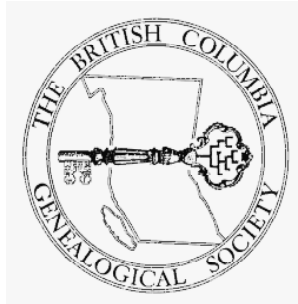


**ALBION INDIAN RESERVE #5 CEMETERY
(1973),
ALBION, BRITISH COLUMBIA**



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Lower Mainland

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This cemetery is situated on a gentle rise of land overlooking the Fraser River. It is across from the eastern half of McMillan Island on Indian Reserve #5. The railroad runs directly beneath the ridge along the river's edge. The highway has cut away about one quarter of the cemetery. It is said that monuments from this area are attached by the side of the highway a bit further along, but we could find no sign of them.

The remaining monuments are in good condition and quite readable. There are some French names, and with the exception of two monuments bearing the name Thomas, the rest are Indian. This is the most interesting cemetery I have seen in BC.

The cemetery is almost completely overgrown with blackberry vines, bracken and tall grass. The open design of the iron crosses blends so completely with the tall grass as to be almost invisible, even at close range. This may be a blessing in disguise, as the crosses are of excellent design, and would likely be taken away by souvenir hunters if clearly visible from the highway. The crosses, some as high as four feet carry a plaque of some base metal at point where the arms join, with the name of decedent (no dates). Although the general air is one of neglect, someone obviously cares, as attempts have been made to keep the grave sites marked and in good repair.

An interesting point is that all of the stone monuments are of a high quality white marble. These are the ones that bear the Indian names. All the French names are on the iron crosses. The marble monuments have greyed considerably with exposure, but are in good condition. A check of many LFV cemeteries of the same period indicate that marble was expensive and not used often. This would imply that the persons who had these stones erected wanted the very best and was able to pay for them. A check for the stonemason at the lower right hand edge of several stones revealed the names Alex Hamilton. I think a check would probably indicate that he resided in New Westminster.

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Two concrete bases – cross broken off and propped against the base. No names. Then,

ANASTASIA	CASIMER , Thomas B.
Born September 15, 1885	January 4, 1906
Died September 24, 1899	November 12, 1926
AUGUST	CASIMERE , Alfred
Died April 19, 1885	Child of Chief Casimere
Aged 7 years	Chief of Langley
	Died April 1885, aged 11 years
AUGUST , Benjamin	
Died April 10, 1883, aged 7 years	CASIMERE , Basil
	Child of Chief Casimere
	Chief of Langley
AUGUST , Francis	Died December 1884, aged 1 year
Died February 18, 1876	
Aged 2 years	
	CASIMERE , Liza
	Child of Chief Casimere
AUGUST , Seleepteen	Chief of Langley
Died February 7, 1902	Died November 1884, aged 3 years
Aged 49 years	
Requiescat in Pace	
Erected by his sister	CASSIMERE , Amanda
Catherine Lee-Teetsee-Yah	Child of Chief Casimere
CASIMER , Florence	CASIMERE , Mamie Bertha
Wife of Chief Casimer	Child of Chief Casimere
Died April 28, 1920	
	CASIMERE , Mary Emma
CASIMER , Chief	Child of Chief Casimere
March 4, 1844	
June 18, 1927	
	CASIMERE , Thomas
	Child of Chief Casimere
CASIMER , Felix	
August 22, 1862	
November 8, 1906	CASIMERE , William
	Child of Chief Casimere

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GABRIEL, Agnes
Infant child, aged 1 week
Of John and Louise Gabriel

GABRIEL, Arrietta
Died May 25, 1900, aged 2 years
Of John and Louise Gabriel

GABRIEL, Francis
Died Oct 10, 1888, aged 4 years
Of John and Louise Gabriel

GABRIEL, Juliana
Died June 30, 1889, aged 4 years
Of John and Louise Gabriel

ISAAC, Jasper
Born October 5, 1877
Died July 1, 1885

LEO, Pauline

LUM, Souel Se Lucian
Baptized 1853
Died December 14, 1887, aged 70
Requiescat in pace

PIERRE, Catherine

PIERRE, J.

PIERRE, Lucy

PIERRE, Mary

PIERRE, Mary Ann

QUIL-KA-LA-NOOCH, Joseph
Son of Chief Hitson
Died February 1881, aged 70

QUIYISA, Maimie
Granddaughter of Chief Casimer
Died August 1913, aged 9 years

THOMAS, Elmer
Jesus called a little child unto him
September 4, 1949
November 11, 1951

THOMAS, F.
May 28, 1971
home-made wooden marker

The stones above are in situ – and fairly clear of overgrowth. The area towards the river is shoulder high in dried weeds and vines. There are many iron crosses. They have a name only at the point where the cross arms meet.

Together in a row:

Catherine **PIERRE**
Mary Ann **PIERRE**
Lucy **PIERRE** (smaller duplicate adult cross)
Mary **PIERRE**
J. **PIERRE**
Pauline **LEO**

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There are some large stone slabs – probably grave covers, completely covered by moss and earth. Between row two and towards the entrance, a space of about sixty feet, there are rows of graves. No upright stones remain, but bunches of spring bulbs mark their location. Some are dug with the Earth placed to one side. In this section the following:

Markers for Elmer and F. Thomas
one iron cross held up with a 4x4
one marker gone, but replaced by boulders and a stick marking the site
unnamed wooden cross - broken

At the roadside there appear to be the remains of the cemetery entrance gates, half buried in the ground.