

COQUALEETZA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, CHILLIWACK, BC

21 students were listed on the NCTR website in 2021 as having died at the former Coqualeetza Industrial School:

<https://nctr.ca/residential-schools/british-columbia/coqualeetza-chilliwack-home/>

Remembering the Following Students:

Name	Date of Death (Year/Month/Day)
Abel Ward	ca. 1936
Alec Sam	1937-03-31
Alice Dick	1926-01-01
Amelia Jim	1900-07-24
Andrew F. Johnston	1902-04-30
Annie Charley Short	1898-10-23
Belinda James	1909-06-05
Cyril Edgar	1937-10-01 – 1937-12-31
Hannah [Coq]	1898-10-23
Hannah Wilson	1901-05-28
Harry Late	1903-05-02
Ida Inlsey	1901-06-22
Jonah Ebbstone	1909-07-14
Josephine Mckay	1918-12-04
Laurence Hall	1935-07-01
Lloyd George David Quocksistala	1930-02-15
Louis Naas	1904-04-30
Mary Camsell	1936-01-01
Paul Legace	1902-02-26
Susan D. John	1901-06-22
Willie Mckay	1936-01-01

The above-referenced 21 students are not ‘missing’. They are listed below in the order in which they appear on the NCTR website with the following indications as to source material concerning the date of death, cause of death, and place of burial for each student.

(1) Names followed by an asterisk are students for whom the BC Archives has an online death record, although a microfilmed copy of the full death certificate is not available for viewing online. Where a BC death record exists, a copy of the full death certificate also likely exists, and can be ordered at a cost of \$50 per certificate. BC Archives death records can be searched for here:

<http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy>

(2) **Names followed by the letter [C]** are students for whom the BC Archives has a full copy of the death certificate which can be viewed online at the link above.

(3) **The letters DIA** indicate that the student's death was reported in a Department of Indian Affairs Annual Report. DIA Annual Reports can be accessed here:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/first-nations/indian-affairs-annual-reports/Pages/search.aspx>

Abel Ward (c. 1936) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Alec Sam* (1937/3/31), 7 yrs old; d. Chilliwack [NB: death record states name was **Aleck Sam**] [NB: death record states date of death was 1937/2/14]

Alice Dick (1926/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: there are death records for Alice Dick, 8 yrs old, d. 1926/3/1 in Sardis, and Alice Dick, 10 yrs old, d. 1926/3/2 in Sardis]

Amelia Jim (1900/7/24) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Andrew F. Johnston (1902/4/30) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Annie Charley Short (1898/10/23) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Belinda James (1909/6/5) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Cyril Edgar (1937/1/1 – 1937/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Hannah [Coq] (1898/10/23) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Hannah Wilson (1901/5/28) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Harry Late (1903/5/2) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Ida Inlsey (1901/6/22) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Jonah Ebbstone (1909/7/14) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Josephine Mckay (1918/12/4) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Laurence Hall (1935/7/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Lloyd George David Quocksistala* (1930/2/15), 11 yrs old; d. Chilliwack [NB: death record states named was David Quocksistala]

Louis Naas (1904/4/30) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Mary Camsell (1936/1/1/) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Paul Legace (1902/2/26) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Susan D. John (1901/6/22) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

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Excerpts from DIA Annual Reports:

1898

Attendance. - The attendance is three more than at the time of our last annual report, but the average attendance for the year is about seven and one-third more than for the previous year, viz., over ninety-nine. The aggregate attendance is one hundred and thirty-three, seventy boys and sixty-three girls. Twenty-eight were admitted during the year. Twenty-one were discharged and **four died**.

1899

Attendance. - There have been in attendance during the year one hundred and twenty-three pupils, with an average for the year of over ninety-five. Fifteen were received, twenty-six discharged and **two died**, leaving a present attendance of ninety-five. Of these, forty-seven are boys and forty-eight are girls.

1900

Attendance. - The total attendance during the year has been one hundred and ten pupils, with an average for the year of over eighty-four. Fifteen were received, twenty-four discharged and **three died**, leaving a present attendance of eighty-three. Of these, forty-two are boys and forty-one are girls.

1901

Attendance. - One hundred and fifteen pupils have been in attendance for a longer or shorter period during the year; the average has been eighty-eight plus; thirty-two were admitted, twenty-three discharged, and **one died**. Present attendance, ninety-one, of whom fifty-six are boys and thirty-five are girls.

1902

Attendance. - One hundred and five pupils have been in attendance during the year, the average has been eighty-two plus, fourteen were admitted, sixteen were discharged, and **two died**. Present attendance is eighty-seven, of whom sixty are boys and twenty-seven are girls.

1903

Attendance. - One hundred and four pupils have been in attendance during the year; the average has been over seventy-eight; seventeen were admitted; twenty-one discharged; and **one died**. Present attendance, eighty-two, of whom fifty-four are boys and twenty-eight are girls.

1904

Attendance. - One hundred and two pupils have been in attendance during the year, the average has been over eighty-one; twenty were admitted, ten were discharged. The present attendance is ninety-two, of whom sixty-two are boys and thirty are girls.

1905

Attendance. - One hundred and seven pupils have been in attendance during the year; the average has been seventy-seven plus; seventeen have been admitted and twenty-one discharged. Present enrolment, eighty-six; fifty-five boys and thirty-one girls.

1906

Attendance. - Ninety-eight pupils have been in attendance during the year. The average attendance has been a fraction over 75. Twelve pupils have been admitted and 25 have been discharged, leaving 73 pupils on the roll.

1907

Attendance. - Ninety-three pupils have been in attendance during the year. The average attendance has been nearly 82. Ten have been discharged and 27 admitted, leaving 90 pupils on the roll.

1908

Attendance. - One hundred and five pupils have been in attendance during the year. The average attendance has been over 85; 18 were admitted; and 9 were discharged early in the year; 3 were allowed home on holiday and never returned. Others were very dilatory about returning, thus lowering the average attendance. There are now 96 pupils on the roll.

Class-room Work. - The hours of study in the school-room are from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Each pupil is in the school-room one-half of each day, attending in the forenoon one month and in the afternoon the following month. **The regular course of study of the schools of the province of British Columbia is followed.** Good faithful work has been done and the standing of the school is excellent. There are 6 pupils in the school at the present time who have nearly completed the course of study. **They are bright and intelligent. The pupils that come in at 10 years of age soon learn to use the English language with accuracy.** In a remarkably short time they are able to write interesting letters home to parents and friends.

1909

Attendance. - One hundred and ten pupils have been in attendance during the year. Of these 85 are now in the school, 15 have been discharged, 8 are away on holiday, and **2 have died.** The average attendance has been a small fraction over 80. **There were 26 new pupils admitted to the school.**

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progress in the class room.

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