, Emily	12/01/1929	PC-054
Brotherston, Thomas	12/02/1930	
Peatt, Doris Audrey	02/08/1930	PC-098
Kemp, Ernest	20/05/1931	PC-021
Latham, Daniel Peters	20/04/1932	PC-007
Veitch, James	30/05/1932	PC-074
Goodall, Eliza	23/03/1933	
Vellacott, James Incled	17/07/1933	PC-009
Brotherston, Margaret	29/09/1933	PC-072
Goodall, Charles Henry	10/10/1933	PC-076
Kelly, Mary	03/01/1934	PC-048
Cockerton, Beatrice Minnie	11/08/1934	PC-051
Murray, Robert Bertram	30/01/1935	PC-017
Gent, Aaron	1936	
Parker, Harry Helmcken	06/06/1938	PC-046
Peatt, Alfred Thomas	11/07/1940	PC-060
Pike, Henry	11/02/1941	PC-015
Peatt, Evan Ernest	17/09/1941	PC-098
Small, Emma Elizabeth	08/12/1941	PC-061
Fox, William Edward	09/07/1942	PC-057
Neil, Alma Josephine	28/06/1943	PC-083
Peatt, Arthur G.	1947	PC-027
Parker, Arthur T.	18/01/1947	PC-045
Kelly, Marion	19/02/1947	PC-049
Peatt, Elizabeth	26/04/1947	PC-060
Whiffen, Edith M.	05/05/1947	PC-006
Wishart, Edward (Sr.)	28/05/1947	PC-020
Deveau, Elizabeth	1948	PC-100
Greig, James	21/01/1948	
Dewar, Elizabeth White	01/07/1948	PC-062
Weir, Matilda	26/10/1948	
Parker, Flora Ann	30/01/1949	PC-046
McLennan, Ann Beatrice	02/05/1949	PC-039
Wishart, Mary Sim	27/12/1949	PC-020
Deveau, Sylvia Marion	28/03/1950	PC-100
Neil, Charles W.	29/05/1950	PC-083
Hopwood, Joseph	30/05/1950	PC-018
Robinson, Evan John	20/12/1950	PC-069
Rhode, Albert	19/01/1951	PC-063
Dewar, James	02/02/1951	PC-062
Small, Frank Anderson	13/02/1951	PC-061
Wale, Albert Edward	20/02/1951	
Hughes, Sarah Hannah	02/05/1952	PC-053

Neil, George	17/11/1952	
Goodall, Kathleen Mary	24/12/1952	PC-035
Parker, Jessie Thom	18/02/1953	PC-036
Atkins, Sarah Jane	28/03/1953	PC-019
Wishart, William John	10/09/1953	PC-066
Towers, Donald Ford	13/03/1954	PC-104
Kemp, Celia	03/04/1954	PC-021
Robinson, Elizabeth Jane	11/07/1954	PC-068
Latham, Abigail H.	10/10/1954	PC-005
Croft, Elizabeth	26/01/1955	1 0 003
Kelly, Helen Gardner	01/03/1955	PC-047
Brown, Wilfred Mailins	13/06/1955	PC-042
Peatt, Harriet	13/04/1956	PC-027
Sheilds, Esther Alicia Jane	31/01/1957	PC-064
Drummond, Ernest William	17/02/1957	PC-004
Wishart, Jessie	15/09/1957	PC-066
Slater, James Leonard	27/09/1957	PC-044
Stockand, Nancy Eugenie	15/08/1958	PC-003
Ridley, George Clement	30/09/1958	PC-010
Pike, Williamina Elizabeth	15/11/1958	PC-015
Pike, Elizabeth Martin	01/07/1959	PC-015
Vellacott, Emma Anne	07/09/1959	1 C-013
Small, Emma Honour	22/07/1960	PC-061
McLennan, Donald Ewan	30/10/1960	PC-040
Sheilds, John Edward	23/05/1961	PC-064
Brotherston, Robert Brydon *	16/08/1961	1 C-004
Heaslip, Frances Cordelia	20/01/1962	PC-013
Robinson, James Frederick	10/04/1963	PC-067
Brown, Ethel Kate	01/04/1966	PC-042
Peatt, Ernest Victor	05/12/1966	PC-097
Ridley, Annie	28/07/1967	1 C-077
Fraser, Duncan	27/08/1967	PC-016
Lamerton, Roland Brian	16/09/1967	PC-099
Neff, Herve Milton	1968	PC-070
Gibson, Wilfrid	06/01/1968	PC-041
Fraser, Adria Marrion	23/ 02/1968	PC-016
Neff, Hervey Milton	22/10/1968	1 € 010
Peatt, Catherine Morrison	25/01/1969	PC-097
Robinson, Ethel	11/10/1970	PC-002
Porteous, John Cameron	22/10/1970	PC-092A
Proudfoot, Arthur James	02/12/1970	PC-043
Parker, Walter	01/12/1972	1 C 043
Peatt, Leslie B.	28/05/1973	PC-102
Burbidge, Lesley	07/06/1973	PC-065
Peatt, S. E. Nellie	28/05/1977	PC-102
Burbidge, Maurice	09/09/1977	PC-065
Murray, Mary	23/12/1977	PC-017
Burbidge, Constance	23/11/1978	PC-065
Brown, John Herbert	30/05/1979	PC-042
Dio wii, Joini Holbert	30/03/17/7	1 C 042

Burbidge, Sybil Lilia	13/07/1979	PC-065
Ridley, Hubert G.	11/1981	PC-011
Goodall, John Hick	22/01/1982	
Towers, Eleanor M. (Lt.)	18/12/1982	PC-104
Ridley, Charlotte Mabel	08/02/1984	PC-011
Wishart, Edward (Jr.)	10/02/1984	PC-020
Firestone, Joan Marilyn	04/09/1984	PC-103
Rhode, Eva Sophia	27/09/1984	PC-063
Parker, Bert Whittier	23/02/1985	PC-034
Clark, Erica Irmgard	09/02/1985	PC-031
Parker, Elmore Crawford	31/03/1985	PC-096
Wishart, Jeannie Hutchison	09/10/1986	PC-066
Neff, Gladys Georgina	05/05/1988	PC-105
Brown, Alice Mable	06/03/1988	PC-042
Porteous, Caroline Boyd	12/05/1991	PC-092A
Parker, Mary Agnes	18/05/1991	PC-034
Strandell. Irene Catherine	1992	PC-107
Wishart, Robert H.	1993	PC-066
Proudfoot, A. Florence	1996	PC-043
Proudfoot, Richard J.	1997	PC-109
Towers, Thomas Ewart	30/03/1997	PC-104A
Peatt, Alfred Victor	06/11/1997	PC-110
Gibson, Muriel Lily	18/02/1998	PC-041
Strandell, Kenneth Andrew	23.08/ 1998	PC-107A
Rhode, Ina K.	1999	PC-042
Parker, Constance W.	23/09/2000	PC-096
Peatt, Leanne Ruth	19/01/2001	PC-111
Lamerton, Mildred Eunice	17/03/2003	PC-099
Quinney, Bromley David	15/01/2004	PC-022
Peatt, Eileen Hague	05/01/2005	PC-110
Wishart, Marie	02/06/2007	PC-066
Firestone, Philip Arnold	09/11/2007	PC-103
Drummond, Florence Edith	15/04/2008	PC-004
Sheilds, Bertram Edward	27/04/2008	PC-064
Slater, Norma Jean	22/05/2008	PC-044
Fedden, Margaret Elizabeth	02/05/2009	PC-112

UNMARKED GRAVESITE LIST

NAME	DEATH (dmy)
Bennett, James	02/01/1923
Blatchford, Mrs.	1928
Brotherston, Robert Brydon *	16/08/1961
Brotherston, Thomas *	12/02/1930
Clark, James	27/02/1919
Cockerton, Beatrice Minnie	11/08/1934
Croft, Benjamin *	01/06/1924
Croft, Elizabeth *	26/01/1955
Gent, Aaron	1936
Gent, Sarah	24/04/1921
Goodall, Eliza	23/03/1933
Goodall, John Hick	22/01/1982
Greig, James	21,01/1948
Harding, Mrs.	1929
Hillyards, Fanny	13/08/1926
Hopwood, Margaret *	07/08/1976
Hughes, Jane	25/11/1923
Neff, Hervey Milton	22/10/1968
Neil, Ardyce Eugene	25/02/1920
Neil, Arthur Andrew	27/11/1923
Neil, Clifford	10/05/1924
Neil, George	17/11/1952
Parker, James	16/02/1919
Parker, Mary	15/03/1917
Parker, Walter	01/12/1972
Ridley, Annie *	28/07/1967
Semple (Veitch), Margaret	15/11/1920
Vellacott, Emma Anne	07/09/1959
Wale, Albert Edward *	20/02/1951
Weir, Charles	31/08/1925
Weir, Matilda	26/10/1948

^{*-} Denotes gravesites that may be located in family ledgers.

INVENTORY WORKSHEET KEY AND SAMPLE

Inventory Number:

The alpha-numerical designator assigned to the gravesite. This number identifies the gravesite in the Pioneer Cemetery. For example, PC-005 is Pioneer Cemetery Gravesite number 5.

Negative Number:

Each site was photographed a number of times. The negative/photo number gives the roll and negative numbers for that particular site. For example, N-08-12 indicates Negative Roll number 8 and shot 12 of that roll. All negatives are stored in a 3 ring binder with contact sheets, photos and index.

Name:

Name of deceased. Last name entered, then first and initials. Birth: if date is known. Death: if date is known.

Single/Double/Family Plot:

Materials:

The materials used in the gravesite, usually concrete, granite or marble.

Style of Monument:

Basic style of monument such as a ground ledger, headstone etc.

Condition:

Circle condition of site ranging from Excellent to Poor with 1 being excellent.

Associated Gravesites Located Elsewhere:

Used to identify other family members of the deceased in the cemetery. For example PC-008 Smith, John (brother) gives the site number, name and relationship to the deceased.

Orientation:

The orientation of the grave. The basic outline of the grave is drawn over the compass marks. To the right is space for the direction of the headstone and which faces are inscribed.

Description and Condition Report:

Contains the detailed written description of the gravesite including all dimensions (metric) and physical damage.

CEMETERY INVENTORY WORKSHEET

		Inventory Number	
		Negative Number(s)	
Name (last, first, initials)		Birth	Death
Single/Double/Family Plot	Materials	Style of Monument, Gravesite	
Condition (circle) 1 2 3 4 Excellent Poor →	Associated gravesites located elsewhere		

Rear of Worksheet:

Usually contains two photographs of the gravesite; full view and close-up. Next to photo is the negative number and a short description of the photograph with direction the camera was facing. For example, *N-08-22 Full view facing NE* - indicates the negative is on Roll 8, shot number 22 and the photograph is a full view of the site and the camera was facing northeast.

Inscription/Lettering Style:

Records the inscription, the lettering style and size of the letters. For example, the lettering might be incised, carved in relief or applied. Lettering may be Gothic, Italic or Roman.

At the bottom of the worksheet is the date the site was catalogued, the recorder's initials, the date the information was entered into the database and the initials of the person entering the data.

OBITUARY AND GENEALOGICAL WORKSHEET KEY AND SAMPLE

Top Right Corner: Name (last, first).

Inventory Number.

Date of Birth.

Date of Death.

Place of Origin: Place of birth or pace of migration.

Place of Death and Cause: Where death occurred and cause.

Age: Age at death.

Occupation: General occupation of deceased.

Married/Single: Circle applicable and note name of spouse below.

Number of Children: Number of sons or daughters

Obituary and Remarks: Written obituary and source. Also includes newspaper articles

of previous research and sources.

Bottom of Page: Date of research, researcher's initials, date obituary entered into

database and initials of data inputer.

OBITUARY AND GENEALOGICAL SHEET

Name:	PC			
Date of Birth:		Date of Death:		
Place of Origin	Place o	of Death and Cause		Age
Occupation	M	arried / Single		Number of Children
	Obituary	and Remarks		
Date: Initi	als: Da	ata Base Ent'd	Initials	<u> </u>

COMPUTER DATABASE STRUCTURE KEY

INVNUMBER: The inventory number of the gravesite. (e.g. PC-102)

LASTNAME: The surname of the deceased

FIRSTNAME: The first name and initials of the deceased.

SEX: Entered as M – Male or F – Female; left blank if unknown.

AGE: Age at death.

BIRTH: Date if known.

DEATH: Date if known.

DESCRIPTION: Memo field for physical description and condition of the gravesite.

OBITUARY: Memo field for obituary and genealogical information.

ASSOCGRAVES: Associated gravesites of relatives located in Pioneer Cemetery and other cemeteries.

YRDEATH: Year of death. Used for sorting and indexing by year.

Structure for Database: C;CEMETERY.DBF

Number of data records: 176 Date of last update: 20/12/2010

Field	Field Name	Type	Width
1	INVNUMBER	Character	6
2	LASTNAME	Character	30
3	FIRSTNAME	Character	30
4	SEX	Character	1
5	AGE	Numeric	3
6	BIRTH	Character	10
7	DEATH	Character	10
8	DESCRIPTION	Memo	10
9	OBITUARY	Memo	10
10	ASSOCGRAVES	Memo	10
11	YRDEATH	Numeric	4
		TOTAL	125

The computer database is used to store information from the Inventory Worksheets and the Obituary Worksheets. The database is stored on hard drive in the Planning Department of the City of Colwood.

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PC-001 Adams, D.F. PC-002 Robinson, E. M. PC-003 Stockland, J. Stockland, N. E. PC-004 Drummond, E. W. PC-005 Latham, A. H. PC-006 Whiffen, E. M. PC-007 Latham, D. PC-008 Greenwood, H. PC-009 Vellacott, J. I. PC-011 Ridley, H. G. Ridley,C. M.

Pike, H.

Pike, C. Pike, E. Pike, W. E. Pike C. PC-016 Fraser, D. Fraser A.

PC-017 Murray, R. B. Murray, M. PC-018 Hopwood, J.

Wishart, E. PC-021 Kemp, G. PC-022 Unoccupied ledger PC-023 Unmarked gravemound PC-024 Unmarked gravemound PC-025 Unmarked gravemound PC-026 Unmarked gravemound PC-027 Peatt, A. G. Peatt, H. PC-028 Unmarked gravemound PC-029 Unmarked gravemound PC-032 Unmarked grave PC-033 Unmarked grave

PC-034 Parker, B. W. PC-035 Goodall, K. M. PC-036 Parker, J. T. PC-037 Unmarked grave depression PC-038 Unmarked grave depression PC-039 McLennan, A. B. PC-040 McLennan, D. E. PC-041 Gibson, W. PC-042 Brown, W. M.

Proudfoot, F. A. PC-044 Slater, J. L. PC-045 Parker, A. T. Parker, F.

PC-047 Kelly, H. G. PC-048 Kelly, M. PC-049 Kelly, M. G. PC-058 Hankin, A. PC-050 Unmarked grave depression PC-059 Hankin, A. G. PC-051 Unmarked gravemound

Unmarked ground ledger Tait, H. E. Johnson, W. Johnson, C. PC-055 Wale, S. E. PC-056 Unmarked grave PC-057 Fox. W. E.

Small, E.E. PC-062 Dewar, J. Dewar, E. PC-063 Rhode, A. Rhode, E. S. PC-064 Shields, E. J. Sheilds, E. A. J. PC-065 Burbidge, C. Hankin, S. A. Burbidge, S. Burbidge, L.

PC-067 Robinson, J. F. PC-068 Robinson, E. J. PC-069 Robinson, E. J. PC-070 Unmarked ground ledger PC-072 Brotherston, M. PC-073 Unmarked ground ledger

PC-071 Unmarked grave depression PC-074 Veitch, J. Veitch, M. PC-075 Croft PC-076 Goodall, C. H.

PC-081 Unmarked grave depression PC-082 Unmarked gravemound PC-083 Neil, C. W. A. Neil, A. J.

PC-084 McCallum, A. E. McCallum, R. PC-085 Unmarked gravemound PC-086 Ross, H. PC-087 Veitch, J. PC-088 Veitch, W.

PC-092 Unmarked gravemound PC-093 Martin, M. D. M.

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PC-102 Peatt, L. B. Peatt, S. E. PC-103 Firestone, J. M. PC-104 Towers, E. M. Towers, D. F. PC-021 Kemp, E.