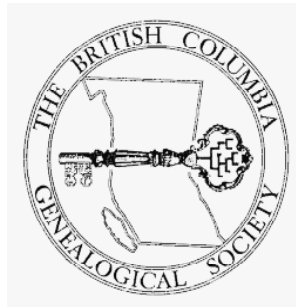


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The cemetery opened during the 1930's and is all lawn, in immaculate condition. On Saturday June 16, 1984 a plaque was unveiled at the Oliver Museum to commemorate the Riverview Cemetery which had not been registered officially as a cemetery with the provincial government. The list of people to be buried at Fairview will be added to the Oliver archival holdings while the plaque is on display at the Oliver Museum.

The first known burial was in 1892, James Magee, a cowboy. And the last burial probably occurred in 1921. Arthur Madden after which Madden Lake is named, apparently died in a sitting position on a horse drawn sled..

There are 34 adults named on the plaque with at least half a dozen unnamed infants.

(Excerpts from the Oliver Chronicle, Wednesday, June 13, 1984)

- Mrs. W. B. **HINE** Died before 1907. Her husband was in Okanagan Falls in 1909, where he the livery stable in partnership, with Warwick Arnott, who ran the stage. There were more Hines in Fairview, one of them ran the livery barn there for his brother. Barn burned down abt. 1904 and about 15 very valuable horses ewer lost.
- Mrs. Robert **HYNDS** Lydia – her husband either ran or owned the Junction Ranch – on the beginning of the White Lake Road from Kaleden. She died in childbirth; the doctor had to come from Kelowna, so that puts is at around 1896-97 in the interim while Dr. Boyce moved up there from Fairview, and Dr. White arrived in May of 1897.
- William **JAMES** likely a miner. He had a very small account in McCuddy's store, which ceases abruptly in November 1907 and is "written off" in black ink. From his purchases, he would appear to have been a bachelor.
- Nicholas **LACEY**: One of four brothers who came to mine at Fairview, Nick came in as a settler in 1908, to take over the land of another brother, William, who had died while staying with Nick in Seattle. Died of silicosis, abt. 1917.
- Thomas **LACEY**; brother of above, also died of silicosis. Died in the hotel in Nighthawk, in the summer time of 1908. Emil Schultz and Nicholas Lacey moved the body across the border at night heading for Fairview, but got lost on the way. Another brother, Edward, didn't do very much underground mining; he was much younger than the others. He died in 1966, predeceased by his wife, Kate Lacey nee Helps, and is buried in the Osoyoos Graveyard.

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- Arthur **MADDEN**: Possibly bought Burnell's land, as that lake is also locally known as Madden Lake; died while hauling hay during the bad winter of 1920/21. Was frozen into a sitting position and the citizens of the newly incorporated village of Oliver, to whom the body was delivered by those who found it, pushed him in a packing case and were on their way up the hill towards Fairview when Val Hynes met them. Val gave orders, in no uncertain terms, that the body was to be properly laid out and given a decent funeral. Val ordered a casket from Penticton, and I suspect that he had the grave marked, too, so it was probably one of those on the uphill side of the cemetery, or else it is the only one on the downhill side that is out of line (ie. the grave lies east and west instead of north and south like the rest.)
- Arthur had a brother, Thomas, I think, who was also at Fairview; but either moved away or pre-deceased him.
- John **MOFFAT**: The owner of a saloon that was up at the top of the gully. Mrs. Lacey used to say that he died as a result of a fire that was caused by the explosion of an oil lamp, but as the same story is also told about Evan Morris, who owned the Miners' Rest Hotel, it is now a little hard to judge. The town of Fairview was all up the gully until the Strathely-Fairview Gold Mining Company had the townsite laid out in 1896.
- Joseph Martin
GRAHAM: Infant son of Josiah Graham. Joe was a miner, and pre-empted land on the White Lake Road. His last living relative, a son William, built this pre-emption into a sizeable cattle ranch and died in 1967 – probably buried in Oliver cemetery.
- Tom **GRAHAM**: (or John) lived on Kruger Mountain at the same time as the Lacey brothers. Must have died before 1918, as Mrs. Lacey evidently didn't know him.
- HEWITT** boy: son of Constable Ron Hewitt of Fairview, died of burns, aged about 4 years.
No dates.
- M. **KASKILL**: ve in 1908. Had a small account at McCuddy's and had groceries taken by people who lived to the north of present day Oliver. Moved into Okanagan Falls and is probably buried there.
- David **McCAGUE**: (or McQuaig?) – nothing known.

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- James **McGEE**: died in 1892, information from Fred Phelps
- Evan **MORRIS**: see story about Moffat. The Miners' Rest really did burn down, but it was still going strong in 1909 – the last year of J.P. McCuddy's accounts that we have. For some reason, Morris's and Mrs. Morris' accounts are kept separate in this book. Since I have been told that they lived in this tiny hotel, it may just have been to keep the hotel accounts separate. Both bills are of considerable size, the Morris' one because of the amount of food used, presumably in the catering, and Mrs. Morris' because she bought expensive things. They always paid cash; once or twice, the bill is paid by "Arthur" – a son maybe? No record of where Mrs. Morris is buried.
- Theodore **POWERS**: nothing known, but there were Powers' in Penticton abt. 1908, so maybe this is a relative.
- William **POWELL**: There is a William "Powers" in a photo taken at Fairview in 1892 – maybe somebody got the names mixed?
- John Thomas **PRATHER** There is an account in McCuddy's book for one J.L.Prather in 1908-09.
- Lewis A. **PRATHER**: Brothers came in across the boarder as settlers in early 1900's. One suspects
- Earl **PRATHER**: that they were miners, with three of them buried here – most miners died of silicosis. J.L. evidently had a farm, as he pays McCuddy in hay and oats.
- John **QUIGLEY**: There is a Jos. Quigley, settler, in 1909. Very likely the same one as the surname is so unusual.
- Mrs. **SAGELS**: Nothing known.
- George **SHEEHAN**: part owner, with Fred Gwatkins, of the Stemwinder claim. This was the "discovery" claim of Fairview, bought by the Fairview Mining Company in 1897. Not known when he died; he is not named in photos of 1892 on, though Gwatkins is.
- Michael **SULLIVAN**: nothing known

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Two people who are not on this list, but who definitely died at Fairview are the manager of Big Teepee) properly the Fairview Hotel) Philip **MATHIAS**, and the school teacher, Lorry **SMITH**. They both died in the fir at the hotel in 1902, Mathias going in to rescue the teacher, who was on the top floor.

Nicholas **THOLL** 1 boy and 4 girls, all died of diphtheria in 1893. This was said to be an epidemic, so it is likely that the children of more than one family lost their lives at this time.

John **UGALOO** and
William **UGALOO**: