

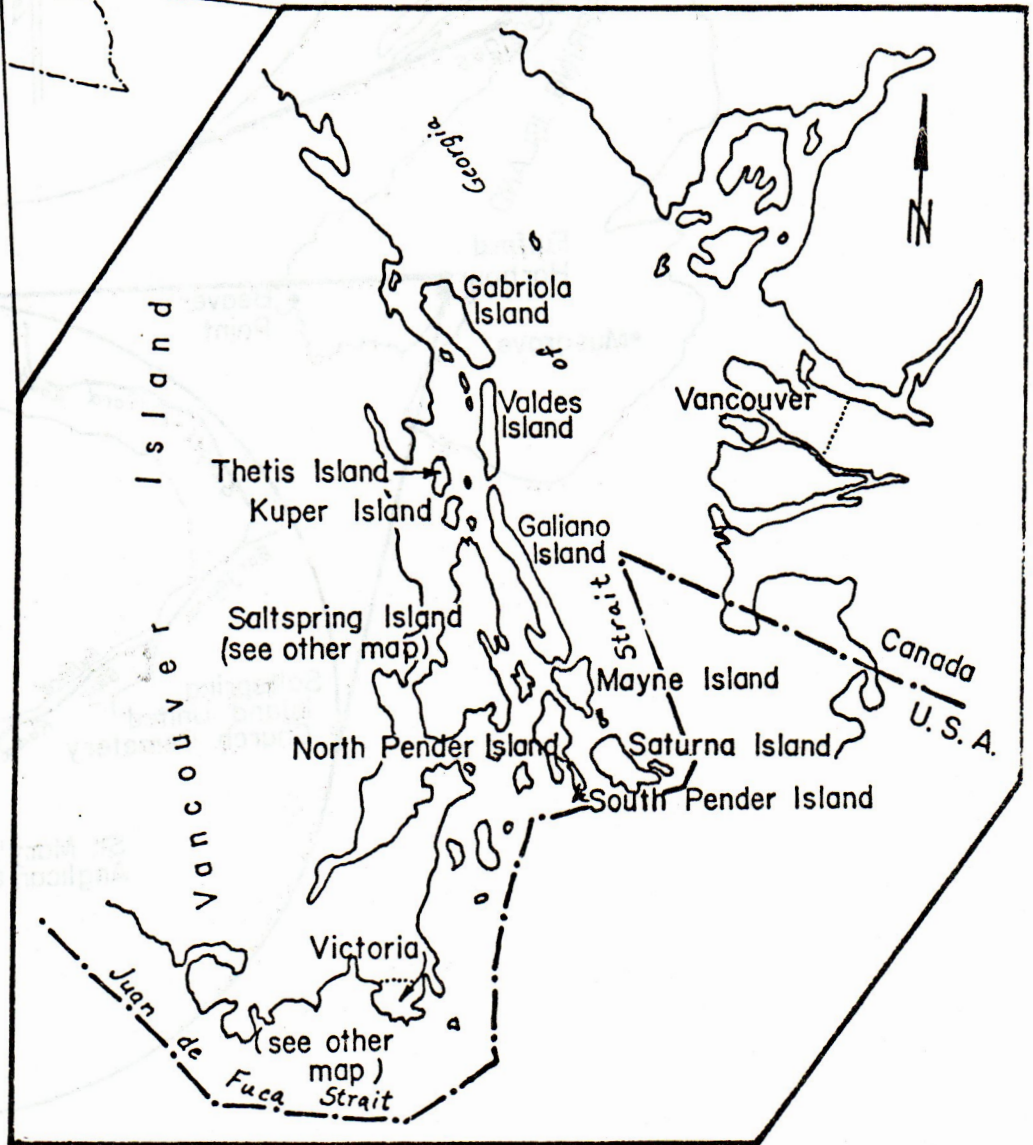
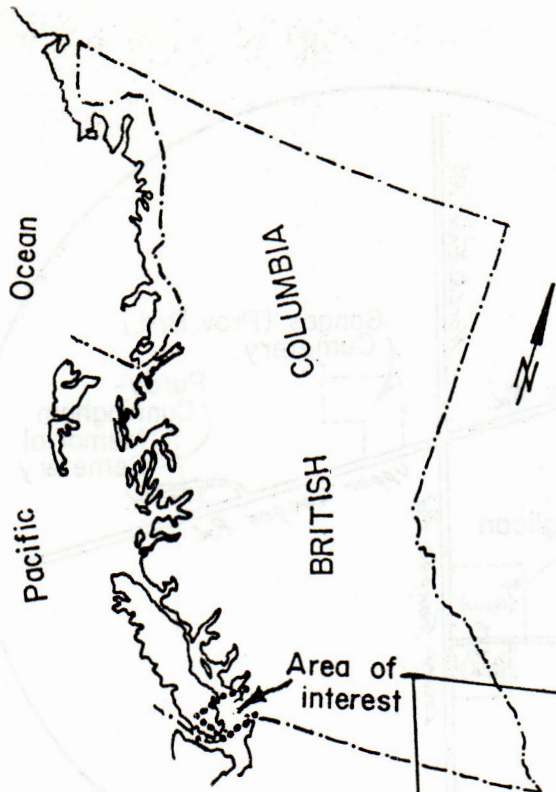
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GABRIOLA CEMETERY
GABRIOLA ISLAND, B.C.

Located: Gabriola Island, B.C.

Off the east coast of Vancouver Island, from the city of Nanaimo, via the Gabriola Island Ferry. The Cemetery is a 15 minute car ride from the terminal on South Road at Stokes on the south side of South Road.

The recorder has drawn a map in the recording book and has numbered each grave for ease of location.

Recorded: Beryl Hoepfner, July 22, 1983

Carded:

The following quotation is from pages 249-250 of the book entitled "THE PEOPLE of GABRIOLA", compiled by June Lewis-Harrison, 1982. Printed by D.W. Friesens & Sons Ltd., Cloverdale, B.C. (June is a resident of the Island today.

"The cemetery, located on land high above False Narrows, was once an area where massive clams were harvested and where Native Indians lived. The Native Indians buried their dead with great ceremony in the same area and in later years, when the white settlers came to the Island, the land was claimed and farmed.

As far back as 1882, Magnus Edgar donated a small patch of clearing so that his first wife, Anne, could be laid to rest. The Chappel family also gave some land to add to the small and sacred spot.

Later, Mrs. Stokes deeded additional land. By now, new owners had replaced the original pioneers and land had changed hands many times.

Many of the old graves are hard to find and the section nearest the shore is known as "The Old Graveyard" since many of the early pioneers were buried there. The marked graves of the old Degnen and Gray pioneers can be seen in the old quarter.

The grounds were maintained by nearby neighbours for years and the Gray family and the Degnens kept the site in good shape, followed by years of careful maintenance work and grass cutting carried out by Thomas "Tommy" McDonald, who also kept a register of the burials and plots; some of the names found in the registers are:

Magnus Edgar
Ann Edgar
Agnes Degnen
William Degnen
Richard Edgar
Jack Edgar
John Foster
Thomas Martin
Samuel Martin

Margaret Degnen
John Degnen
Thomas (Jr.) Degnen
Robert Degnen
Nellie Degnen
James Degnen
Hannah Degnen
Arthur Degnen
Jane Peterson

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<u>John Martin</u>	<u>Christian Peterson</u>
<u>William Goodall</u>	<u>Robert Peterson</u>
<u>Robert Law</u>	<u>Henry Peterson</u>
<u>Ruby Law</u>	<u>George (Jr.) Peterson</u>
<u>Andrew Reid</u>	<u>George (Sr.) Peterson</u>
<u>Christina Reid</u>	<u>William Shaw</u>
<u>Robert Gray</u>	<u>Euphemia Shaw</u>
<u>James Gray</u>	<u>Daniel McConvey</u>
<u>Jessie Gray</u>	<u>Annie McConvey</u>
<u>William Gray</u>	* <u>T.P. Taylor</u>
* <u>Joe Chappel</u>	* <u>Mrs. R.P. Taylor</u>
* <u>William Shappel</u>	<u>James Easthom</u>
* <u>Abe Crocker</u>	<u>Horace Smith</u>
* <u>Loui Crocker</u>	<u>Mary C. Beck</u>
<u>Thomas Degnen</u>	<u>John White Penberthy</u>
<u>Jane Degnen</u>	* <u>John Silva</u>
* <u>Joe Silva</u>	* <u>Mary Silva</u>
* <u>John Rollo</u>	* <u>William Silva</u>

* At the time of the recording, these names were not found - possibly unmarked? These are Indian names.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND NOTES:

There are 3/4 religious denominations on Gabriola Island today:

1. Roman Catholic - A log building still standing today. John Silva contributed much to its origin. The parish priest from Kuper Island, from the Oblate Mission of Mary the Immaculate, came once a month for services in the pioneer days.
2. The Gabriola United Church - Built in 1925. As early as 1900, a Presbyterian minister came from Ladysmith for services. The Grays, Laws, Mr. Stenhouse were early members.
3. Anglican Church - Began about 1876. The Reverend Mr. Mason came over from Nanaimo to conduct services. Many early records of the Anglican Church are reported lost. Today the Anglicans meet in the Community Hall for services.
4. Jehovah's Witnesses - There is also a very active group of the denomination on the Island. They meet at the Library, which is located near the ferry terminal.

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MRS. SARAH BROWN

Recorder took extensive notes when interviewing this local resident. This lady's maiden name was Sarah Kemp WALLACE, born in August 1895 at Abernathy, Scotland. She was the daughter of Andrew Carstairs WALLACE and Sarah KEMP, and grand-daughter of John KEMP and Margaret HAGGERT.

Sarah left the Highlands of Scotland in 1921 and came to Seattle to where her sister and brothers had come earlier. She came up to Nanaimo to visit Dan Brown, who was a friend from Scotland. She stayed and married Dan in 1921.

Sarah's father Andrew C. WALLACE was one of 9 children and the only one who did not complete his education at Edinburgh University. He left to do farming.

The KEMPs, HAGGERTs, and WALLACEs were all originally from France - having come to work in the weaving and cloth trade in Scotland.

When World War I was declared, Sarah's mother convinced her that she was to get out and meet the people, so Sarah joined up - into the munitions factory, and then she became a policewoman.

Dan's family came to Canada from Scotland in 1919. He was born in 1898 to James and Euphemia Brown (see page 4) and died about 1976 in Nanaimo. Sarah and Dan had seven children: Anthony James, Tootie and her twin who died unnamed at birth, Peggie, Mae (Euphemia) and Ernie.

As at the time of the interview, Sarah Brown supplied the recorder with many more tidbits of information on the Brown and Wallace families as well as Gabriola Island residents, which make interesting reading. Some of these will appear as notes, next to the name they concern, in this list.

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- Adam, Noah Benjamin In Loving Memory/ Noah Benjamin ADAM/
March 11, 1977 - June 24, 1978/ His Light
Is With Us Forever/ (Note: Local residents
state this child died as a tragic result of
a car accident. His father did not know the
child was behind the truck!)
- Aitken, Barbara Mother/ Barbara AITKEN/ 1845-1936/ Peace,
Perfect Peace/ (Note: This stone next to one
for "AITKEN, James". Relationship, if any,
unknown. Upright headstone plus 30"x60"
concrete.)
- Aitken, James In Memory/ James AITKEN/ A Native of Fifeshire,
Scotland/ Died March 8, 1900/ Aged 59 Years/
Say Nothing But Good of Our Dead/ AITKEN
(Note: This stone next to one for "AITKEN,
Barbara". Relationship, if any, unknown. A
30" high white & black headstone with a 30"x60"
concrete)
- Beck, Mary C. Mary C. BECK/ 1893-1945/ (30"x60" concrete)
- Brown, Euphemia Euphemia BROWN/ Oct. 11, 1863/ Apr. 23, 1937/
(Note: This stone next to one for "BROWN,
James". Relationship - wife (Source: Mrs.
Sarah Brown's mother-in-law, see page 3.)
(12"x36" headstone separate from 30"x60"
concrete)
- Brown, James James Brown/ Dec. 27, 1861- _____ (illegible)
(Note: This stone next to one for "BROWN,
Euphemia". Relationship - husband (Source:
Mrs. Sarah Brown's father-inlaw, he died in
1938, see page 3.)(30"x60" concrete with
glass chip decoration)
- Buchanan, H. H. BUCHANAN/ 1871-1948/ (Note: recorder found
this stone very hard to read as it is worn.)
- Burt, Elsie Elsie BURT/ 1915-1981/ (8"x12" cut & polished
granite flatstone)
- Degnen, Agnes Agnes DEGNEN/ 18_9-1958/ (Note: Following this
stone are stones for "DEGNEN, William H.",
"DEGNEN, John", "THATCHER, Jans", "DEGNEN,
Margaret", "THATCHER, Ellen", "DEGNEN, Frank",
"HUGHES, _____", "DEGNEN, Jane", "DEGNEN,
Sr. Thomas", "DEGNEN, Robert", "DEGNEN, Agnes".
This may be a family plot)
(Recorder states stone was worn away.)

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- Degnen, Arthur James/ 1861 - 1921/ Arthur/ 1900-1915/ **DEGNEN**
- Degnen, James
- Degnen, Frank Frank **DEGNEN**/ 1882-1950
- Degnen, James Refer: "DEGNEN, Arthur"
- Degnen, Jane Jane **DEGNEN**/ Age 86/ Died 1919
 (hard to read as stones are worn)
 (See "DEGNEN, Agnes")
- Degnen, John John **DEGNEN**/ 1862-1902
 (See "DEGNEN, Agnes".)
- Degnen, Margaret Margaret **DEGNEN**/ 1866-189 (last digit probably a 2) (See "DEGNEN, Agnes".)
- Degnen, Nellie Nellie **DEGNEN**/ 1903-1912
 (See "DEGNEN, Agnes".)
- Degnen, Robert Robert **DEGNEN**/ 1876-1948
 (See "DEGNEN, Agnes".)
- Degnen, Thomas Sr. Thomas **DEGNEN** Sr./ Aged 89 Died 1921/
 Degnen, Thomas Jr. Thomas **DEGNEN** Jr./ 1874 - 1942/
 (See "DEGNEN, Agnes".)
- Degnen, Thomas Jr. Refer: "DEGNEN, Thomas Sr."
- Degnen, William H. William H. **DEGNEN**/ 1901-1908
 (See "DEGNEN, Agnes".)
- Donaldson, Brian Always Remembered/ Brian **DONALDSON**
 (Note: Date unknown, not recorded on 12"x18" brass plate.)
- Duncan, George Templeton George Templeton **DUNCAN**/ December 12, 1893 - August 2, 1979/ (12"x18" flatplate with brass printing)
- Eastham (Easthom) James In Loving Memory/ James William/ (**EASTHAM**)
 William **EASTHAM**/ 1911-1970/ (Source: "The People of Gabriola" state that James was the 5th child of John & Martha (HAYES) **EASTHAM**, from Hindley, Lancaster, England) (red/white/grey stone 12"x15")
- Edgar, Ann In Memory of/ Ann/ Wife of Magnus Edgar/
 Edgar, John Died Oct. 22, 1882/ Also Their Son/ John/
 Edgar, Magnus Died _____ 21, 1885/ (same stone)
 (Note: see comments "EDGAR, Mark")

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- Edgar, John Refer: "EDGAR, Ann"
- Edgar, John L. In Loving Memory Of/ John L. EDGAR/ 1907-1959/
At Home With the Lord/ (Note: This stone next
to one for "EDGAR, M.O.E.M. (Dick)".
Relationship, if any, unknown.)
- Edgar, M. (Recorder states this was a recent burial
which had a wreath and a card:
"The Services of M. EDGAR
May 30, 1983 2PM."
(Source: Mrs. Sarah Brown states this
M. Edgar was the son of "EDGAR, Mark" and
"EDGAR, Florence".)
- Edgar, M.O.E.M. (Dick) In Loving Memory/ M.O.E.M. (Dick)/ EDGAR/
1922-1965/ (12"x15" flatstone dogwood emblem
on it)/ (Note: This stone next to one for
"EDGAR, M.". Relationship, if any, unknown.)
- Edgar, Magnus In Loving Memory/ Of/ Magnus EDGAR/ Aged 62/
Years/ Jan. 4, 1894/ (Note: From "The People
of Gabriola", Magnus Edgar came to Gabriola
from the Shetland Islands in the 1850s, was
employed by the Hudson's Bay Co. about 1853.
By 1860, he was working in the coal mines of
Nanaimo. In 1879, he was granted property on
Gabriola Island. He had three wives: (1) Ann
- she drown and is buried under? the oak tree
in an unmarked grave - son George; (2) Ann -
(see "EDGAR, Ann" above) - children, John
Jane, Agnes, Mark, Margaret and Annie; (3) Ann
Elizabeth - she was originally from the
Shetlands and returned to Scotland after
Magnus' death.)
- Edgar, Mark In Loving Memory/ Mark/ EDGAR/ 1866-1928/
(Note: This stone next to ones for "EDGAR,
Magnus", "EDGAR, Ann", and "EDGAR, John".
Relationship, son of "EDGAR, Magnus" and
second wife "EDGAR, Ann", above)
(Source: "The People of Gabriola", wife of
"EDGAR, Mark" was Florence, and after his
death she married "POYNER, Norman". (See
their entries under "POYNER, Norman" and
"POYNER, Florence". Florence and Mark
married in 1888. Florence originally from
Wales. Mrs. Sarah Brown reports they had six
children: Kathy, Maudie who married _____
Gray, Lorraine, Bud, Jack and _____.

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- Foster, John In Memory Of/ John FOSTER/ Born/ Aug. 12, 1826/
Died/ Sep. 20, 1898/ Native of Kenlan/ near
Newcastle-on-Tyne/ England/ "Thought Lost to
Sight/ To Memory Dear"/ (by Henderson)/ FOSTER/
(Source: "The People of Gabriola" states
John's wife, Ann, returned to England after
his death.)
- Goodall, William Refer "GOODALL, William David".
- Goodall, William David In/ Loving Memory Of/ William David GOODALL/
Goodall, William Younger Son of/ William GOODALL/ Edinburgh/
2nd Lieut. Royal Scots Fusiliers/
Who Died 11 May, 1921 The Result of/ Wounds
Received at Le Sars, France/ October 1916/
Aged 28/ "Greater Love Hath No Man Than/
This, That A Man Lay Down His/ Life For His
Friends."/
- Gray, James James GRAY/ 1885-1946/ (Note: This stone
next to ones for "GRAY, Jimmie", "GRAY, Robert",
"GRAY, Jessie".)/ (Source: "The People of
Gabriola" state James Gray married Jessie
Aitken, daughter of Barbara and James Aitken
of Scotland (see entries under "AITKEN").
Children were James (see "GRAY, Jimmie") who
died of diptheria, Robert (Dorby), Ethel &
Elsie (twins) and William.)
- Gray, Jessie Jessie GRAY/ 1873-1953/ (See "GRAY, James"
above)
- Gray, Jimmie In Loving Memory/ Of Our Son/ Jimmie GRAY/
Born July 2, 1904/ Died April 17, 1910/
Gone But Not/ Forgotten/ (See "GRAY, James"
above.)
- Gray, Robert Robert GRAY/ 1833-1908/ (See "GRAY, James"
above.)
- Gray, William A. In Loving Memory/ William A./ GRAY/ 1899-1962
(12"x15" flatstone with dogwood emblem)
- Harrison, Amy Amy HARRISON/ 1922-1979/ Time Has Not Lapsed
My Love/ To Love Thee/
- Harvey, E.C. 1181123 Sgt. E.C. HARVEY/ 1894 - 1955/
C.A.S.C. C.E.F./ Lest We Forget/
- Hatton, Jane B. William HATTON/ 1869-1937/ Jane B. HATTON/
Hatton, William 1869 - 1937/ (One 30"x60" concrete stone)
(Recorder states death year was very worn.)

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- Hatton, William (See "HATTON, Jane B.")
- Henheffer, Lorelei V. Lorelie V. HENHEFFER/ 1966-1972/ Her Gift To Us Was Love/
- Holland, Eleanor D. (Tella) In Loving Memory/ Eleanor D. (Tella)/ HOLLAND/ 1904-1973/ (Note: This stone next to one for "HOLLAND, Francis H." - have matching 8"x12". Relationship, if any, unknown.)
- Holland, Francis H. In Loving Memory/ Francis H. Holland/ 1898-1974/ (See "HOLLAND, Eleanor D." above.)
- Howie, Harry In Loving Memory Of/ Harry HOWIE/ 1887-1976/ (Note: This stone next to one for "Howie, Jeanne R.". Source: "The People of Gabriola" states Harry was in the Armed Forces in 1914 and while in Scotland met Jean(ie), his wife, and brought her back to Nanaimo at a war bride. He died December 8, 1976. Harry was born at Newmills, Ayrshire, Scotland and came to Canada 1904/5 to Prince Edward Island. He is a brother of "HOWIE, Robert" below.)
- Howie, Jeanne R. In Loving Memory/ Jeanne R. HOWIE/ 1880-1962/ (See "HOWIE, Harry" above.)
- Howie, Robert Robert HOWIE/ Rest In Peace/ 1889 - 1972/ (See "HOWIE, Harry" above.)
- Huggins, Tracy B. Tracy B. HUGGINS/ Gunner/ R.C.H.A./ 24 Aug. 1981 - Age 75/
- Hughes, _____ HUGHES/ 18__ -19__
(Recorder notes first name illegible, and death date possibly 1918.)(See "DEGNEN, Agnes".)
- Law, Robert Robert B. LAW/ 1872-1939/
(Note: This stone next to one for "LAW, Ruby". Source: Mrs. Sarah Brown states the LAWs were both from Edinburgh, Scotland. They had a son, Robert, who died in World War I, plus other children.)
- Law, Ruby M. Ruby M. LAW/ 1882-1963/
(Recorder states death year difficult to read. Note: This stone next to one for "LAW, Robert B. Relationship, if any, unknown.)

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Lymburn, Duncan K.
Lymburn, Marion Duncan K. LYMBURN/ 1886-1931/ Marion LYMBURN/
1885 - 1932/ (Note: same stone, but
relationship not stated, probably husband
and wife.)

Lymburn, Marion (See "LYMBURN, Duncan K. above.)

Mackay, James Malcolm MackAY/ James Malcolm /(Recorder states dates
illegible. 12"x18" flatstone embedded in the
earth. Source: Mrs. Sarah Brown reports
James was a lawyer and he died about 1920.)

Martin, Hellin Refer "MARTIN, Thomas".

Martin, Jonathan Refer "MARTIN, Thomas".

Martin, Thomas In Memory Of/ Thomas MARTIN/ Beloved Son Of/
Jonathan & Hellin MARTIN/ Killed In the
Explosion/ At Nanaimo May 3, 1887/
Aged 23 Years/ ". .And Never Shall Live Again"

Millward, Margaret In Loving Memory/ Margaret MILLWARD/
1900-1949/

Penberthy, John White John White/ PENBERTHY/ Died/ June 15, 1892/
Aged 66 Years/

PETERSON (Source: Mrs. Sarah Brown says the Peterson
family were Danish. Eight sons served in
World War I. One son married an English
woman and after the war they came to Canada.
After they had children, the wife discovered
that he was a "half-breed" and so she left
husband and children and returned to England.
The children were raised by Grandmother
Peterson. A George Peterson married Elsie
Gray - which it seems is where the Indian
blood entered the family.)

Peterson, Christian
Peterson, Dorothy
Peterson, Jane PETERSON/ In Memory of/ 1857 Jane 1943/
1892 Christian 1919/ 1900 Dorothy 1962/
(Refer: "PETERSON, J.E. (Manny)".)

Peterson, Dorothy Refer: "PETERSON, Christian".

Peterson, George Sr. George PETERSON Sr./ (Dates illegible.)
(Refer: "PETERSON, J.E. (Manny)".)

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Peterson, George Jr. George PETERSON Jr./ (Dates illegible.)
(Refer: "PETERSON, J.E. (Manny)".)

Peterson, Henry Henry PETERSON/ (Dates illegible.)
(Refer: "PETERSON, J.E. (Manny)".)

Peterson, J.E. (Manny) In Loving Memory/ J.E. (Manny)/ PETERSON/
1908-1977/ (Note: Following this stone are
stones for "PETERSON, George Sr.", "PETERSON,
George Jr.", "PETERSON, Henry", "PETERSON,
Robert", one stone with three names "PETERSON,
Christian", "PETERSON, Dorothy", "PETERSON,
Jane". Relationship, if any, unknown.)

Peterson, Jane Refer "PETERSON, Christian".

Peterson, Robert Robert PETERSON/ (Dates illegible.)
(Refer: "PETERSON, J.E. (Manny)".)

Piper, Irvin W. In Loving Memory/ Irvin W. PIPER/
1927-1948/ (Source: Mrs. Sarah Brown says
that Irvin Piper was shot by a man named
Buck for having an affair with Buck's wife.
Buck was the last person to be hung for murder
(either on Gabriola Island or in Vancouver).
Irvin's parents were Fred and Lydia PIPER,
they were Latvians.)

Poyner, Florence In Loving Memory/ Florence/ POYNER/
1888-1976/ (Note: This stone next to one for
"POYNER, Norman". Relationship, if any,
unknown.) (Refer "EDGAR, Mark". Wife of
"POYNER, Norman" below.)

Poyner, Norman In Loving Memory/ Norman/ POYNER/
1888-1970/ (See "POYNER, Florence".
Relationship, if any, unknown.)

Reid, Andrew REID/ Andrew/ 1847-1919/ Christina/ 1853 -
Reid, Christina 1929/ (One stone.)

Reid, Christina Refer: "REID, Andrew".

Rollo, Annie E. ROLLO/ In Loving Memory Of/ Annie E./
1898-1978/ (Recorder notes space for spouse
on the headstone.)

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Rowan, J.W. (Jamie) In Loving Memory Of/ J.W. (Jamie)/ ROWAN/
1960-1983 (Note: There is a cross between
the dates.)

Rowan, Sandy Sandy ROWAN/ 1960-1973/ (Note: a distance
from grave above - 12"x18" concrete.)
(Source: "The People of Gabriola" states
Sandy ROWAN's real name was Alexander, he
was the son of Gerald A and Jacqueline
(BURROWS) ROWAN. Gerald A. ROWAN was born
1930 at Nanaimo, son of James Harvey ROWAN
(1891 USA-1968) and Gertrude JOLLEY (1887
N. Hampshire, England-?). James Harvey
ROWAN was son of James H. and Ann _____,
both born in Scotland. Gertrude JOLLEY,
was daughter of Charles and Ann (HARPER)
JOLLEY. Both born in England.

Shaw, Euphemia (Recorder states no dates. Refer: "SHAW,
William Nairn".)

Shaw, William Nairn William Nairn Shaw/ Also His Wife Euphemia/
Shaw, Euphemia (Recorder states no dates, side by side
inscriptions. One stone. Refer: "SHAW,
Euphemia".)

Smith, Horace W. Horace W. SMITH/ 1872-1945/

Tanner, Joseph B. In Loving Memory/ Of/ Joseph B. TANNER/
1901-1972/

Taylor, Eugene P. Loving Husband/ and Father/ Eugene P. TAYLOR/
1930-1973/

Thatcher, Ellen Ellen THATCHER/ 1868-1916/ (Refer to "DEGNEN,
Agnes".)

Thatcher, Jans Jans THATCHER/ 1884-1896/ (Refer to "DEGNEN,
Agnes".)

Tingle, Bayne Rest In Peace/ Bayne TINGLE/ 1931-1964/

Tufnail, Hazel Baby Hazel/ TUFNAIL/ Aug. 19, 1947/
(Source: John TUFNAIL, present-day resident,
was a cousin.)

Waite, Ethel In Loving Memory Of/ Ethel WAITE/ 1898-1978/
(Note: This stone next to one for "WAITE,
Wesley Wilfred". Possibly husband.)

