

## CHRISTIE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, KAKAWIS, BC

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

<https://nctr.ca/residential-schools/british-columbia/christie-tofino/>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death (Year/Month/Day)</b>
<b>Adolph Maurus</b>	<b>1936-12-15</b>
<b>Agnes Amos</b>	<b>1952-12-20</b>
<b>Alice George</b>	<b>1939-10-18 or 1939-10-19</b>
<b>Anderson Sye</b>	<b>1934-01-01</b>
<b>Andrew Tom</b>	<b>1939-09-08</b>
<b>Catherine Marshall</b>	<b>1941-01-01</b>
<b>Cecil Williams</b>	<b>1939-09-14</b>
<b>Clara Andrew</b>	<b>1935-05-20</b>
<b>Dolores George</b>	<b>1955-06-24</b>
<b>George Johnson</b>	<b>1939-10-24</b>
<b>James Louie George</b>	<b>1937-05-28</b>
<b>Jessie Lucas</b>	<b>1940-01-01</b>
<b>Joan Manson</b>	<b>1952-01-03</b>
<b>Joseph Ignace</b>	<b>1937-02-16</b>
<b>Lawrence Thompson</b>	<b>1937-01-01</b>
<b>Lorena Thomas</b>	<b>1944-11-24</b>
<b>Mary Vincent</b>	<b>1948-08-10</b>
<b>Moses Tom</b>	<b>1943-09-22</b>
<b>Pearl Michael</b>	<b>1958-09-24</b>
<b>Rose Johnson</b>	<b>1941-01-01</b>
<b>Samson Mclean</b>	<b>1949-03-21</b>
<b>Stanley Joseph</b>	<b>1939-06-06</b>
<b>Thomas Campbell</b>	<b>1958-08-08</b>

*The above-referenced 23 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 the federal and provincial government and residential school records which have information concerning the date of death, cause of death, and place of burial for each student.*

### THE TYPES OF RECORDS CONSULTED

#### (1) Provincial Government Death Certificates

The letter [C] following a name indicates that a microfilmed copy of the provincial death certificate is available online at the BC Archives at:

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

An asterisk following a name indicates that the microfilmed copy of the provincial death certificate is not available online, but can be accessed free of charge at the BC Archives and at major BC public libraries.

## **(2) Inquiries Into Student Deaths**

The Department of Indian Affairs mandated, on Form No. 414, that there be an inquiry into the death of any student who died at a residential school:

*When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.*

*On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.*

*The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.*

*The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held to enable them to attend it. . . .*

*This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry including an inquest, which may be required by law.*

*If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident and attached them to this memorandum.*

Inquiry reports for deaths which occurred at the Christie Indian Residential School from 1935-1944 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8766, and insert the page number 321:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2486270>

## **(3) Quarterly Returns**

A unique register number was used to meticulously track every student from the time the student was admitted to a residential school until the time the student ceased to

attend and was formally recorded as 'discharged'. In the entries below the student's unique register number at the Christie Indian Residential School has been added from microfilmed quarterly returns, applications for admission, and DIA inquiries into student deaths.

Quarterly returns which included student names, register numbers and attendance data were sent to Ottawa by school principals via the local Indian Agent every quarter in order for the school to qualify for the per capita grant paid by the federal government for each eligible status Indian student.

Quarterly returns for the Christie Indian Residential School for the years 1942-1949 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8764, and insert the page number 1199:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2481788>

#### **(4) Application Forms Signed By Parents**

The local Indian Agent was required to submit an individual application form signed by a parent to the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa for each student for whom admission to a residential school was requested, and each application was then formally approved or rejected in writing by Department officials in Ottawa.

Similarly, the Indian Agent was required to submit an application to Ottawa before any student could be discharged from the school, and each discharge was also formally approved in writing by Department officials in Ottawa. In addition, a form summarizing the applications for admission and discharge of students was sent to Ottawa by school principals through the Indian Agent every quarter along with the quarterly returns.

Applications for admission and discharge as well as the quarterly summaries for the Christie Indian Residential School for the years 1936-1952 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8765, and insert the page number 922:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2483895>

#### **(5) Department of Indian Affairs Annual Reports**

Until about 1915, annual reports by principals, which included information on school health conditions and student deaths, were printed in the Department of Indian Affairs Annual Report. DIA Annual Reports can be accessed at the Library and Archives Canada website at this link:

[https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Search?DataSource=Library|IndAffAnnRep&q\\_exact=for%20the%20year%20ended&DateBucket=%7C1864-1969&](https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Search?DataSource=Library|IndAffAnnRep&q_exact=for%20the%20year%20ended&DateBucket=%7C1864-1969&)

See also:

<https://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/9.846380/publication.html>

## STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES COMPILED FROM THE ABOVE RECORDS

**Adolph Maurus** (1936/12/15), Register #200; 10 yrs old; d. at home in Nootka; tuberculosis; buried Nootka? [NB: discharged December 1936, at school 6 years, 7 months, 4 days: 'Doctor advised to be sent home. Left school Nov. 13, 1936. Died from TB at Nootka, B.C. Dec. 15, 1936.' (see LAC c-8765, p. 987)]

**Agnes Amos** (1952/12/20), [C]; Register #401; 9 yrs old; Hesquiat Band No. 3; residence Hot Springs Cove; born 27 January 1943; parents Alex M Amos, Mary Smith; admitted 4 September 1951 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 2157-8, 2163-4); d. Tofino General Hospital; cerebral embolus; death certificate signed by father, Alex M Amos, and doctor; **buried Christie Indian Residential School** [NB: death certificate states name was Agnes **Edith** Amos] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1952/12/19]

[NB: death certificate for father, Alexander Matthew Amos; Hesquiat Band; residence Hot Springs Cove; born 3 July 1898, Hesquiat; parents Hesquiat Amos, Monica (surname unknown); widowed (wife Rose Mary Smith); d. 27 June 1986, West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, aged 87; 'fell over railing on pier into harbour'; 'inquiry proceeding'; autopsy; death certificate signed by daughter, Gertrude Lucas, 3266 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni, and coroner; buried St. Peters Cemetery, Port Alberni]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Rosemary Amos; Hesquiat Band; residence 909 Market Street, Victoria; born 1 August 1897, Ehattisat; parents John and Cecilia Smith, both born Ehattisat; married (husband Amos Alexander); d. 7 October 1978, Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, aged 81; death certificate signed by son, Francis Amos, Tofino, and doctor; buried St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Port Alberni]

[NB: sister Rosemary Amos; Register #295; 7 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; born 19 May 1935; parents Alex Amos, Mary Smith; admitted 13 June 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1461-2, 1467, 1485)]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Rose Mary Rita Amos; Hesquiat Band; residence Nootka; born 19 May 1935; parents Alex Amos, Mary Smith; d. 21 July 1950, St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, aged 15; constrictive pericarditis, tuberculosis; autopsy; death certificate signed by Indian Agent and doctor; buried North Vancouver Reserve #1]

[NB: brother Alex Amos; Register #306; 11 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; parents Alex Amos, Mary Smith; readmitted 1 September 1950 (previously attended for 2 years); (for application signed by father, medical exam ('left eye completely blind'), admission, see LAC c-8765, pp. 2056, 2071-2)]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Alexander Eugene Amos, logger; Hesquiat Band; residence Burde Street, Port Alberni; born 24 November 1938, Hesquiat; parents Alexander Amos, Mary Smith, both born Hesquiat; single; d. 12 February 1977, seashore, Ucluelet, aged 38; drowning ('Falling in ocean, Alcohol Intoxication'); autopsy; death certificate signed by sister, Violet Amos, 250 Kennedy Street, Nanaimo, and coroner; cremated]

[NB: certificate for brother's marriage states Francis Amos, fisherman, Hesquiat Band, residence Nootka, born Hesquiat (parents Alex Amos, born Hesquiat, Mary Smith, born Nuchatlits), bachelor, aged 23, and Margaret Charlie, cannery worker, Opitsat Band, residence Opitsat (Ceepeecee), born Opitsat (parents Andy Charlie, born Opitsat, Pauline Paul, born Hesquiat), spinster, aged 17, were married 2 October 1943, St Elizabeth's Church, Nootka, witnesses Maurus and Ida McLean, Nootka, Reverend P. J. Sheahan, OMI, officiating]

**Alice George\*** (1939/10/18 – 1939/10/19), Register #246; 8 yrs old; Clayquot Band; born Tofino; parents James George, Clara Peter, both born Tofino; d. Tofino Emergency Hospital; tubercular meningitis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend G. Forbes, OMI, principal, Christie Residential School, Kakawis), and doctor; buried Tofino; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8766, pp. 357-60) [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1939/10/19] [NB: discharged 14 October 1939: 'meningitis – died' (see LAC c-8765, pp. 1252, 1254, 1264)] [NB: principal's statement at DIA inquiry: 'Change for worse at noon (14<sup>th</sup>) – Dr ordered her to hospital – carried to & from boat' 'Spinal fluid said to indicate Tubercular Meningitis – Mother very ill with TB. Child had had 10 Treatments for syphilis – a little puss in urine – Girl told father she had fallen on her head while playing – This was reported to the Doctor'] [NB: Indian Agent's statement at DIA inquiry: 'Report that child injured head while at play not considered correct & in no way contributory to cause of death' 'Am satisfied that this child received all possible care']

[NB: death certificate for mother, Clara George, states d. 16 November 1940, aged 33]

[NB: death certificate for father, James George, states d. 29 April 1943, Opitsat, aged 45]

**Anderson Sye\*** (1934/1/1), 10 yrs old; Kelsemaht Band; born Kelsemaht; parents George Sye, born Kelsemaht, Jessie August, born Hesquiat; d. Ahousat; tuberculous meningitis ('sick seven weeks'); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Elsie E. Terry, R.N.); buried Kelsemaht [NB: death certificate states date of death was **1935/3/17**] [NB: identified in death certificate as a 'juvenile'; may not have been a student at Christie Indian Residential School]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Jessie Sye; residence Hot Springs Cove; born 6 September 1889; parents unknown; married (husband George Sye); d. 2 September 1961, Hot Springs Cove Indian Reserve, aged 72; death certificate signed by coroner; buried by family, Ahousat Indian Reserve]

[NB: death certificate for father, George Sye, retired fisherman; residence Ahousat; born 17 March 1885, Kelsemaht; parents unknown; widowed; d. 12 April 1966,

Ahousat, aged 81; drowning ('fell off fish boat'); death certificate signed by Cosmos Frank, great grandson, and coroner; buried by Cosmos Frank, Ahousat]

**Andrew Tom\*** (1939/9/8), Register #253; 9 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; born Opitsat; parents Felix Tom, born Hesquiat, Columba Manson, born Clayoquot; d. at home on Opitsat Indian Reserve; syphilis (congenital), tubercular enteritis listed as contributing cause; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Opitsat Indian Reserve; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8766, pp. 343-6, 351-2) [NB: discharged 8 September 1939: 'Died at home.' (see LAC c-8765, p. 1263)] [NB: principal's statement at DIA inquiry: 'He was at home for the summer vacation' 'When school opened (June 16<sup>th</sup>) I asked Dr Robertson whether Andrew Tom & Alec Masse (both at home) should be discharged – He replied in the negative stating that, if his directions were carried out, both pupils would recover. I understood the doctor to say that he didn't think his instructions were being carried out in the case of Andrew Tom although the father realized that the illness was serious – That qualifying remark is mine & not the doctors. This boy was never strong but seemed to be in good health.' ] [NB: Indian Agent's statement at DIA inquiry: 'This boy was never strong & had a family history of TB. In the absence of active symptoms this boy was kept under observation for many months' 'Am satisfied that all care & precautions were observed']

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Felix Tom and Columba Manson were married 1 November 1925, Kakawis]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Columbia Manson; residence Tofino (Opitsat); born 1 November 1907, Tofino; parents unknown, both born Tofino; married (husband Felix Tom); d. 25 November 1980, DOA Tofino General Hospital, aged 73; 'died while sleeping' 'Advanced alcoholic intoxication with a terminal acute bronchitis'; autopsy; death certificate signed by coroner; buried Opitsat Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for father, Felix Tom, fisherman; Clayoquot Band; residence Opitsat Reserve; born 29 July 1906, Hesquiat; father Tom Muchalott, born Mowachat, Nootka, mother unknown; widowed (wife Columba Manson); d. 2 October 1983, Tofino General Hospital, aged 77; death certificate signed by Band Chief, Moses Martin, Tofino, and doctor; buried Opitsat Cemetery]

[NB: for siblings, see entry for **Moses Tom** below]

**Catherine Marshall\*** (1941/1/1), Register #226; 11 yrs old; Kelsemaht Band; born Kelsemaht; parents Thomas Marshall, born Kelsemaht, Susan Tom, born Lilloeret(?); admitted 22 March 1936 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 926-7, 930-1; 952); d. Vargas Island (MacIntosh Cove); pulmonary tuberculosis (one year); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant J.P. Mulvihill, Kakawis); buried Kelsemaht [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1941/2/14 ] [NB: discharged 13 February 1941: 'Died at home T.B. absence of 1(?) year' (see LAC c-8765, p. 1403)]

[NB: death certificate for father, Tommy Marshall; residence Ahousat; born 1878, Ahousat; parents unknown; married (wife Susan Felix); d. 2 September 1960, Ahousat Indian Reserve, aged 82; death certificate signed by son-in-law, Ian Seitcher, Ahousat, and coroner; buried by family, Ahousat Indian Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Susan Marshall; Clayquot Band; residence 4805 Glenside Road, Port Alberni; born 2 December 1894, Mission; father surnamed Tom, mother unknown; widowed (husband Tommy Marshall); d. 8 August 1982, West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, aged 87; death certificate signed by grandson, Ray Seitcher, 3951 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni, and doctor; autopsy; buried St Peter's Cemetery, Port Alberni]

**Cecil Williams\*** (1939/9/14), Register #250; 8 yrs old; Clayoquot Band; born Opitsat; parents Henry Williams, born Opitsat, Clotilda Tom; d. at home on Opitsat Reserve; tuberculous meningitis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend James P. Mulvihill, OMI, Christie Indian School, Kakawis), and doctor; buried Opitsat; DIA inquiry (see LAC 8766, pp. 347-52) [NB: discharged 1 September 1939: 'Died at home' (see LAC c-8765, p. 1263)] [NB: statement by principal at DIA inquiry:

*Dr. Robertson examined Cecil on the morning of Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> but found nothing definitely wrong – Ordered Cecil remain in bed for 2 or 3 weeks until fever subsided & that he be then taken to Tofino for X-ray – Cecil began to vomit (Aug 31st) & Dr Rob. was called & came with Dr Cantor on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Both examined boy & Dr R. ordered boy leave school as having “acute Tuberculosis” – Taken home – severe pains in stomach – brain said to have been affected & one side of body suffered paralysis – From Sept 1<sup>st</sup> on Cecil was unconscious or semi-conscious nearly all the time – This boy was fat & had always appeared healthy']*

[NB: statement by Indian Agent at DIA inquiry: 'Am satisfied that everything possible was done for the proper care of this boy & for the protection of other pupils']

[NB: brother Matthew Williams; Register #352; 7 yrs old; Clayoquot Band; born 24 April 1943; parents Henry Williams, Clotilda Tom; admitted 1 September 1950 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 2052, 2070, 2101-2)]

**Clara Andrew\*** (1935/5/20), Register #171; 16 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; d. Hesquiat Reserve No. 1; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Hesquiat?; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8766, pp. 323-6, 329) [NB: death certificate states name was **Clara Mary Andrews**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1935/5/19] [NB: Indian Agent's statement at DIA inquiry: 'This pupil was sent home as medically unfit by Dr. Robertson. This office supplied sick relief as recommended. Clara Andrews was sick for three months at home on the Hesquiat Reserve No. 1. Her condition was reported to this office from time to time by the Resident Priest.'] [NB: Doctor's statement at DIA inquiry: 'The authorities of Christie School are very careful. This girl died at home in Hesquiat where I have never yet seen a Tb. Indian carry out instructions.']

**Dolores George** (1955/6/24), Register #374; 6 yrs old; Songhees Band; parents Thomas George deceased, Elizabeth George; admitted 6 September 1949 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1992, 2034-5, 2040) [NB: school records state name was **Delores** George] [NB: application for admission states attended Songhees Day School, Esquimalt, Victoria,

for half a year; online source indicates registers for Songhees Day School extant for years 1944-1952 (RG10, 1986-87/283 Box 8), including half year Delores George attended]

[NB: *Indian Record*, February 1960 (see Algoma University Archives online) states Miss Ruth George, Victoria teacher who ‘has always taken a keen interest in the Indian people and has been very devoted to them, above all in time of misfortune’, and Miss Alice Frith, teacher at Songhees Indian Day School in Victoria, awarded papal medal for years of devotion to Indian interests and contributions to Catholic Indian education in Victoria area; application for admission of Delores George (then a student at Songhees Day School) to Christie Indian Residential School appears to have been completed by, as well as witnessed by, Ruth George]

[NB: death certificate for father, Thomas George; Songhees #16 Band; residence Craigflower Road, Victoria; birthdate unknown; father Chetlum George, born Victoria, mother Lucy, born USA; married; d. 28 April 1947, St Joseph’s Hospital, Victoria, aged 68; death certificate signed by son, Alfred George, Craigflower Road, Victoria, and doctor; buried Songhees Cemetery, Esquimalt] [NB: obituary for Thomas George, *Times Colonist*, 30 April 1947, states survived by 5 sons and 5 daughters, including 2 unmarried daughters, Thelma and **Delores**]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Elizabeth George; Songhees Band; residence 1441 Craigflower Road, View Royal; born 3 May 1894, Sidney; parents Peter Tom, Annie Bob; widowed (husband Thomas George); d. 30 November 1980, Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, age 86; death certificate signed by son, Elmer J George, 1441 Craigflower Road, View Royal, and doctor; buried Songhees Cemetery, Esquimalt] [NB: obituary for Elizabeth George (daughter of Peter Tom), *Times Colonist*, 3 December 1980, states survived by 2 sons, Bernard and Elmer, and 2 married daughters, Mrs Lena Jones and Mrs Thelma David]

[NB: Delores George’s sister and two brothers preceded her at Christie Indian Residential School; all three transferred to Christie from Songhees Day School]

[NB: after 4 years at Songhees Day School, **Thelma George, Register #326**, admitted to Christie Indian Residential School 16 September 1945, aged 12 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission and approval, see LAC c-8764, p. 1353 and LAC c-8765, pp. 1695-99, 1721); discharged December 1948, aged 16 (see LAC c-8764, pp. 1353, 1467)]

[NB: after 3 years at Songhees Day School, **Elmer George, Register #302**, admitted to Christie Indian Residential School 10 September 1945, aged 10 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1692-4, 1698-9); still attending on 31 March 1949 (see LAC c-8764, p. 1499)]

[NB: after 9 years at Songhees Day School, **Bernard James George, Register #313**, admitted to Christie Indian Residential School 29 August 1946, aged 16 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, request for admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1784-5, 1788-9, 1792); discharged 30 September 1948, aged 17 (see LAC c-8764, p. 1473, LAC c-8765, p. 1969)]



[NB: for father Thomas George's request that his two sons be admitted to residential school despite the Department's policy that parents should not be permitted to shirk their responsibilities if there was a day school the children could attend on the reserve, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1709-10]

[NB: for photograph of father, Councillor Tommy George, see:

<https://search-bcarchives.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/member-of-songhees-at-ceremony-attending-transfer-of-songhees-reserve-to-provincial-government-victoria-chief-michael-cooper-standing-at-centre>]

**George Johnson\*** (1939/10/24), Register #255; 9 yrs old; Kelsemaht Band; born Ahousat; parents Peter Johnson, born Kelsemaht, Hester Titian, born Ahousat; d. West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni; tuberculous meningitis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Kelsemaht; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8766, pp. 353-6, 361-7) [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1939/10/23] [NB: discharged 6 October 1939: 'meningitis – died' (see LAC c-8765, pp. 1252, 1254, 1264)] [NB: statement by Indian Agent at DIA inquiry: 'Would respectfully recommend that very sick pupils should not be permitted to go to homes where no care can be provided']

[NB: death certificate for mother, Hester Johnson, states d. 10 October 1938, Ahousat, aged 36]

**James Louie George** (1937/5/28), Register #202, 13 yrs old; d. Nootka; tuberculosis; buried Nootka? [NB: discharged 30 March 1937: 'Died T.B. at Nootka, May 28/37' (LAC c-8765, pp. 1028, 1030)]

**Jessie Lucas\*** (1940/1/1), Register #234; 9 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; born Hesquiat; parents Thomas and Katherine Lucas, both born Hesquiat; d. Hesquiat; tuberculosis (about 4 months); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend John W Tunner, Hesquiat); buried Hesquiat [NB: death certificate states name was **Jessie Anna** Lucas] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1940/4/26] [NB: discharged 26 April 1940: 'Ill – sent to Hospital – Sent home – Later, died' (see LAC c-8765, p. 1301)]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Thomas Lucas and Katharine (surname unknown) were married 5 February 1919, Hesquiat]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Katherine Lucas; residence 3223 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni; born 1893; parents unknown; widowed (husband Thomas Lucas); d. 28 June 1979, West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, aged 85; death certificate signed by son, Paul Lucas, #5 - 3805 Redford Street, Port Alberni, and doctor; buried St Peter's Cemetery, Port Alberni]

**Joan Manson** (1952/1/3), [C]; Register #405; 7 yrs old; Clayoquot Band No. 86; residence Tofino; born 22 October 1944; parents John Manson, Agnes Mack deceased; admitted 18 November 1951 (for application signed by father, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 2169, 2173, 2189); d. Tofino General Hospital; infectious hepatitis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Tofino Indian Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was Joan **Daria** Manson] [NB:

application for admission states born 22 **September** 1944]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states John Manson and Agnes Mack were married 1 November 1945, Alberni]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Agnes Mack; Ahousat Band; residence Opitsat, Tofino; born 18 February 1925; parents Hall Mac, Alice Peter; married; d. 21 February 1946, Tofino General Hospital, aged 21; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant missionary John T. O'Brien, Tofino), and doctor; buried by family, Opitsat Cemetery, Tofino]

[NB: death certificate for father, John Manson; residence Tofino; born 3 June 1922, Opitsat; parents Tim Manson, born Opitsat, Lucy Joachden, born Catsmith [Kelsomaht?]; widowed (wife Clotilda Frank); d. 6 April 1981, DOA Tofino General Hospital, aged 58; respiratory failure ('Alcoholic abuse, underlying factor'); autopsy; death certificate signed by brother, William Manson, Tofino, and coroner; buried Opitsat Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for stepmother, Clotilda Frank; residence Tofino; born 17 June 1918, Tofino; parents Francis Frank, Effie Jack, both born Tofino; married (husband John Manson); d. 7 June 1969, St Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, aged 50; autopsy; death certificate signed by husband, John Manson, Tofino, and coroner; buried Tofino Cemetery]

[NB: certificate for paternal grandparents' marriage states Timothy Leo Manson and Lucy Joachden were married 27 April 1932 [sic?], Clayoquot]

[NB: death certificate for paternal grandfather, Tim Manson; retired fisherman; residence Opitsat Indian Reserve; born 1880, Opitsat; parents unknown; married (wife Lucy Joachden); d. 30 January 1960, Tofino, aged 80; 'accidental drowning'; death certificate signed by son, John Manson, Opitsat Indian Reserve, Tofino, and coroner; buried by Indians, Tofino Indian Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for maternal grandfather, Hall Mack, states d. 16 May 1934, Ahousat, aged 45]

**Joseph Ignace** (1937/2/16), Register #231; 8 yrs old; d. Christie Indian Residential School, Kakawis; thrombosis of left middle meningeal artery, contributory cause 'possibly syphilitic'; **buried Kakawis?**; DIA inquiry includes statement concerning cause of death signed by doctor (see LAC c-8766, pp. 327-8, 330-6) [NB: discharged 16 February 1937: 'Died Feb. 16. 1937. Report sent in.' (see LAC c-8765, pp. 1007, 1029)] [NB: principal's statement at DIA inquiry: 'Kept in infirmary. Doctor called as soon as possible' 'Doctor was absent at time pupil fell ill. Doctor was sick himself.'] [NB: Indian Agent's statement to Ottawa re DIA inquiry: 'This boy was taken ill on February 8<sup>th</sup>, and Dr. Robertson attended him February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Cause of death was Thrombosis of left middle meningeal artery. (possibly luetic) As all lines of communication are down, I am having the enquiry convened by the Provincial Police, whom I have authorized to act in my unavoidable absence, and will forward memorandum as soon as received.']

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Hypolite Ignace and Matilda Sabbas were married 16 November 1926, Hesquiat]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Matilda Ignace; residence Hesquiat; born August 1908, Hesquiat; parents Isaac and Scholastica (surnames unknown); married (husband Hippolite Ignace); d. 10 October 1971, en route to hospital in Tofino from Hesquiat, aged 63; death certificate signed by brother, Louie Sabbas, Tofino, and doctor; buried by Ahousat Band Council, Ahousat Band Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for father, George Hyppolite Ignace, fisherman; Hesquiat Band; residence Hesquiat; born 11 January 1906, Hesquiat; parents surnamed Ignace and Julia, both born Hesquiat; widowed (wife Matilda Sabbas); d. 20 December 1983, West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, aged 77; death certificate signed by son, David Ignace, Tofino, and doctor; buried Hesquiat Cemetery]

[NB: sister Florence Ignace, Register #293; 7 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; born October 1934; parents Hippolite Ignace, Matilda Sabas; admitted 19 April 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1455-6, 1467, 1485)]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Patricia May Ignace; residence 2603 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni; born 14 May 1937, Hesquiat; parents Hyppolite George Ignace, Matilda Sabbas, both born Hesquiat; single; d. 7 July 1988, West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, aged 51; death certificate signed by brother, Dave Ignace, Tofino, and doctor; buried Hesquiat Cemetery]

[NB: sister Jeany Rose Ignace, Register #400; 9 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; born 24 April 1942; parents Hippollite Ignace, Matilda Sabas; admitted 12 September 1951 (for application signed by father and witnessed by Maurus McLean, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8765, pp. 2145-6, 2164)]

**Lawrence Thompson\*** (1937/1/1), Register #241; 10 yrs old; Toquart Band; born Little Toquart; parents Joseph Thompson, Ella Jim; admitted 3 June 1936 (for application signed by mother ('Father is dead'), medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765 pp. 953-7); d. Little Toquart; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (name of informant illegible); buried Little Toquart Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was **Larry** Thompson] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1937/2/27] [NB: death certificate states: 'Sent home from Christie School'] [NB: Letter from doctor dated 14 January 1937: 'Please discharge Lawrence Thompson from school due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.' (see LAC c-8765, p. 992)] [NB: Letter from Indian Agent to Ottawa dated 22 January 1937: 'I have the honour to forward certificate of ill health and application for discharge from Christie Indian Residential School for Lawrence Thompson, for the Department's approval.' (see LAC 8765, p. 993)] [NB: discharge approved by Ottawa 29 January 1937 (see LAC c-8765, p. 996)] [NB: discharged 23 January 1937: 'Died at home. T.B.' (see LAC c-8765, pp. 1007, 1029)]

[NB: death certificate for father, Joseph Thompson, states d. 27 March 1935, Toquaht Indian Reserve, aged 35]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Ella Jim; Ucluelet Band No. 150; residence Ucluelet Reserve; born August 1900, Ucluelet; father Toquarht Jim, born Toquart Reserve, mother unknown; widowed (husband Joseph Thompson); d. 7 July 1976, West Coast General Hospital, aged 75; broncho-pneumonia, acute alcoholism; death certificate signed by daughter, Barbara Touchie, Ucluelet, and coroner; buried Ucluelet East Reserve]

**Lorena Thomas\*** (1944/11/24), Register #291; 8 yrs old; Ahousat Band; parents Hippolyte Thomas, Alice Williams deceased; admitted 6 September 1941 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1442-3, 1446); d. Tofino General Hospital; paralytic ileus, perforated gangrenous appendix, peritonitis, not suitable for operation; death certificate signed by doctor; autopsy; **buried by school authorities at Kakawis**; DIA inquiry (father present; father reported to be 'quite satisfied with the care and treatment she received' (see LAC c-8766, pp. 375-84) [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1944/11/25] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1944 states: 'Died in hospital' (see LAC c-8764, p. 1321)] [NB: discharged 24 November 1944: 'Died in hospital.' (see LAC c-8765, p. 1656)] [NB: school records state her name was **Loreen** Thomas] [NB: Indian Agent's statement at DIA inquiry: 'This enquiry was conducted in the presence of the Rev. Principal, Dr. Karsgaard, attending physician, Hippolite Thomas, father of the deceased and myself. I am quite satisfied that everything possible was done for the child, in which all concur.' 'Autopsy was conducted with the consent of father of deceased']

[NB: death certificate for mother, Alice Hippolite Thomas, states d. 1 July 1941, Refuge Cove, aged 40]

[NB: certificate for father's second marriage states Hippolite Thomas, fisherman, residence Ahousat, born Ahousat (father Neitchak, born Clayoquot, mother Isheitl), widower, aged 52, and Mary Augustine Tom, residence Hesquiat, born Hesquiat (father Harry Iskha(?), born Hesquiat, mother Jenny Nauhah(?)), widow, aged 42, were married 10 September 1942, Kakawis, witnesses Patrick Charleson, Helen Jones, Reverend John O'Brien, OMI, officiating]

[NB: death certificate for father, Hippolite Thomas, fisherman; residence Ahousat Reserve; born 1890, Opitsat Reserve, Tofino; parents unknown, both born Ahousat Reserve; married (wife Bessie Webster); d. 15 December 1969, Tofino General Hospital, aged 79; death certificate signed by son, Joseph Thomas, Ahousat, and doctor; buried by Tom Gibson, Ahsilmētis Cemetery, Tofino]

**Mary Vincent** (1948/8/10), [C]; Register #339; 9 yrs old; Kyuquot Band; residence Kyuquot; born 11 June 1939; parents Paul Vincent deceased, Emma Charlie; admitted 1 September 1947 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1899, 1943-4); d. Kyuquot Reserve; ear infection due to possible abscess of brain; death certificate signed by mother, Emma Vincent, Kyuquot Village, by Janet M Eard, RN, Kyuquot, and by Indian Agent; buried by Indians, Kyuquot Indian Cemetery [NB: quarterly return dated 30 **September** 1948 states: 'Died during holidays Aug. 10' (see LAC c-8764, p. 1467)] [NB: death certificate states name was **Mary Mercedes** Vincent]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Paul Vincent and Emma Charlie were married 9 February 1941, Kyuquot]

[NB: death certificate for father, Paul Vincent, states d. 2 July 1945, Zeballos, aged 49]

**Moses Tom\*** (1943/9/22), Register #275; 9 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; residence Kildonan; born 13 August 1934, Clayoquot; parents Felix Tom, born Hesquiat, Columba Manson, born Clayoquot; admitted 13 June 1943 (for application signed by father, medical exam ('Child does not appear very suitable for school'), admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1511, 1516, 1520, 1531, 1557-8, 1569); d. Kildonan; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Mrs Tom); buried Kildonan [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1943/9/21] [NB: quarterly return dated 30 September 1943 states 'Died at home Sept 22. Left school on Jul 1 after T.B. clinic held here. Kept on records to have him admitted to hospital. Discharge applied for.' (see LAC c-8764, p. 1264)] [NB: discharged 1 July 1943: 'T.B .' (see LAC c-8765, pp. 1598, 1600)]

[NB: brother of Andrew Tom above]

[NB: also brother of Albert Tom; Register #276; 7 yrs old; Hesquiat Band; admitted 13 June 1943 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8764, p. 1254, LAC c-8765, pp. 1511, 1516, 1520, 1553-4, 1569)]

[NB: also brother of Johnny Tom; Register #360; 10 yrs old; Clayuquot Band; parents Felix Tom, Columba Manson; admitted 21 July 1951 (for application signed by father and witnessed by Maurus McLean, medical exam, admission, approval see LAC c-8765, pp. 2124-5, 2141, 2165)]

**Pearl Michael** (1958/9/24), [C]; 12 yrs old; residence Nuchatlaht; born 31 October 1946, Esperanza; parents Albin Michael, born Nootka, Rosilia Smith, born Nuchatlaht; d. Tofino General Hospital; hyperkalaemia due to acute glomerulonephritis; death certificate signed by father, Albin Michael, (illegible) Ceepeecee, and doctor; buried by Indians at Queen's Cove, Ehattesah Cemetery, Ceepeecee [NB: death certificate states name was Pearl **Grace** Michael]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Alban Michael and Rosalia Jane Smith were married 17 December 1945, Ceepeecee]

**Rose Johnson** (1941/1/1), [C]; Register #273; 6 yrs old; Moachat Band; born Nootka; parents Sam Johnson, Agnes Murphy, both born Nootka; d. Christie Indian Residential School, Kakawis; cause of death unknown; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant J.P. Mulvihill, Kakawis); **buried Kakawis**; DIA inquiry (statement by doctor: 'This child had been well and without symptoms (except mild upper Resp. Infection) until immediate onset of illness. There appear to be no definite contributory cause(s) and, in the absence of autopsy, no immediate cause can be defined. '); recommended that coroner be involved in future in similar cases (see LAC c-8766, pp. 368-74) [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1941/4/10] [NB: letter dated 29 April 1941 from F.E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H., Acting Superintendent of Medical Services: 'In a case such as this, where cause of death is unknown, and where

the patient dies as suddenly as this child did, it would probably be advisable to report the circumstances to the Provincial coroner, who would probably deem it necessary to hold an inquest.’] [NB: discharged 10 April 1941: ‘Deceased’ (see LAC c-8765, p. 1431)]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Agnes Murphy Johnson, states d. 20 May 1936, Nootka, aged 18]

**Samson Mclean** (1949/3/21), [C]; Register #324; 8 yrs old; Moachat Band; residence Nootka; born 6 April 1940; parents Maurus McLean, Ida Brown; admitted 3 September 1948 (for admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 1956, 1969); d. Tofino General Hospital; epetaseis(?), measles, tuberculosis of lungs; autopsy; death certificate signed by doctor and Indian Agent; buried by Indians, Tofino Indian cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was **Bertram Sampson McLean**, while LAC c-8765, p. 1956, states name was **Bertrand Samson McLean**] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1949 states: ‘Ill in school – died March 21’ (see LAC c-8764, p. 1497)]

[NB: death certificate for father, Maurus McLean, commercial fisherman; residence Pulp Mill Road, Gold River; born 1 December 1919, Nootka; parents Tommy McLean, Maggie Napolian; widowed (wife Ida Brown); d. 21 March 1993, Campbell River General Hospital, aged 73; death certificate signed by grandson, Rudolph Dick, Gold River, and doctor; buried Gold River Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Ida Brown; residence 356 Union Street, Vancouver; born 1 December 1919, Clayquot; father Michael Brown, mother unknown; married; d. 9 December 1970, Vancouver General Hospital, aged 51; autopsy; death certificate signed by brother, Matthew Brown, 119 East Cordova Street, Vancouver, and doctor; buried Mount View Cemetery, Vancouver]

**Stanley Joseph\*** (1939/6/6), Register #224; 12 yrs old; Clayoquot Band; born Opitsat; parents Edward Joseph, born Opitsat, Annie Kolutsi(?), born Alberni; d. at home in Opitsat; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Opitsat; DIA inquiry (father present; see LAC c-8766, pp. 337-42) [NB: discharge applied for 29 June 1939: ‘Died.’ (see LAC c-8765, p. 1205)] [NB: principal’s statement at DIA inquiry: ‘Holidays began Ap. 11<sup>th</sup> Stanley was cared for at the school under Dr’s supervision until Ap 30<sup>th</sup> when, at parents’ request, the boy was allowed to go home on condition he remain in tent away from rest of family – He died at home – Recently another TB patient had lived & died in this house – After funeral, parents thanked principal for care & kindness shown’] [NB: Indian Agent’s statement at DIA inquiry: ‘Am satisfied that everything possible was done for this boy. Mother refused to have child sent to hospital but he was well cared for at home & at school Family history of tuberculosis’]

NB: death certificate for father, Edward Joseph, millworker; Clayoquot Band; residence Alberni; born 8 August 1898; parents Chief Joseph and Mary Joseph; married; d. 8. January 1949, West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, aged 50; death certificate signed by wife, Mrs Annie Joseph, Alberni, and doctor; buried Opitsat Reserve]

**Thomas Campbell** (1958/8/8), [C]; 10 yrs old; residence Ahousat; born 16 February 1948, Ahousat; parents Angus Peter Campbell, born Ahousat, Josephine Dick, born Hesquiat; d. Vancouver General Hospital; blast cell leukemia; death certificate signed by father, Angus Campbell, Ahousat, and doctor; buried Ahousat Indian Cemetery

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Angus Peter Campbell, fisherman, residence Ahousat, born Ahousat (parents Peter Campbell, born Clo-oose, Annie George), bachelor, aged 28, and Josephine Dick, residence Hesquiat, born Hesquiat (parents Thomas Dick, born Hesquiat, Scholastica Sabbas), spinster, aged 19, were married 12 November 1940, Office of Indian Agent, Port Alberni, witnesses James Lutye(?), A MacGregor, (illegible) P.B. Ashridge officiating]

[NB: sister Olga Josephine Campbell; Register #404, 7 yrs old; Ahousat Band; born 3 August 1945; parents Angus Campbell, Josephine Dick; admitted 24 November 1951 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8765, pp. 2184-9)]

[NB: sister Bella Matilda Campbell; Register #394; 7 yrs old; born 3 August 1943; Ahousat Band; parents Angus Campbell, Josephine Dick; had attended Ahousat Day School for 2 months; parents applied for admission 2 January 1951 (for application signed by father, medical exam, see LAC c-8765, pp. 2108-9)] [NB: admission refused by Ottawa by letter dated 3 February 1951 (see LAC c-8765, pp. 2112, 2188):

*This refers to the applications for the admission of Joseph Louie Tom and Bella Matilda Campbell to the Christie Indian Residential School.*

*In view of the fact that the Christie school is already over the authorized enrolment of 110, the Department feels that these admissions cannot be approved at this time.*

*It is noted that the parents in both cases are living and it is felt that these admissions can be delayed until September when some pupils are discharged.*

*This matter should be brought to the attention of the Department at a later date.]*

[NB: death certificate for grandmother, Scholastica Sabbas; Hesquiat Band; residence Hesquiat; born 25 December 1879, Hesquiat; parents unknown, both born Hesquiat; married; d. 15 December 1945, Nootka Mission General Hospital, aged 65; death certificate signed by daughter, Mrs Angus P Campbell, Ceepeecee, and doctor; buried by Louie Sabbas, Hesquiat Cemetery]

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