

## ST EUGENE'S INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, CRANBROOK, BC

19 students were listed on the NCTR website in 2021 as having died at the former St Eugene's Indian Residential School:

<https://nctr.ca/residential-schools/british-columbia/cranbrook-st-eugenes/>

<b>Adolophe</b>	<b>1891-01-01 – 1892-12-31</b>
<b>Agnes Abraham</b>	<b>1941-01-01</b>
<b>Anastasia</b>	<b>1891-01-01 – 1892-12-31</b>
<b>Annie John</b>	<b>1948-05-25</b>
<b>Anthony Pierre</b>	<b>Not known</b>
<b>Augustine</b>	<b>1905-01-01</b>
<b>Bertha Lillian White</b>	<b>1942-06-20</b>
<b>Irene Bertha Andrew</b>	<b>1935-09-23</b>
<b>Joseph Cains</b>	<b>1892-01-01 – 1893-12-31</b>
<b>Kukinthlikreth</b>	<b>1949-11-14</b>
<b>Lawrence Stephen Williams</b>	<b>1966-04-15</b>
<b>Mary Andrew</b>	<b>1891-01-01 – 1892-12-31</b>
<b>Mary Antoinette Pascal</b>	<b>1950-01-21</b>
<b>Mary Tharé</b>	<b>1891-01-01 – 1892-12-31</b>
<b>Nancy</b>	<b>ca. 1891 – 1892</b>
<b>Sabina Ernest David</b>	<b>1949-10-06</b>
<b>Susan Ignatius</b>	<b>1936-05-30</b>
<b>Susan Pierre</b>	<b>1936-03-08</b>
<b>Theresa Ignatius</b>	<b>1936-04-08</b>

*The above-referenced 19 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>

For the principal's report on the whereabouts of former students dated 5 July 1892 in which the deaths of students on the list below are mentioned, see:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/first-nations/indian-affairs-annual-reports/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=8632>

**Adolphe** (1891/1/1 – 1892/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: *13 mos'. attendance. Died at school* [NB: DIA report states name was **Adolphe**] [NB: date of death was prior to **1 July 1892**]

**Agnes Abraham** (1941/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Anastasie** (1891/1/1 - 1892/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: *2 mos'. attendance. Died of "la grippe."* [NB: death could not have occurred after 1 July 1892]

**Annie John\*** (1948/5/25), 15 yrs old; d. Sardis [NB: likely in Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, Sardis] [NB: death record states name was **Anna John**]

**Anthony Pierre** (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Augustine** (1905/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Bertha Lillian White\*** (1942/6/20), 14 yrs old; d. Cranbrook [NB: death record states name was Bertha White]

**Irene Bertha Andrew\*** (1935/9/23), 6 yrs old; d. Cranbrook

**Joseph Cains** (1892/1/1 - 1893/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1893 states: *1 year attendance. Died at home of consumption.* [NB: death could not have occurred after **1 July 1893**]

**Kukinthlikreth** (1949/11/14) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Lawrence Stephen Williams** (1966/4/15), [C]; 11 yrs old; d. St Eugene's Hospital, Cranbrook; passenger in back seat of one of two trucks which collided; death certificate signed by coroner; autopsy; buried St Eugene's Mission Cemetery [NB: death certificate doesn't state he was a student; may not have been a student at St Eugene's]

**Mary Andrew** (1891/1/1 - 1892/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: *14 mos'. attendance. Died*

*of the consequences of "la grippe."* [NB: death could not have occurred after **1 July 1892**]

**Mary Antoinette Pascal** (1950/1/21), [C]; 7 yrs old; Shuswap Band; d. Kootenay Indian Residential School, Cranbrook; struck by large piece of ice which fell off roof causing skull fracture, brain haemorrhage; autopsy; buried St Paul's Cemetery, Athalmer

**Mary Tharé** (1891/1/1 - 1892/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: *9 mos'. attendance. Died after few months that she was at home.* [NB: death could not have occurred after **1 July 1892**]

**Nancy** (ca. 1891-1892) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: *11 mos'. attendance. Died of "la grippe."* [NB: death could not have occurred after 1 July 1892]

**Sabina Ernest David** (1949/10/6), [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death certificate for Sabina David (**1951**/10/6), 16 yrs old; d. Fort Steele; American Indian from Bonners Ferry, Idaho; farm labourer (not student); run over by truck, head crushed; death certificate signed by father and coroner; autopsy; buried Lower Kootenay Reserve Indian Cemetery, Cranbrook]

**Susan Ignatius** (1936/5/30) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

**Susan Pierre\*** (1936/3/8), 13 yrs old; d. Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve [NB: died on reserve; may not have been a student at St Eugene's]

**Theresa Ignatius** (1936/4/8) ) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

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