McBRIDE CEMETERY McBRIDE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

INTRODUCTION

McBride is located on highway 16 (Yellowhead) about 208 km south (~2 12 hours) of Prince George or 338 km north (~3-4 hours) of Barriere in the Robson Valley between the Rocky Mountains and the Cariboo Range. McBride and district has a population of around 1,800. The village was established in 1912 as a point on the railway that went through to Prince Rupert. The earlier names were Siding 39 and Mile 90 (as it was 90 miles from the summit with the border of Alberta). Later it was renamed McBride after the then serving premier of British Columbia, Richard McBride (1870-1917). Major industries are forestry and tourism. The forests around McBride contain some old growth areas with trees over 1,000 years old.

To get to the cemetery from the highway turn at the main exit to McBride but go away (or east), turn left at the first road, followed to the stop sign then turn right, go to the end of the road and turn left and then you are at the cemetery. In general you will not be able to park inside the cemetery but there is lots of parking on the side of the road..

This is a well maintained and cared for cemetery. The earliest noted marker was for 1913. The rows are relatively straight. Some markers are so weather worn as to be illegible. The cemetery was walked from row 1 to 32 and from the fence to the back. The row numbers are marker on the inside of the fence. The numbering of plots is approximate and should just be used as a guide. New burials and markers will change the stone numbers. For exact row and plot please consult the record in the mail box on the cemetery sign. The alphabetical list in the mailbox contains family names only (no given names). For additional information contact the Village of McBride at phone 250-569-2229 or go to the Information Center located in the old railway station (at the west end of the road into McBride).

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