

## LEJAC INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, STUART LAKE, BC

39 students were listed on the NCTR website in 2021 as having died at the former Lejac Indian Residential School:

<https://nctr.ca/residential-schools/british-columbia/lejac-stuart-lake/>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death (Year/Month/Day)</b>
<b>Abel Evan Francois</b>	<b>1917-03-02 – 1920-03-02</b>
<b>Alec Michel</b>	<b>1940-01-01</b>
<b>Alex C. Prince</b>	<b>1944-03-31</b>
<b>Alfred Wilson</b>	<b>1935-07-25</b>
<b>Allen Patrick Willie</b>	<b>1937-01-01</b>
<b>Allen Sam</b>	<b>Not known</b>
<b>Alphonsine Dominac</b>	<b>1935-06-08</b>
<b>Andrew H. Paul</b>	<b>1937-01-01</b>
<b>Andrew Sam</b>	<b>1939-12-01 – 1939-12-31</b>
<b>Bernice Billy</b>	<b>1946-01-01</b>
<b>Bertha Pierre</b>	<b>1944-06-29</b>
<b>Dan Hunter</b>	<b>Not known</b>
<b>Dora Julien</b>	<b>1927-01-01</b>
<b>Edward Austin</b>	<b>1917-01-01 – 1920-01-01</b>
<b>Edward F. Antoine</b>	<b>1946-01-01</b>
<b>Elizabeth Patrick</b>	<b>1946-04-30</b>
<b>Euphrasia Louis</b>	<b>1935-11-20</b>
<b>George Augustine</b>	<b>1948-12-06</b>
<b>Jessie Luggi</b>	<b>Not known</b>
<b>Johnny Michel</b>	<b>1937-01-01</b>
<b>Josephine A. Moise</b>	<b>1943-06-01 – 1943-12-31</b>
<b>Leon Abraham</b>	<b>1917-01-01 – 1920-01-01</b>
<b>Margaret Andrew</b>	<b>1944-03-01 – 1944-03-31</b>
<b>Marie Theopholie</b>	<b>1935-01-01</b>
<b>Matilda David</b>	<b>1945-02-24</b>
<b>Melanie Quaw</b>	<b>1924-06-04</b>
<b>Morris Justin</b>	<b>1937-01-01</b>
<b>Patrick N. Prince</b>	<b>1948-03-31</b>
<b>Paul Joseph</b>	<b>1977-08-09</b>
<b>Paul Shorty</b>	<b>1938-11-14</b>
<b>Peter Louis Alexander</b>	<b>1933-05-10</b>
<b>Pius Allen</b>	<b>1942-01-01</b>
<b>Sally May Patrick</b>	<b>1946-01-01</b>
<b>Shirley L. Peter</b>	<b>1943-12-01 – 1943-12-31</b>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death (Year/Month/Day)</b>
<b>Theresa Houll</b>	<b>1934-11-01 – 1934-11-30</b>
<b>Walter Carlick</b>	<b>1949-12-05</b>
<b>Walter Dennis</b>	<b>1948-03-21</b>
<b>Walter Green</b>	<b>1954-07-27</b>
<b>Zar Morris Jack</b>	<b>1947-02-16</b>

*The above-referenced 39 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) All student deaths were inquired into by the Department of Indian Affairs. A few inquiries into deaths of students at Lejac are extant and were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access the inquiries, go to this link for LAC c-8770, and insert the page number 485:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2495443>

Register numbers were used to track students from the time they entered the school until the time they ceased to attend and were recorded as ‘discharged’. The student’s unique register number has been added from the extant inquiries into student deaths.

**Abel Evan Francois\*** (1917/3/2 – 1920/3/2), 13 yrs old; d. Stuart Lake Mission [NB: death record states name was Abel Francois] [NB: death record states date of death was **1921/3/2**]

**Alec Michel\*** (1940/1/1), 13 yrs old; d. Stellako [NB: death record states name was **Alexander Patrick Mechell**] [NB: death record states date of death was **1940/9/21**]

**Alex C. Prince\*** (1944/3/31), 12 yrs old; d. Vanderhoof [NB: death record states name was **Alec Prince**] [NB: death record states date of death was **1944/2/2**]

**Alfred Wilson** (1935/7/25), register #323; d. Lejac Indian Residential School; acute pulmonic phthisis due to chronic pulmonary TB; DIA inquiry held, after which Indian

Agent recommended every pupil be given a medical examination 4-6 weeks after the beginning of the school year (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 491)

**Allen Patrick Willie** (1937/1/1), 9 yrs old; register #339; Nautley Band; d. Fraser Lake (froze to death while running away); DIA inquiry and coroner's inquest held (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 505) [NB: DIA inquiry states name was Allen Willie]

**Allen Sam** (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Alphonsine Dominac** (1935/6/8), register #286; d. Lejac Indian Residential School; tubercular meningitis; DIA inquiry held; father attended (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 486) [NB: DIA inquiry states name was Alphonsine **Dominic** or **Dominick**]

**Andrew H. Paul** (1937/1/1), 9 yrs old; register #324; d. Fraser Lake (froze to death while running away); DIA inquiry and coroner's inquest held (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 505)

**Andrew Sam** (1939/12/1 – 1939/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Bernice Billy** (1946/1/1), [C]; 16 yrs old; Squamish Band; d. Vancouver General Hospital; tuberculous meningitis, miliary TB; death certificate signed by mother, doctor and Indian Agent; buried Squamish Cemetery [NB: death record states date of death was 1946/9/13] [NB: unlikely to have been a student at Lejac]

**Bertha Pierre\*** (1944/6/29), 12 yrs old; d. Vancouver [NB: death record states date of death was 1944/7/2]

**Dan Hunter** (date of death unknown), [C]; 9 yrs old; Fort Grahame Band; d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; tuberculosis meningitis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Lejac Indian Residential School Cemetery [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1947/2/2]

**Dora Julien** (1927/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death record for a Dora **Frank**, 7 yrs old, d. Lejac 1927/3/12]

**Edward Austin\*** (1917/1/1 – 1920/1/1), 14 yrs old; d. Stuart Lake [NB: death record states date of death was 1921/3/4]

**Edward F. Antoine** (1946/1/1), [C]; 11 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; d. Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent; buried by father, Frank Antoine, Stony Creek Indian Reserve Cemetery [NB: death record states name was Edward Antoine] [NB: death record states date of death was 1946/11/8] [NB: death record erroneously states place of death was **Prince Rupert**]

**Elizabeth Patrick** (1946/4/30), [C]; 14 yrs old; Fraser Lake Band; d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; pulmonary tuberculosis (miliary); death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Fraser Lake Indian Reserve Cemetery

**Euphrasia Louis\*** (1935/11/20), 11 yrs old; register #303; Cheslatta Band; d. Lejac Indian Residential School; measles, pulmonary tuberculosis; doctor recommended discharge before measles outbreak, but parents could not be contacted; death certificate signed by doctor; DIA inquiry held (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 501)

**George Augustine** (1948/12/6), [C]; 6 yrs old; Stellako Band; d. Burns Lake Hospital; acute endocarditis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Stellako Indian Reserve Catholic Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was **George Augusta**]

**Jessie Luggi** (date of death unknown), [C]; 21 yrs old; housekeeper; d. Priestley; carbon monoxide poisoning (passenger 'sleeping in car with faulty exhaust' on Priestley Station Road); autopsy; death certificate signed by brother-in-law and coroner; buried by brother-in-law, Albert George, Stellako Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was **Catherine Jessy Betty Luggi**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was **1972/4/23**] [NB: would not have been a student at Lejac at age 21]

**Johnny Michel** (1937/1/1), 7 yrs old; register #350; Uncha Lake Band; d. Fraser Lake (froze to death while running away); DIA inquiry and coroner's inquest held (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 505)

**Josephine A. Moise\*** (1943/6/1 – 1943/12/31), 9 yrs old; d. Vanderhoof [NB: death record states name was Josephine Moise] [NB: death record states date of death was 1943/7/22]

**Leon Abraham** (1917/1/1 – 1920/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Margaret Andrew\*** (1944/3/1 – 1944/3/31), 16 yrs old; d. Smithers [NB: death record states name was Margaret **Andrews**] [NB: death record states date of death was 1944/2/24]

**Marie Theopholie** (1935/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Matilda David** (1945/2/24) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Melanie Quaw\*** (1924/6/4), 19 yrs old; d. Stony Creek [NB: death record states date of death was 1924/6/6] [NB: unlikely to have been a student at Lejac at age 19]

**Morris Justin** (1937/1/1), 8 yrs old; register #326; Uncha Lake Band; d. Fraser Lake (froze to death while running away); DIA inquiry and coroner's inquest held (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 505) [NB: DIA inquiry states name was **Maurice Justine**]

**Patrick N. Prince** (1948/3/31), [C]; 9 yrs old; Taten (Tlazten) Band, Fort St James; d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; pulmonary tuberculosis, tuberculosis pleurisy with effusion; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Catholic cemetery, Fort St James [NB: death certificate states name was Patrick Prince] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1948/3/5]

**Paul Joseph** (1977/8/9), [C]; 14 yrs old; Stuart Trembleur Lake Band; d. at home, Portage Indian Reserve; accident (possible overdose); buried Portage Village Cemetery; death certificate signed by coroner [NB: death certificate states name was **Paul Sylvester Joseph**]

**Paul Shorty\*** (1938/11/14), 14 yrs old; register #306; d. Lower Post; discharged from Lejac in September 1937, 'returned in a sick state and rapidly got worse at Liard Post, was under care of the R.C. Mission there but died November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1938' (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 540) [NB: death record states name was Paul **Shortie**]

**Peter Louis Alexander\*** (1933/5/10), 11 yrs old, d. Burns Lake [NB: death record states name was Peter Alexander] [NB: death record states date of death was 1933/6/1]

**Pius Allen\*** (1942/1/1), 14 yrs old; d. Smithers [NB: death record states date of death was 1942/8/1]

**Sally May Patrick** (1946/1/1), [C]; 10 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; d. Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by father and Indian Agent; buried by father, Stony Creek Indian Reserve [NB: death certificate states name was Sally Patrick] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1946/11/24] [NB: death record erroneously states place of death was **Atlin**]

**Shirley L. Peter\*** (1943/12/1 – 1943/12/31), 7 yrs old; d. Vanderhoof [NB: death record states name was Shirley Peter] [NB: death record states date of death was 1943/11/5]

**Theresa Houll\*** (1934/11/1 – 1934/11/30), 10 yrs old, d. Fort St James [NB: death record states name was Theresa **Lhuile**] [NB: death record states date of death was 1934/11/13]

**Walter Carlick** (1949/12/5), [C]; 14 yrs old; register #420; Tahltan Band; d. Lejac Indian Residential School; fulminating toxemia due to epidemic enteritis; DIA inquiry and coroner's inquiry held (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 558); autopsy; death certificate signed by coroner; buried by Indians, Lejac Indian Residential School; named on discharge form October-December 1949 (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1673, 1675:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2492964>

[NB: For his grave, see:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/202435192/walter-carlick>

**Walter Dennis** (1948/3/21), [C]; 7 yrs old; Fort Grahame Band; d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; tuberculous meningitis (other contributing causes listed); death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Lejac Indian Residential School [NB: death certificate states name was Walter **Charlie**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1948/3/23]

**Walter Green** (1954/7/27) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Zar Morris Jack** (1947/2/16), [C]; 13 yrs old; register #427; Cheslatta Band; d. Lejac Indian Residential School; toxemiatic prostration due to intestinal influenza; DIA inquiry held (see LAC c-8770 above, p. 547); death certificate signed by coroner, stating he did not attend deceased during illness; buried by Indians, Cheslatta Indian Reserve Cemetery, Marilla, BC [NB: death certificate states name was Morris Jack] [NB: DIA inquiry states name was **Zaa** Morris Jack, **Zar** Morris Jack]

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