

## 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 Houli</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 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 Lejac Indian Residential School from 1934-1950 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8770, and insert the page number 484:

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

### **(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 Lejac 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 Lejac Indian Residential School for the years 1943-1952 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8767, and insert the page number 633:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2488751>

### **(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 Lejac Indian Residential School for the years 1938-1953 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8768, and insert the page number 2120:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2490620>

And also to this link for LAC c-8769, and insert the page number 6:

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

### **(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**

**Abel Evan Francois\*** (1917/3/2 – 1920/3/2), 13 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; d. Stuart Lake Mission; ‘tubercular, per E. Allard OMI, assistant priest, Fort St James, BC’; death certificate signed by Indian Agent [NB: death certificate states name was Abel Francois] [NB: death certificate states date of death was **1921/3/2**]

[NB: in a letter to Ottawa dated 18 May 1944 Chief Isadore of the Stellaco Band made reference to Abel Evan Francois’ death (see LAC c-8767, pp. 567-8):

*I wish to inform you about Indian Residential School at Lijact B.C., which every manager did unjustly in charge of that school ever since it was opened to the Indian children.*

*First of all, right after that school had been opened. Father J Alart was in charge. Because the little boy broke some eggs, that Father Alart kick him to death. And about few years ago, when four boys ran away from school for their holiday, frozen to death.*

*Also about three years ago, one boy was unloading a hundred pounds sacks, got hurt across his chest, and died on T.B.*

*Ever since that school was opened, Indian boys were imposed to do mostly heavy work on farm. The little boys were carrying the heavy wood to the boiler engine and kitchen. Men, who were employed were not doing much.*

*Therefore We are decided that this coming July holiday, we will never allow any children to go back to school.*

*Before the school was built. The Priests requested to have a residential school there. We were not asked about it. And if we knew this school were going to be wrong. We would have been asked for a day school.*

*Very truly yours, [mark] Chief Isadore]*

[NB: letter dated 29 May 1944 from Ottawa to Indian Agent (see LAC c-8767, p. 570):

*I attach a letter which we have just received from Chief Isadore. Some of the matters which he mentions in his letter occurred years ago and were fully investigated at the time and no blame was placed on any of the school staff. However, I thought that, as the Chief had considered the matter important enough to write to us, we should forward the letter to you, in order that you might discuss it with the Principal. Following this discussion you should report fully on the contents of the letter. When replying you should return the enclosed letter.]*

[NB: letter dated 13 June 1944 from principal to Indian Agent (see LAC c-8767, p. 578):

*With regard to the letter which Chief Isadore sent to Ottawa concerning the treatment of children at this school, I wish to make the following observations:-*

- 1. The Department already has the facts on the cases cited, except that of the boy who was injured unloading sacks, which is entirely without foundation in fact.*
- 2. As part of their training, the boys help with the work on the farm; but they are never called upon to do anything beyond their strength. All "heavy work" is done by the hired men.*
- 3. The little boys do carry the firewood to the kitchen. But, as this is cut into pieces 12 inches long, and they take only a few pieces at a time, such work is not too much for them. The boiler wood is hauled by the men to the door of the boiler room, where it is piled and then carried into the boiler room as required by the larger boys. Since we usually have about 20 boys on this chore, each one carries about three or four pieces each day.*
- 4. Personally, I am of the opinion that Chief Isadore's motive in writing this letter is a purely selfish one. He has a ten year old girl in his house, the daughter of Harry Paul, who is treated as a veritable slave. I have tried the past two years to prevail*

*upon him to send this girl to school without success. He is afraid that I will try again this fall.*

5. *The records of the Royal Commission, which came into this area in 1914, show that Chief Isadore was a leader in asking for the establishment of a Residential School here.*

6. *Investigation will probably show that Chief Isadore wrote this letter without the approval, or even a knowledge of the majority of his band. I would suggest that, before giving credence to such letters, the Department should require that they be signed by two of the Counsellors; or, as in the case of the Stellaco Band, by the Second Chief.*

[NB: for Indian petition for establishment of Lejac Indian Residential School, see LAC c-8767, pp. 136-7 ff.]

[NB: letter dated 14 June 1944 from Indian Agent to Ottawa (see LAC c-8767, p. 579):

*. . . I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Principal replying to the allegations. As you state in your letter, some of the matters mentioned were fully investigated years ago and no blame was placed on any of the school staff.*

*The children at the school receive the very best of care and treatment. The chores performed by the bigger boys are certainly not harmful to them in any way.*

*A number of older Indians do not realize the benefit and need of an education. Chief Isadore, in my belief, is only looking for an excuse to advise his people to keep the children at home next term. We have experienced some difficulty in rounding up the children in past years. It will be of considerable assistance to myself and the Principal if the Department would advise the Chief direct that no absenteeism will be tolerated and that action will be taken to enforce attendance. I believe the underlying motive behind complaints regarding Lejac Indian Residential School is that many of the Indians object to the children being away from home for ten months in the year and wish to see day schools established on the reserves. This of course is not practicable in many of the reserves of this agency.]*

**Alec Michel\*** (1940/1/1), Register #343; 13 yrs old; Stellako Band; parents Patrick Mechell, Mary Ketlo; d. parents' home, Stellako Reserve; pulmonary tuberculosis with lung abscess and pulmonary hemorrhage (4 months); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant mother, Mrs. Patrick Mechell), and doctor; buried Stellako Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was **Alexander Patrick Mechell**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1940/9/21] [NB: discharged September 1940, at school 4 years 3 months: 'Dead' (see LAC c-8768, p. 64)]

[NB: appears to be student who died of tuberculosis referenced in Chief Isadore's letter above]

[NB: death certificate for father, Patrick Michell; Band #22 Stellaquo; residence Stellaquo Indian Reserve; born 1883, Stellaquo Indian Reserve; parents unknown;

married (wife Mary Ketlo); d. 25 December 1963, Burns Lake and District Hospital, aged 80; death certificate signed by son, Alfred Michell, Fraser Lake, and doctor; buried by 'Indian Family', Stellaquo Indian Reserve Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Mary Ketlo; residence Stellaquo Indian Reserve; born 5 January 1888, Nautley; father Henry Dick, mother not known, both born Nautley; widowed (husband Patrick Michell); d. 26 July 1972, Burns Lake and District Hospital, aged 84; death certificate signed by niece, Nancy Chaver, Burns Lake, and doctor; buried by Frank George, Stellaquo Indian Reserve Cemetery]

[NB: sister Marie Michel, Register #441; 12 yrs old; Stellaco Band; parents Patrick Michel, Mary Ketlo; admitted 1 October 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam (as Marie **Patrick**), admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, p. 385-7, 393-4)]

[NB: sister Matilda Michel, Register #442; Stellaco Band; parents Patrick Michel, Mary Ketlo; admitted 1 October 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam (as Matilda **Patrick**), admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 385, 388-9, 393-4)]

**Alex C. Prince\*** (1944/3/31), Register #375; 12 yrs old; Portage Band; parents Alec C. Prince deceased, Sarah J. Marie; admitted September 1938 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2193-4, 2198-9, 2203); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; pulmonary tuberculosis, internal hemorrhage; death certificate signed by doctor and Indian Agent; buried Fort St James [NB: death certificate states name was **Alec** Prince] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1944/2/2] [NB: death certificate states name of father **unknown**, mother Sarah **Wassa**] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1944 states: 'Dead' (see LAC c-8767, p. 700)] [NB: discharged 31 March 1944, at school 5 years: 'Dead'; letter from Ottawa 6 April 1944 querying whether died at school, hospital, or at home; reply dated 13 April 1944 states TB patient, died in hospital (see LAC c-8769, pp. 603-4, 612)]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Charley Prince and Jean Marie Sarah were married 31 December 1929]

[NB: death certificate for father, Charlie Prince, trapper; Fort St James Band; born Fort St James; parents Joseph and Celina Prince, both born Fort St James; d. 27 January 1931, Tatcee Indian Reserve, aged 34; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Grace E. Bloomfield, Fort St James); buried Fort St James Catholic Cemetery]

[NB: certificate for mother's second marriage states Joachin (Wassa) Leon, hunter and trapper, Fort St James Band, born Fort St James (parents Leon, born Fort St James, and Agathe), widower, aged 46, and Sarah Jean Marie, Portage Band, born Portage (parents Jean Marie Joseph, born Trembleur Lake, Louise (or Angelica?) John), widow of Charly Prince, aged 24, were married 3 July 1935, Fort St James, witnesses Kevin Basil Sam, Mrs Leon Prince, Reverend Leo Barre(?), OMI, officiating]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Sarah Jean Marie (under name Sarah Leon); residence Nakaz'dli Reserve #19, Fort St James; born 18 December 1908, Portage; parents Jean Marie Joseph, Angelica John, both born Portage; widowed (husband Wassa Leon); d. 24 March 1992, Prince George Regional Hospital, aged 83; death certificate signed by daughter, Rose Thomas, Ewert Street, Prince George, and doctor; buried Fort St James Municipal Cemetery; see Find A Grave:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182824049/sarah-leon>

**Alfred Wilson** (1935/7/25), [C]; Register #323; 12 yrs old; Hagwilget Band, Thene Tribe; parents Mitchell Wilson and Jennie Aupp [sic for Hoph], both deceased; d. Hagwilget near Hazelton (left school about 17 June 1935, and died at home during the summer holidays); acute pulmonic phthisis due to chronic pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Rev. A. Godfrey, OMI, Smithers); buried Hagwilget 25 July 1935; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 491-500) [NB: death certificate states name was **Charles Albert** Wilson and date of death was 1935/7/23] [NB: statement by principal at DIA inquiry: 'As soon as Alfred Wilson came to the School I noticed that he did not want to play at all.'] [NB: statement by doctor at DIA inquiry: 'On admission was found to be suffering from chronic pulmonary T.B., not so acute as to justify refusing admission but was kept under observation. Did very well throughout the winter until May, 1935 when he began to fail.'] [NB: statement by Indian Agent at DIA inquiry:

*It is a debateable question whether or not it might have been advisable to have discharged the pupil soon after admission, but the Doctor felt that he might have had a better chance of improving in health at school than at home, furthermore, the child would never admit that he was sick although it was apparent to the Principal and the Nurse that he was not as lively or as energetic as he should be. Again, I may say that it was May 1935 before the boy showed any definite signs of failing in health but the Doctor said that on account of it being so near the end of the term that he did not deem it necessary to discharge him before the school closed for the annual holidays. I have however, instructed both the Doctor and Nurse not to take chances in future should a pupil's health soon after admission become a matter of speculation as to what is the best thing to do. In the case of Active or open cases of T.B. immediate discharge.*

*I would strongly recommend that in future a strict examination (medical) be given every pupil in this school within a month or six weeks after the opening of the school each year at the end of the school holidays, or after admission should it take place other than at the beginning of the term. When this examination is made it should be properly recorded on a card or a suitable book for the purpose which would be kept in the school. This would also assist the Principal and Nurse in case of occasional sickness among individual pupils during the school term. I might also say that this examination is to be made irrespective of the examinations given by the various Doctors of the reserves from which the children come and which are recorded in the application for admission Forms. The enquiry was held at the School and Indian Agent Mortimer was in attendance, as the deceased child was a member of his Agency. Mr. Mortimer informs me that both parents of this deceased pupil died some years ago from T.B. Should this recommendation meet with the approval of the Department I would respectfully request that they supply me with a book or cards*



*which can be used for the examination as well as an outline of the examination to be given by the Medical Officer at the School. R.K. Moore.]*

[NB: DIA inquiry includes additional correspondence concerning need for better medical examinations]

[NB: 1921 census of Hagwilget Reserve shows Abraham Wilson, aged 50, Mary Wilson, aged 48, nine children including son Michael Wilson, aged 17]

[NB: 1921 census shows Mrs Charlie Hoph ('Deaf'), Hazelton Reserve, 3 children Jennie, aged 18, Irene, and John]

[NB: death certificate for father, Michael Michelle Wilson, labourer, hunter, trapper; Hagwilget Band, Thini Tribe; born Hagwilget; parents Abraham Wilson, Mary Alexander, both born Hagwilget; d. 4 March 1933, Hagwilget, aged 29; widowed; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend A Godfrey, OMI, Smithers); buried Hagwilget]

**Allen Patrick Willie** (1937/1/1), Register #339; 8 yrs old; Nautley Band (also called Fraser Lake Band, now Nadleh Whut'en First Nation); d. Fraser Lake (see circumstances below); coroner's inquest; buried Nautley (Fort Fraser) Indian Reserve No. 1; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 505-539) [NB: DIA inquiry states name was Allen Willie and **Willie Allen**] [NB: *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* states parents were Benoit Willie (d. 29 Sept. 1929), Amelia François:

[http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/willie\\_allen\\_patrick\\_14E.html](http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/willie_allen_patrick_14E.html)

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Benoit Willie, trapper, Fort Fraser Band, born Fort Fraser (father Willie, born Fort Fraser, mother Mary Thomas), bachelor, aged 25, and Emilia Francois, Fort Fraser Band, born Fort Fraser (father Francois, born Fort Fraser, mother Marie), spinster, aged 19, were married 1 May 1925, Fraser Lake, witnesses Camille, Marie Francois, Reverend N Coccola, OMI, Lejac, officiating]

[NB: death certificate for father, Benoit Willie, trapper; Fraser Lake Band; born Fraser Lake Indian Reserve; father William, mother Marie Thomas, both born Fraser Lake Indian Reserve; d. 29 September 1929, Fraser Lake Indian Reserve, aged 30; tuberculosis of lungs; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Fraser Lake Indian Reserve]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Amelia Francois (as Mrs Sylvester Patrick), trapper; Fraser Lake Band; born Fraser Lake; parents Francois Joe, born Fraser Lake Indian Reserve, Louise Louie, born Cheslatta; d. 15 June 1938, Fraser Lake Indian Reserve, aged 31; 'Tuberculosis:-Sick two years'; buried Fraser Lake Indian Cemetery; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Chief Maxine George, Fort Fraser)]

[NB: Amelia Francois was also the mother of **Elizabeth Patrick** (see entry below)]

[NB: Allen Patrick Willie's death is referenced in Chief Isadore's letter above ('four boys ran away from school for their holiday, frozen to death.')] ]

[NB: evidence at DIA inquiry established that parents did not come to school to visit on New Year's day as other parents did, boys asked Bishop for permission to go home to visit parents, were refused, but some staff understood they had been given permission, five boys left in late afternoon, four boys froze to death while trying to reach the Nautley Reserve across Fraser Lake, parents did not assist in search when they learned boys were missing, only one father and one mother testified at inquiry]

[NB: for testimony of Allen Patrick Willie's stepfather, Sylvester Patrick, at DIA inquiry, see LAC c-8767, pp. 433-4:

*Commissioner:- Did you hear any complaints from him regarding treatment received while at the School?*

*S. Patrick:- He said he did not get proper food.*

*Commissioner:- Did he say anything about being punished at any time?*

*S. Patrick:- He did not complain.*

*Commissioner:- Did your boy ever run away from the School before?*

*S. Patrick:- When he was a little boy and first went to the School another boy got him to run away with him. He was taken back and never ran away after that.*

*Commissioner:- Did he complain about the School?*

*S. Patrick:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- Because he was punished.*

*S. Patrick:- No, he did not like the School.*

*Commissioner:- You were punished yourself.*

*S. Patrick:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- How were you punished?*

*S. Patrick:- With straps, sticks or anything.*

*Commissioner:- Do you mean you were strapped on the bare hands?*

*S. Patrick:- Yes, we were strapped on the bare hands and sometimes they would take our pants down and give us a good licking.*

*Commissioner:- Were they very severe?*

*S. Patrick:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- Who did the punishing?*

*S. Patrick:- The sisters did quite a lot of it.*

*Commissioner:- Is there any sister at the school now whom you knew who punished the children herself?*

*S. Patrick:- Yes, Sister Michelas, punished too hard. She was my teacher at Fort St. James when I was at the School there. . . .*

*Commissioner:- You think there is excessive punishment from time to time?*

*S. Patrick:- Yes, I think so.]*

[NB: see entry for **Elizabeth Patrick** below establishing that Sylvester Patrick asked the school to take in his own children after the death of his wife, Amelia Francois]

[NB: for Louie George's testimony at inquiry, see LAC c-8767, pp. 437-8:

*Commissioner MacKay:- Were you at the School Near Year's Day?*

*L. George:- Yes. . . .*

*Commissioner:- You saw the boys then at the school?*

*L. George:- One boy here, all I see, Willie Allen. . . .*

*L. George:- Yes, just see one, I have no boy stop School now, I have girl there, I just go to see her.*

*Commissioner:- You did not talk to Allen Willie?*

*L. George:- No I did not talk to Allen Willie.*

*Commissioner:- He did not ask to come with you?*

*L. George:- No.*

*Commissioner:- Does your girl complain about the treatment at the School? How old is she?*

*L. George:- About 9 years. She like the School. I like too. My boy out of School now like the School, he is 17 years old now.*

*Commissioner:- Are the teachers good to the children?*

*L. George:- Good for my girl. We think good for children go to School.*

*Commissioner:- Do the boys or girls complain that they are whipped?*

*L. George:- No, they never do that. My boy run away one time. I take car next day and take back as soon as I find him.*

*Commissioner:- Was he whipped when he got back?*

*L. George:- I can't tell you that. He did not tell me. . . .*

*Commissioner: Have you anything against the School?*

*L. George:- I like the School. My children like the School. They are treated very well.]*

[NB: for Mrs. Sylvester Patrick's testimony at inquiry, see LAC c-8767, p. 439:

*Commissioner McKay:- Did you go to the Indian School?*

*Mrs. S. Patrick:- Yes, I went to the Indian School when it was at Fort St James before they moved it to Lejac. They did not treat us right there . . . .*

*Commissioner:- Did your boy complain about punishment any time?*

*Mrs. S. Patrick:- Lots of times they punish him and some times he nearly run away.*

*Commissioner:- Did he run away?*

*Mrs. S. Patrick:- First time he run away with other boy.*

*Commissioner:- Did he like the School?*

*Mrs. S. Patrick:-Yes he like it. . . .*

*Commissioner:- Have you heard other complaints about the School?*

*Mrs. S. Patrick:- I heard lots of complaints they kick them and everything.]*

**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; death certificate signed by doctor; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 486-90) [NB: DIA inquiry states name was Alphonsine **Dominic** or **Dominick**] [NB: statement by Indian Agent at DIA inquiry: 'Every possible attention given to this girl. I talked with the nursing Sister and saw her myself four days before she died. The father of the girl attended the inquiry.'] [NB: statement by doctor at DIA inquiry: Every care was taken. I was notified regularly as to condition and progress.']

[NB: 1921 census shows Dominic family, Babine Reserve, father Johnny, aged 25, mother Justine, aged 29, son Soloman, aged 6, daughters Mary, Lucy; also, as separate family, 2 sisters, Mary Dominic, aged 25, Lucy Dominic, aged 18]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Justine Dominic; residence New Hazelton; born 6 November 1888, Moricetown; father Charlie, mother unknown, both born Moricetown; married (husband Johnny Dominic); d. 3 May 1969, Miller Bay Indian Hospital, Prince Rupert, aged 80; death certificate signed by sister-in-law, Mrs Mary Tom, 812-2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West, Prince Rupert, and doctor; buried Moricetown Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Josephine Dominic; Fort Babine Band, Thini; born Fort Babine; parents John Dominic, born Fort Babine, Justine Charles, born Moricetown; d. 3 January 1935, Fort Babine, aged 14; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend A Godfrey, OMI); buried Fort Babine]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Solomon Dominic; Babine Band; born 12 September 1917, Babine; parents John Dominic, Justine Charlie; married; d. 3 October 1945, Hagwilget Reserve near New Hazelton, aged 28; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Hagwilget]

**Andrew H. Paul** (1937/1/1), Register #324; 8 yrs old; Stony Creek Reserve; father Harry Paul; d. Fraser Lake (see below); coroner's inquest; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 505-539)

[NB: Andrew H. Paul's death referenced in Chief Isadore's letter above ('four boys ran away from school for their holiday, frozen to death.')] ]

[NB: Harry Paul referenced in principal's letter dated 13 June 1944 above: '*4. Personally, I am of the opinion that Chief Isadore's motive in writing this letter is a purely selfish one. He has a ten year old girl in his house, the daughter of Harry Paul, who is treated as a veritable slave.*'] ]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Harry Paul, labourer, Fraser Lake Band, born Quesnel (parents Paul and Ooli), bachelor, aged 20, and Martine George, Stony Creek Band, born Stony Creek (parents George Felix, Helene), widow, aged 22, were married 16 October 1922, Fraser Lake Church, witnesses William (illegible), Isaac Patrick, Reverend N Coccola, OMI, officiating]

[NB: evidence at DIA inquiry established that parents did not come to school to visit on New Year's day as other parents did, boys asked Bishop for permission to go home to visit parents, were refused, but some staff understood they had been given permission, five boys left in late afternoon, four boys froze to death while trying to reach the Nautley Reserve across Fraser Lake, parents did not assist in search when they learned boys were missing, only one father and one mother testified at inquiry]

[NB: for Harry Paul's testimony at inquiry, taken in home of Louie George, see LAC c-8767, pp. 431-2:

*Commissioner McKay:- Your boy Andrew Paul was eight years old and attended school?*

*Harry Paul:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- When was the first time you heard your boy was missing?*

*Harry Paul:- January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 o'clock.*

*Commissioner:- Who told you this?*

*Harry Paul:- The people here.*

*Commissioner:- What did you do then?*

*Harry Paul:- I did not do anything. . . .*

*Commissioner:- Did your boy at any time complain about the treatment received at the School?*

*Harry Paul:- He told me he liked to stay there. He had good treatment there.*

*Commissioner:- Did your boy run away from the School any time before?*

*Harry Paul:- No, he liked to stay in the School.]*

**Andrew Sam** (1939/12/1 – 1939/12/31), Register #372; 13 yrs old; Topley Band (Hagwilget); parents Matthew Sam, Rosy Patrick; admitted 8 September 1938 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8786, pp. 2156-7, 2160, 2200, 2202); place of death unknown; buried Moricetown Reserve Cemetery? [NB: discharged September 1940, at school 2 years: 'Dead' (see LAC c-8768, pp. 64, 66)] [NB: letter from G.C. Mortimer, Indian Agent, to Ottawa re admission: 'I wish to advise you that the Principal of the Lejac Indian Residential school has forwarded me the enclosed forms for the admission of Andrew, Mabel and Philip Sam. As these children reside some 120 miles East of Hazelton in a district where there is no Medical Practitioner, the Principal of Lejac had the children sent to the school and there examined by the Doctor. . . .']

[NB: brother Philip Sam, Register #371; 9 yrs old; admitted at same time (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2154-5, 2200, 2202); discharged July 1941, at school 2 years: 'Did not return last year' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 129-131)]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Philip Sam, logger; residence Topley; born 19 November 1928; parents Mathew Sam, Rose Patriel; single; d. 30 January 1949, St Joseph's Oriental Hospital, Vancouver, aged 20; death certificate signed by father, Matthew Sam, Topley, and doctor; buried Topley]

[NB: sister Mabel Sam, Register #351; 10 yrs old; also admitted at same time (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2158-9, 2201-2); discharged July 1941, at school 2 years: 'Did not return last year' (see LAC c-1869, pp. 126, 131); in later life House Chief Kelah (see:

<https://leap.unep.org/countries/ca/national-case-law/canadian-forest-products-inc-v-sam>

[NB: death certificate for father, Mathew Sam; residence Sam Road, Topley; Hagwilget Band; born Hagwilget; father surnamed Sam, mother unknown; married (wife Rosie Patrick); d. 29 November 1977, Burns Lake District Hospital, aged 88; death certificate signed by daughter, Mabel Crick, Topley, and doctor; buried Moricetown Reserve Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Rosy Patrick; Moricetown Band; residence Sam Road, Topley; born 15 February 1889, Hagwilget; father "Old" Patrick, mother unknown; widowed (husband Matthew Sam); d. 7 March 1978, Burns Lake & District Hospital, aged 89; death certificate signed by daughter, Mabel Crick, Topley, and doctor; buried Moricetown Reserve Cemetery]

**Bernice Billy** (1946/1/1), [C]; Register #462; 16 yrs old; Squamish Band; parents Moses Billy, Bertha Charlie; admitted 23 February 1944 (for application signed by Indian Agent, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 598-601); d. Vancouver General Hospital; tuberculous meningitis, miliary TB; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant mother, Bertha Billy), and doctor; buried Squamish Cemetery [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1946/9/13] [NB: death certificate states mother was Bertha **Dominick**] [NB: quarterly return dated 30 September 1946 shows her absent that quarter; states: 'Ask discharge' (see LAC c-8767, p. 883)] [NB: discharged 31 August 1946, at school 2 years 4 months: 'Died at home.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 84)] [NB: letter re her admission dated 25 February 1944 from Indian Agent to Ottawa: 'Recently we have had another unfortunate incident. Two girls aged 14 and 15 respectively, pupils at St. Pauls Squamish Indian Residential School, ran away and were missing for a week. When they returned, the Sister Superior refused to re-admit them, as they had been living with some Unites States sailors in a rooming house in Vancouver. One of these girls, Bernice Billy, aged, 14 was taken to Lejac Residential School, which is operated by the same religious order as St Pauls Squamish Residential School. It was thought that by sending her away from Vancouver, she might have a chance to reform.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 597)]

[NB: letter to Ottawa from Indian Agent dated 8 March 1944: 'I enclose herewith an application for the admission to Lejac Indian Residential School of Bernice Billy, Squamish Band. This girl, with Elsie Gonzales, ran away from Squamish Indian Residential School last month and we had considerable trouble locating her. As this is not the first time she has run away from the School, it was thought best to send her to Lejac.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 600)]

[NB: death certificate for father, Moses Billy, retired logger; Squamish Band; residence Brackendale Indian Reserve, Brackendale; born 7 November 1905, Squamish; parents Williams Billy, Molly Tom, both born Squamish; married (wife Bertha Charlie); d. 23 June 1979, Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, aged 73; autopsy; death certificate signed by son, Charles F. Billy, Stawamus Reserve, Squamish; buried Brackendale Indian Cemetery, Brackendale]

**Bertha Pierre\*** (1944/6/29), Register #385; 12 yrs old; Fort Grahame Band 10B (Takla Lake Band?); parents Frank Pierre and Harriette Pius, both deceased; admitted 1 September 1940 (for application, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-

8769, pp. 44-5, 63, 65-6); d. St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver; intrathoracic goitre developing on a pre-existing intrathoracic goitre, thyrotoxicosis; operation (thyroidectomy); death certificate signed by doctor; buried Vancouver [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1944/7/2] [NB: discharged 30 June 1944, at school 3 years 9 months: 'Died: St Paul's Vancouver, 6-29-30.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 641)] [NB: quarterly return dated 30 June 1944 states: 'Hospital Vancouver 5-25-44, died 6-29-44' (see LAC c-8767, p. 724)] [NB: return states she was **11** yrs old]

[NB: letter from Indian Agent to Ottawa dated 22 July 1940 re circumstances of admission (see LAC c-8769, p. 26):

*I would like to have Mary Magdalene Pierre, age 11 years and Bertha, age 9 years, orphans of the Fort Graham Band admitted to the Lejac Indian Residential School. These orphans now reside with Isadore Joe, North Takla landing Indian Reserve. I visited this family recently and would report the home is indescribably filthy and positively unfit for youngsters to live in. Miss Finan the teacher at Takla Landing Seasonal School states the girls are quite bright and anxious to go to the Residential School and get away from their present surroundings.*

*The Rev. Principal has a full quota of pupils for the coming school year, but he is willing to accept the two girls providing they can be admitted as supernumerarys covered by grant and their transportation paid from Takla Landing to Vanderhoof. Transportation costs would amount to approximately \$12.00 each. Both girls have been medically examined, Bertha has a huge goitre which should be attended to otherwise their health is satisfactory.*

*I am convinced the best place for these orphans is in the Residential school and would recommend, if possible, that the school grant be increased to cover maintenance and the expenditure authorised for their transportation to school.]*

[NB: letter dated 3 July 1940 from Ottawa to Indian Agent (see LAC c-8769, p. 27):

*I am in receipt of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, with reference to two orphan children of the Fort Grahame Band whom you consider require institutional care.*

*Owing to the reduction in our Appropriation for tuition grants, it is not possible to allow payment for supernumeraries during the current fiscal year. The two children whom you mention appear to be very deserving cases and it is felt that the Principal of the Lejac School should make some arrangements to accept them even though supernumerary grant is not allowed. It is quite possible that there are a number of children in the school who could be discharged and in this manner vacancies would be created for those actually in need.]*

[NB: mentioned in principal's report for quarter ended 30 June 1944 (see LAC c-8769, p. 640):

*Health. This has been fairly good. We had a dental clinic, and the dentist was amazed at the good condition of the teeth of the older children who had been in school for several years. The general state of the teeth of the new children was quite bad.*



*The T.B. Clinic took X-rays of about 24 children; but, for the first time since this survey was begun, we did not have to send a single child to the Sanatarium.*

*One girl, Bertha Pierre, was sent to St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver for further treatment for goitre. Today, a telegram came announcing that she had died June 29<sup>th</sup>, without any explanation.]*

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Frank Pierre, hunter, Fort Grahame Band, born Fort Grahame (parents Pierre, born Fort Grahame, and Annie), bachelor, aged 25, and Henriette, hunter, residence Fort Grahame, born Bear Lake (parents Thomas, born Bear Lake, and Sarah), spinster, aged 20, were married 2 July 1925, Fort Grahame, witnesses Alex Pierre, Thomas, Reverend L. Plamondon, OMI, Industrial School, Fraser Lake, officiating]

[NB: sister Mary Madeleine Pierre, Register #384, 10 yrs old, admitted at same time (for application, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 46-7, 63, 65-6) [NB: discharged September 1945, aged 16, at school 5 years: 'failed to return' (see LAC c-8769, p. 951) [NB: see also quarterly return dated 30 September 1945: 'ask discharge' (LAC c-8767, p. 827)]

**Dan Hunter** (date of death unknown), [C]; Register #496; 9 yrs old; Fort Grahame Band; parents Alphonse Hunter deceased and Julia Pierre; admitted 26 June 1946 as Dan Hunter and on 15 July 1946 as Dan **Pierre** (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, and confusion caused by admission under different surnames, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1002-3, 1006-7, 1088, 1094, 1098); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; tuberculosis meningitis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Lejac Indian Residential School [NB: death certificate states date of death was **1947/2/2**] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1947 states name was Dan **Pierre**, and that he was **7** yrs old] [NB: return states: 'Died Hospital Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> (see LAC c-8767, p. 893)] [NB: reason for burial at Lejac likely that death occurred in February, only method of transportation to Fort Grahame was mail plane in summer (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1257-8)] [NB: for photo of grave under name '**Danny Pierre**', see Find A Grave:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/193226666/danny-pierre>

[NB: for circumstances of admission see letter dated 24 July 1945 from Indian Agent to Ottawa (LAC c-8769, p. 1007):

*I beg to enclose herewith, Voucher No. 528 in favour of the Canadian Pacific Air Lines, for transportation for Dan Hunter, 8 years, and Anna Thomas, 7 years, of the Fort Grahame Band, enroute Lejac Indian Residential School. Both these children were decidedly in the underprivileged class, and it is essential for their future welfare, that they be admitted to Lejac Indian Residential school. I am enclosing herewith, application for admission for these children for the Department's approval.]*

[NB: 1921 census shows Betsy Hunter, aged 45, head of household (Class of House: Tepee), son Alphonse, aged 10, daughter Mary, aged 8, two lodgers]

[NB: marriage certificate states Alphonse Hunter, trapper, Fort Grahame Band, born Fort Grahame (parents Louis Hunter, born Fort Grahame, and Betsy), bachelor, aged 26, and Julia Pierre, trapper, Fort Grahame Band, born Fort Grahame (parents Charlie Pierre, born Fort Grahame, and Annie Tsygal), spinster, aged 17, were married 15 July 1939, Fort Grahame, witnesses Alec and Antoinette Pierre, Reverend Bishop Coudert, OMI, officiating]

[NB: death certificate for father, Alphonse Hunter, trapper; Fort Grahame Band; born Fort Grahame; parents Lewis and Betsy Hunter, both born Fort Grahame; d. 15 March 1943, Fort Grahame, aged 32; 'Died on trapline from influenza'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend A. Royer, Fort McLeod); buried Fort Grahame Indian Cemetery]

[NB: marriage certificate for mother's second marriage states Julia Hunter married Isidore Jzonni, Fort Grahame, 6 June 1945]

**Dora Julien\*** (1927/1/1), 7 yrs old; Stuart Lake Band; parents Frank and Mary Julian; d. Lejac Indian Residential School; tuberculosis of lung, influenza; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Dr D.B. Lazier); buried Fraser Lake Residential School [NB: death certificate states name was Dora **Frank**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1927/3/12] [NB: Find A Grave has photo of grave under name Dora **Julian**:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/193226810/dora-julian>

[NB: marriage certificate for father's second marriage states Athanase (Frank) Julien, hunter, Stuart Lake Band, Denes Tribe, born Stuart Lake (parents Thomas Julien, Marie Eugenie Kwa), widower, aged 27, and Mary Todd, Stuart Lake Band, Denes Tribe, born Stuart Lake (parents Donald Todd, Elizabeth Kwa), spinster, aged 22, were married 1 January 1917, Roman Catholic Mission, Stuart Lake, witnesses Thomas Julien, Leon Prince, Reverend J Allard, OMI, officiating]

[NB: 1921 census for Stuart Lake Reserve shows Frank Julian, aged 29, trapper; wife Mary, aged 25; children William, aged 4; Francesca, aged 2; Laura, aged 1]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Mary Todd; Fort St James Band; parents Donald Todd, born Red River, and Elizabeth, born Fort George; married; d. 2 August 1927, Fort St James Indian Reserve, aged 37; 'Paralysis – illness lasted 18 months'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Grace E Bloomfield, Stuart Lake); buried Roman Catholic Cemetery]

[NB: marriage certificate for father's third marriage states Frank Athanase Julien, trapper, Fort St James Band, born Fort St James (parents Thomas Julien, born Fort St James, Marie Eugenie), widower, aged 40, and Eulalie Jerome Michel, Fort St James Band, born Fort St James (parents Jerome Michel, born Fort St James, Cecile), spinster, aged 16, were married 24 January 1930, Fort St James, witnesses Aleck McKinnon, Frances Sam, Reverend J Allard, OMI, officiating]

[NB: death certificate for father's third wife, Eulalie D Michel Julian; Fort St James Band; born Fort St James; parents **Daniel** and Cecile Michel, both born Fort St James;

married; d. 3 March 1942, Necoslie Indian Reserve, aged 28; 'T.B. Sick one year'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend P.J. Hettrich, OMI, Fort St James); buried Fort St James]

[NB: marriage certificate for brother, William Julien, states William Julian, trapper, Fort St James Band, born Fort St James (parents Frank Julian, born Fort St James, Mary Todd), bachelor, aged 27, and Lillian Murdoch, Pinchi Lake Band, born Pinchi Lake (parents Frank Murdoch, born Pinchi Lake, Annie Dominic), spinster, aged 16, were married 10 June 1944, Vanderhoof, witnesses Ignald and Annie Somme, Reverend J. Pogrisy, OMI, officiating]

[NB: marriage certificate for sister, Francesca Julien, states Frederic Charlie, trapper, Fort St James Band, born Fort St James (parents Charlie Charles, born Fort St James, Marie Jeanne), bachelor, aged 23, and Francesca Julien, Fort St James Band, born Fort St James (parents Frank Julien, born Fort St James, Mary Todd), spinster, aged 17, were married 9 February 1937, Fort St James Roman Catholic Church, witnesses Mr and Mrs Solomon Prince, Reverend M. Murie officiating]

[NB: half-brother John Julien, Register #403; 9 yrs old; Fort St James Band; parents Frank Julien, Eulalie Daniel; admitted 1 September 1940 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8769, pp. 52-3, 64) [NB: readmitted 18 September 1943 as John F Julien, parents Frank Julien, Evalie Daniel deceased (for application signed by father, medical exam, see LAC c-8769, pp. 484-5) [NB: readmitted again 18 September 1945 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 901-2, 906-7, 948); see also quarterly return dated 30 September 1945: 'Re-admit' (LAC c-8767, p. 817)] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1946 shows absent for quarter: 'ask discharge' (see LAC c-8767, p. 903)] [NB: discharged 31 December 1946, at school 3 years: 'Failed to return' (see LAC c-8769, p. 1141)] [NB: return and discharge show Register #402]

[NB: half-sister Mabel Frank Julian, Register #392; 7 yrs old; Fort St James Band; parents Athanase (Frank) Julien, Eulalie Michel or Daniel; admitted 3 January 1941 (for application signed by father, medical exam ('slightly undernourished'), admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 78-82, 117)]

[NB: half-sister Florence (Frank) Julian, Register #445; 6 yrs old; Fort St James Band; parents Frank Julien, Eullalie Daniel deceased; admitted 1 September 1943 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8769, pp. 458-9, 517)]

[NB: death certificate for father, Frank Julian, surveyor for government, trapper; Necoslie Band #11; residence Necoslie Reserve #66, Fort St James; born 23 March 1889, Fort St James; parents Thomas Julian, Marie Eugenie Kwa, both born Fort St James; married (wife Bella Todd); d. 7 October 1982, Stuart Lake Hospital, Fort St James, aged 93; death certificate signed by son, Arthur(?) Julian, Fort St James, and doctor; buried by family of Frank Duggan, Catholic Cemetery, Fort St James]

**Edward Austin\*** (1917/1/1 – 1920/1/1), 14 yrs old; Grand Rapids Band; d. Stuart Lake; 'pleurisy(?), about 2 years per E. Allard OMI, assistant priest, Fort St James,

BC'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent [NB: death certificate states date of death was **1921/3/4**] [NB: likely not a student]

**Edward F. Antoine** (1946/1/1), [C]; Register #472; 11 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; parents Frank Antoine, Eulalie Alexis; admitted 5 September 1944 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 698-9, 722, 725, 727); d. Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent; buried by father, Frank Antoine, Stony Creek Indian Reserve Cemetery [NB: discharged 31 December 1946, at school 2 years: 'Died at home T.B.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 1141)] [NB: death certificate states name was Edward Antoine] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1946/**11/8**] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1946 states: 'Died at home. Ask discharge' (see LAC c-8767, p. 907)]

[NB: birth certificate for mother, Eulalie Alexis; Stony Creek Band; parents Alexis and Maria, born 18 April 1897, Stony Creek Indian Reserve]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Eulalie Alexis; Stony Creek Band; residence Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof; born 18 April 1900, Stony Creek Indian Reserve; parents Alec Alexis, born Fort St James, Amelia George, born Fraser Lake; married (husband Frank Antoine); d. 18 April 1969, St John Hospital, Vanderhoof, aged 69; death certificate signed by daughter, Mary John, Vanderhoof, and doctor; buried Stony Creek Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for father, Frank Antoine; Stony Creek Band; residence Stony Creek Reserve, Vanderhoof; born 18 June 1893; parents unknown; widowed (wife Eulalie Alexis); d. 23 February 1979 at home, Stony Creek Reserve, aged 95; death certificate signed by daughter, Mary Rose John, Vanderhoof, and doctor; buried by daughter Mary Rose John at Stony Creek Cemetery]

**Elizabeth Patrick** (1946/4/30), [C]; Register #358; 14 yrs old; Fraser Lake Band (Fort Fraser Band); parents Sylvester Patrick, Amelia Francois; admitted 1 November 1938 (for request by father, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2204, 2211, 2227, 2229); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; pulmonary tuberculosis (miliary); death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Fraser Lake Indian Reserve Cemetery [NB: discharged July 1946, in school 7 years: 'Died in hospital 4/30/46' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1008, 1010)] [NB: discharge states she was **12** years old] [NB: quarterly return dated 30 June 1946 states: 'Died in Hospital 4/30/46. Ask discharge' (see LAC c-8767, p. 843)]

NB: letter dated 28 October 1938 from principal to Indian Agent (see LAC c-8768, p. 2204):

*Sylvester Patrick, an Indian of the Fort Fraser Reserve, has approached me with the request that I take his two young children into the school. The children are Elizabeth, 6 years old, and Holland, about 5 years old.*

*As you are aware, Amelia Patrick, the mother of the children in question, died last May; so there is no one in the family who can give proper care to the children. Sylvester of course, has to work and is away from home the greater part of the time.*

*However, I told Sylvester that I would refer the case to you. At the present time we have 168 children residing at the school, 8 over our per capita allowance; and there is a probability that this number will be increased by the return to the school of some of the children who did not come back after the holidays. . . .]*

[NB: letter dated 3 November 1938 from Indian Agent to Ottawa (see LAC c-8768, p. 2211):

*. . . The two children of Sylvester Patrick mentioned in the Principal's letter should really be at the school, although one of them is only five years old. There was T.B. in this family on both of the parent's sides and while these children are perfectly healthy with no sign of T.B. it will only be a matter of time until they are affected unless properly cared for, and this cannot be done by their father alone and there are no suitable relatives on the father's side to look after them and certainly none on the mother's side.]*

[NB: brother, Colin S. Patrick, Register #447; 8 yrs old; Fort Fraser Band; parents Sylvester Patrick, Amelia Francois, both deceased; admitted 1 September 1943 (for application signed by grandmother, Mrs Edward William, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 518, 539-40, 546)]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Amelia Francois, trapper; Fraser Lake Band; born Fraser Lake Indian Reserve; parents Francois Joe, born Fraser Lake Indian Reserve, Louise Louie, born Cheslatta; married; d. 15 June 1938, Fraser Lake Indian Reserve, aged 31; 'Tuberculosis:-Sick two years'; buried Fraser Lake Indian Cemetery; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant chief Maxine George, Fort Fraser)]

[NB: certificate for mother's first marriage states Benoit Willie, trapper, Fort Fraser Band, born Fort Fraser (father Willie, born Fort Fraser, mother Mary Thomas), bachelor, aged 25, and Emilia Francois, Fort Fraser Band, born Fort Fraser (father Francois, born Fort Fraser, mother Marie), spinster, aged 19, were married 1 May 1925, Fraser Lake, witnesses Camille, Marie Francois, Reverend N. Coccola, OMI, Lejac, officiating] [NB: see entry for **Allen Patrick Willie** above]

[NB: marriage certificate for mother's second marriage states Sylvester Patrick, residence Fort Fraser (Reserve), born Fort Fraser (parents Patrick Michel, born Fort Fraser, Elizabeth), bachelor, aged 21, and Amelia Francois residence Fort Fraser born Fort Fraser (parents Francois Joe, born Fort Fraser, and Louisa)m widow, aged 25, were married 8 April 1931, Fort Fraser, witnesses Celestin Thomas, Elizabeth Sutherland, Reverend Leon Ouillet, OMI, officiating]

[NB: death certificate for father, Sylvester Patrick, trapper; Fort Fraser Band; born Fort Fraser; parents Patrick, born Fort St James, Elizabeth, born Fort Fraser; widowed; d. 15 July 1940, Burns Lake Hospital, aged 29; 'Pul. T.B. sick 4 years'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Rev. P.J. Hellrich, OMI, Vanderhoof); buried Fort Fraser]

**Euphrasia Louis\*** (1935/11/20), Register #303; 11 yrs old; Cheslatta Band, Cheslatta Indian Reserve No. 3; parents Jimmie Louie and Veronica Jack; d. Lejac Indian

Residential School; measles, pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend L.H. Rivet, OMI, principal of the Lejac Indian Residential School); buried Lejac Indian Residential School Cemetery; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 501-4) [NB: principal's statement at DIA inquiry: 'The Dr. Pitts told me on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> to send her home, but on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> she got measles, and though being fairly well on Nov. [ ] 19<sup>th</sup> she died on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 a.m. Parents notified to come at once if possible, communications very difficult']

[NB: principal's report to Indian Agent dated 31 December 1935: 'No casualties can be blamed directly on the measles, though we much regret the passing of one pupil, Euphrasia Louie, who passed away Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. after being a pupil in the school for only 4 months. From the time of her admittance she was under observation due to an advanced tubercular condition and then, when she contracted measles, the odds were too much for her frail spirit to combat.' (see LAC c-8767, p. 407)]

[NB: Indian Agent's statement at DIA inquiry:

*It was impossible for her to be taken away from the school sooner as her parents had to be notified and as they live in an out of the way place they did not get the word, in fact they may not get it for another two weeks as more than likely they are on their traplines and away from the village. However, I have seen all the correspondence and am satisfied that everything possible was done, to get her discharged as soon as possible.*

*I am satisfied that every precaution was taken in this case. The Doctor recommended the discharge of this girl a week before the measles broke out, and I instructed that she be sent back home as soon as possible but the same day measles broke out, (this is the same day that the Rev. Principal received my letter of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.) and in a very few days later the deceased went down with them and died shortly after.*

*The Doctor and Nurse have done excellent work at the school, in fact the former has given almost daily attention, and the latter has been going day and night for at the present time there are over sixty pupils down with the measles.]*

**George Augustine** (1948/12/6), [C]; Register #539; 6 yrs old; Stellako Band; born 26 February 1941; parents Freddy Augusta, Emily Isaac; admitted 3 September 1948 as George Augustine **Isaac** (for application signed by grandfather and guardian, Paddy Isaac, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1432-3, 1458-9, 1475, 1477); 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**] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1948 states: 'Ask Discharge. To hospital Nov 24' (see LAC c-8767, p. 1080)] [NB: discharged 31 December 1948, at school 2 months 22 days: 'Died in hospital Dec 6<sup>th</sup> (see LAC c-8769, p. 1509)] [NB: school documents state was 7 yrs old]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Fred Isaac Augustine, soldier, Stella Band, Carrier Tribe, born Stella (parents Isaac Augustine, born Stella, Lizette Long Charley), bachelor, aged 27, and Emily Isaac, Duncan Lake (Forestdale) Band, Carrier Tribe, born Forestdale (parents Patrick Isaac, born Forestdale, Julia Tom),

were married 7 September 1942, Lejac, witnesses George Jack, Paul Prince, William O'Brien officiating]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Emily Helen Augusta; born 6 September 1922, Burns Lake; parents Patrick Isaac, born Burns Lake, Julia Tom, born Hazelton; married (husband Fredy Augusta); d. 16 September 1974, at home, Zobnic Road, Smithers, aged 52; 'marked enlarged fatty liver. chronic pancreatitis. Due to over use of alcohol'; autopsy; death certificate signed by sister, Sophie Ogen, Burns Lake, and coroner; buried Burns Lake Indian Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for father, Frederick Isaac Augusta; Stellako Band; residence Stellako Indian Reserve; parents Isaac Augustus, Lizette Zachary, both born Hazelton; widowed (wife Emily Isaac); d. 16 February 1975, Stellako Reserve west of Fraser Lake, aged 62; accident (fell against log while intoxicated); death certificate signed by Band Chief A.L. Ketlo and coroner; buried by Royal Canadian Legion #274, Fraser Lake, at Stellako Indian Reserve Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for grandfather, Patrick (Paddy) Isaac, logger; #1 Maxim Lake Band; residence Forestdale; born 1898, Maxim Lake; parents Alexander and Agnes Isaac, both born Maxim Lake; married (wife Julia Tom); d. 28 January 1960, Rose Lake, Highway #16 (struck by vehicle); death certificate signed by son, Henry Isaac, Forestdale, and coroner; buried by family, Burns Lake Indian Cemetery]

[NB: brother Johnny Augustine Isaac admitted 3 September 1948; 6 yrs old; Stellaco Band; parents Freddie and Emily Isaac (for application signed by grandfather and guardian Paddy Isaac, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1432-3, 1456-7, 1475, 1477)] [NB: discharged 31 December 1948, at school 26 days: 'Ill at home' (see LAC c-8769, p. 1509)] [NB: school documents state was 7 yrs old]

[NB: death certificate for brother, John Augusta; Stellako Band; residence Forestdale; born 3 October 1943, Burns Lake; father Frederick Augusta, mother Emily Isaac, born Forestdale; d. 18 January 1950, Indian Reserve #18, Burns Lake; pneumonia; death certificate signed by grandfather, Patrick Isaac, Forestdale, and coroner; buried by 'Natives', Indian Cemetery, Burns Lake]

**Jessie Luggi** (date of death unknown), [C]; 21 yrs old; housekeeper; residence Stellaquo Village, Stellaquo Reserve, Fraser Lake; born 12 September 1950, Burns Lake; parents Alec Luggi, born Stellaquo, Theresa Tommy, born Round Lake; single; d. 23 April, 1972, Priestly; carbon monoxide poisoning (passenger 'sleeping in car with faulty exhaust' on Priestly Station Road, Burns Lake); autopsy; death certificate signed by brother-in-law, Albert George, Southbank, 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: not a student; had child of her own (see below)]

[NB: death certificate for son, Joseph Lloyd Luggi; residence Nautley Reserve, Fraser Lake; b. 9 June 1971, Burns Lake; father unknown, mother Jessie Luggi; d. 9 November 1988, Highway 16, 2 kilometres west of Fort Fraser, aged 17; 'passenger in a vehicle involved in a collision'; autopsy; death certificate signed by aunt, Mary George, Fraser Lake, and coroner; buried Stellaquo Indian Cemetery, Fraser Lake]

[NB: sister Mary Luggi; Register #639, 11 yrs old; Stellaco Band #27; born 9 May 1940; parents Alex and Theresa Luggi; admitted 4 September 1951 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1903-4, 1945-6, 1948)] [NB: see also quarterly return dated 30 September 1952, LAC c-8767, p. 302)]

[NB: sister Rita Luggi; Register #640, 8 yrs old; Stellaco Band #27; born 25 October 1942; parents Alec and Theresa Luggi; admitted 4 September 1951 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1901-2, 1945-6, 1948)] [NB: quarterly return dated 30 September 1952 states: 'Ill at home.' (see LAC c-8767, p. 302)]

[NB: death certificate for father, Alec Luggi, retired sawmill labourer; Stellaco Band #27; residence Stellako Reserve, Fraser Lake; born 28 March 1899, Nautley; parents John Luggi, born Stoney Creek Reserve, Jeanie Ogen, born Nautley Reserve; married (wife Theresa Tommy); d. 28 February 1975, St John Hospital, Vanderhoof, aged 75; death certificate signed by daughter, Mrs Mary George, Burns Lake, and doctor; buried by daughter, Mrs Mary George, Burns Lake, at Stellako Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for brother-in-law, Albert George, labourer; Cheslatta Band; residence RR #2, Burns Lake; born 19 November 1939, Skins Lake; father Justa George, mother Margaret Skin, born Skins Lake; married (wife Mary Luggi); d. 27 June 1985, Cheslatta Indian Reserve, Mollice Lake, aged 45; suicide ('gunshot wound to the head'); autopsy; death certificate signed by wife, Mrs Mary George, Burns Lake, and coroner; buried Stellako Indian Reserve Cemetery, Fraser Lake]

**Johnny Michel** (1937/1/1), Register #350; 7 yrs old; Uncha Lake Band; parents unknown; d. Fraser Lake (see below); coroner's inquest; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 505-539)

[NB: Johnny Michel's death is referenced in Chief Isadore's letter above ('four boys ran away from school for their holiday, frozen to death.')] ]

[NB: evidence at DIA inquiry established that parents did not come to school to visit on New Year's day as other parents did, boys asked Bishop for permission to go home to visit parents, were refused, but some staff understood they had been given permission, five boys left in late afternoon, four boys froze to death while trying to reach the Nautley Reserve across Fraser Lake, parents did not assist in search when they learned boys were missing, only one father and one mother testified at inquiry]

[NB: for Sister Josephine's testimony at inquiry, see LAC c-8767, pp. 442-5:

*Commissioner:- Do you remember seeing the boys on New Year's Day?*

*S. Superior:- Yes. I saw the boys on New Year's Day. One of them, Johnny Michel came to the Office. He came for candy, this was at 4 P.M.*

*Commissioner MacKay:- Did you know the boys had asked Bishop Coudert for permission to visit Nautley Reserve?*



*S. Superior:- No. I did not.*

*Commissioner:- When did you see the children last?*

*S. Superior:- I did not see them after 4 p.m.*

*Commissioner:- When did you notice the children's absence?*

*S. Superior:- I was informed of their absence at 6:30 p.m.*

*Commissioner:- By whom?*

*S. Superior:- By Sister Noella.*

*Commissioner:- You did not see them having their lunch at 4:30.*

*S. Superior:- No. I did not.*

*Commissioner:- When did Sister Noella notice their absence?*

*S. Superior:- At 6 p.m. for she was in charge of the dining room.*

*Commissioner:- When you were informed the boys were missing what did you do?*

*S. Superior:- I found the Father in charge of the boys and asked him if he knew the children were missing.*

*Commissioner:- What did Father Marsigny say?*

*S. Superior:- I know they are missing, they asked and obtained permission from the Bishop to go.*

*Commissioner:- What time was this?*

*S. Superior:- About 6:30.*

*Commissioner:- Father McGrath was then at the School?*

*S. Superior:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- Did you know he was?*

*S. Superior:- Yes, I must have known.*

*Commissioner:- Did you inform Father McGrath the boys were missing?*

*S. Superior:- No. I did not for I understood they had permission to leave.*

*Commissioner:- When did you see Father McGrath to discuss the matter with him?*

*S. Superior:- Next morning about 10 o'clock. Father McGrath appeared worried.*

*Commissioner McKay:- When did you find out the children did not have permission to leave?*

*Sister Superior:- About 8:30 P.M.*

*Commissioner:- Who so informed you?*

*S. Superior:- Bishop Coudert.*

*Commissioner:- What did Bishop Coudert say?*

*S. Superior:- He said Father McGrath should know and I presume he then informed him; this would be about 8:30 pm.*

*Commissioner: Did you take any steps to find the boys then or offer any suggestions as to what should be done?*

*S. Superior:- The boys were not satisfied, they wanted to go home.*

*Commissioner:- That is not answering the question – Did you take any steps to find the boys or offer any suggestions as to what should be done?*

*S. Superior:- No, I thought the Bishop and Father McGrath would do what was necessary. If it had been girls I might have been more concerned.*

*Commissioner:- Do you know if any or all of the boys who perished complained of the treatment received at the School?*

*S. Superior:-No, the boys did not complain, they had no reason to complain.*

*Commissioner:- Had any of these boys been punished during the time they attended the School?*

*S. Superior:- I am sure they were not.*

*Commissioner:- Considering the circumstances, have you anything to say as to what should have been done when the Bishop and Acting Principal knew the boys were missing?*

*S. Superior:- The Bishop and Father McGrath thought they would reach home safely.*

*Commissioner:- What was the depth of snow?*

*S. Superior:- I could not say.*

*Commissioner:- What was the temperature and was there a strong wind?*

*S. Superior:- I do not know what the temperature was. There was not a strong wind.*

*Commissioner:- Who was in charge when the Acting Principal was absent?*

*S. Superior:- The Bishop.*

*Commissioner:- Is there any Church regulation as to who takes charge when the Principal or Acting Principal is absent?*

*S. Superior:- I cannot answer that question for I do not know.*

*Commissioner MacKay:- How often was the Acting Principal absent?*

*Sister Superior:- Nearly every Sunday, but always present during the week.*

*Commissioner:- Was there excessive corporal punishment immediately prior to the tragedy?*

*S. Superior:- Not to these boys. Other runaways were punished by strappings but Father McGrath was present each time and counted the strappings.*

*Commissioner:- Was there any definite rule as to who took charge in the absence of the Principal?*

*S. Superior:- I do not know.*

*Commissioner:- Are individual teachers allowed to administer corporal punishment at will or must the case go to the Principal?*

*S. Superior:- The teacher refers the case to me and for minor offences I instruct the teacher as to the punishment to be administered and for major offences I refer the case to the Principal.*

*Commissioner:- If the offence is serious who administers the punishment?*

*S. Superior:- I do to the girls and the disciplinarians do to the boys.*

*Commissioner:- What does the punishment consist of?*

*S. Superior: The strap for major offences – on the hands and on the backside when they run away.*

*Commissioner:- Has each boy a separate place for his clothes?*

*S. Superior:- Yes, a peg to hang clothes on and a box for their shoes.*

*Commissioner:- Where is this?*

*S. Superior:- In their play hall.*

*Commissioner:- Who first discovered the boys were missing?*

*S. Superior:- Sister Noella.*

[NB: in Sister Cecile's testimony, referred to as John Michel Jack (see LAC c-8767, pp. 446-7):

*Commissioner MacKay:- How long have you been at this School?*

*Witness: (S. Cecile)- Seven years.*

*Commissioner:- What Grades are you in charge of:*

*Witness:- Grade 1-B and C.*

*Commissioner:- How many of the boys who perished were under you?*

*Witness:- One. John Michel (Jack) 7 years.*

*Commissioner:- Was this boy normal physically and mentally?*

*Witness:- Yes, he seemed to be.*

*Commissioner:- Was this child well behaved?*

*Witness:- Yes, he was a good boy.*

*Commissioner:- Did you ever find it necessary to punish or report for punishment this child?*

*Witness:- I don't remember ever having punished him. I never reported him for punishment.*

*Commissioner:- Did this boy run away at any time?*

*Witness:- No – this was his first year.*

*Commissioner:- When offences are committed do you punish the children under your charge?*

*Witness:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- What does punishment consist of?*

*Witness:- Stand them in the corners for a few minutes and keep them after school.*

*Commissioner:- For serious offences?*

*Witness:- I use the strap.*

*Commissioner:- Are they punished in the presence of other children?*

*Witness:- Sometimes.*

*Commissioner:- What do you consider a serious offence?*

*Witness:- Defiant disobedience.*

*Commissioner:- Would you refer a case of this kind to the Sister Superior?*

*Witness:- Yes.*

*Commissioner MacKay:- It has been suggested that the boys who perished were subjected to excessive corporal punishment.*

*Witness (S. Cecile):- I never found occasion to punish this boy.*

*Commissioner:- Has there been excessive corporal punishment to your knowledge?*

*Witness:- No, not to my knowledge.*

*Commissioner:- When did you first learn the boys were missing?*

*Witness:- At about 7:30 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1937. Sister Michelas informed me.*

*Commissioner:- Do you recall hearing the dead boys complain of the treatment received at the School?*

*Witness:- No. They seemed contented and happy here.*

*Commissioner:- Do you recall seeing Father McGrath that evening (January 1<sup>st</sup>).*

*Witness:- No. I did not see him that evening.*

*Commissioner:- This boy John Michel (Jack) was under the disciplinarian?*

*Witness:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- When are you responsible for the children?*

*Witness:- Only in the classroom.]*

**Josephine A. Moise\*** (1943/6/1 – 1943/12/31), Register #439; 9 yrs old; Stuart Lake Band; residence Fort St James; born 17 February 1934, Takla Landing; parents Antoine Moise, Nancy Sam, both born Takla Landing; admitted 3 September 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 318-19, 374, 380, 382); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; pulmonary tuberculosis due to cystitis & tubercular nephritis; death certificate signed by father, Antoine Moise, Fort St James, and doctor; buried by Indians, Fort St James Indian Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was Josephine Moise] [NB: death

certificate states date of death was 1943/7/22] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1943 states: 'T.B. Hospital'; return dated 30 June 1943 states: 'sick'; return dated 30 September 1943 states: 'Ask discharge – dead' (see LAC c-8767 pp. 648, 664, 682)] [NB: discharged 31 August 1943, at school 1 year: 'Dead' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 516, 520)] [NB: letter dated 19 October 1943 from principal to Indian Agent: 'Josephine Moise, No. 0439, died in Vanderhoof hospital, after having spent several months in Smithers Hospital and at home.']

[NB: sister Myrtle Antoine Moise; Register #378; 8 yrs old; Fort St James Band; parents Antoine Moise, Nancy Sam; admitted November 1939 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2322-3, 2326-7, 2329); discharged July 1946, at school 5 years: 'Sick' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1009-10)]

[NB: sister Florence Antoine Moise; Register #379; 7 yrs old; Fort St James Band; parents Antoine Moise, Nancy Sam; admitted November 1939 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2320-1, 2326-7, 2329); discharged July 1946, at school 5 years: 'Sick' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1009-10)]

NB: death certificate for sister, Florence Elizabeth Moise; residence Necoslie Indian Reserve, Fort St James; born 14 December 1932, Fort St James; parents Antoine Moise, born Babine, Nancy Sam, born Fort St James; d. 29 April 1972, St John's Hospital, Vanderhoof, aged 39; pneumonia, previous TB; death certificate signed by sister, Mrs Lynne Prince, Fort St James, and doctor; buried by Reverend La Plante, Fort St James Catholic Cemetery] [NB: death certificate states name was Florence **Elizabeth** Moise]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Margaret Moise; Necoslie Band; residence Necoslie Indian Reserve, Fort St James; born 5 May 1931; parents Antoine Moise, Nancy Sam; d. 22 April 1947, Necoslie Indian Reserve, Fort St James, aged 15; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by father, Antoine Moise, Fort St James, and Indian Agent; buried by Indians, Necoslie Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Emma Moise; Necoslie Band; residence Necoslie Indian Reserve, Fort St James; born 5 November 1939; parents Antoine Moise, Nancy Sam; d. 27 January 1948, Necoslie Indian Reserve, Fort St James, aged 8; cause of death unknown; death certificate signed by father, Antoine Moise, Fort St James; and Indian Agent; buried by Indians, Necoslie Indian Reserve Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for brother, William Moise, labourer (construction); residence Fort St James; born 5 November 1938, Vanderhoof; parents Antoine Moise, Nancy Sam, both born Fort St James; married (wife Jean Pious); d. 8 January 1985, Vancouver General Hospital, aged 46; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Fort St James Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Nancy Sam; Necoslie Band; residence #6, 2700 Ospika Boulevard, Prince George; born 23 September 1909, Fort St James; married (husband Antoine Moise); d. 12 May 1982, Prince George Regional Hospital, aged

72; death certificate signed by son, Sam Moise, Fort St James, and doctor; buried by son, Sam Moise, Fort St James Catholic Cemetery]

**Leon Abraham** (1917/1/1 – 1920/1/1), [C]; 7 yrs old; Stuart Lake Band; d. Stuart Lake; ‘scrofula ‘per E. Allard OMI, assistant, Fort St James, BC’; death certificate signed by Indian Agent [NB: death certificate states name was Leon **Agram**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was **1921/3/17**] [NB: not identified as student in death certificate]

**Margaret Andrew\*** (1944/3/1 – 1944/3/31), Register #447; 16 yrs old; Wistaria Band (Francois Lake Band); parents Jimmy Andrews, Julie Morris; admitted 1 September 1943 (for application signed by father, medical exam (‘appears very probable that this girl has TB’), admission, see LAC c-8769, pp. 496-7, 517); d. Bulkley Valley District 8F Hospital, Smithers; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Burns Lake Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was Margaret **Andrews**] [NB: application states name was Margaret **J. Andrews**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1944/2/24] [NB: discharged 31 March 1944, at school 4 months: ‘Dead’; letter from Ottawa 6 April 1944 querying whether she died at school, hospital, or at home; reply dated 13 April 1944 stating TB patient, died in hospital (see LAC c-8769, pp. 603-4, 612)] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1944 states: ‘Dead’ (see LAC c-8770, p. 712)] [NB: return states she was **13** yrs old]

[NB: letter dated 12 October 1943 from Ottawa to Indian Agent: ‘With regard to Peter Abraham, Margaret Andrews, “Plates” should be taken and forwarded to Dr. Barclay, for further recommendation before approval for admission can be sanctioned by this Department.’ (see LAC c-8769, p. 520)]

[NB: letter from principal to Indian Agent ‘Margaret Andrews is being X-rayed October 23<sup>rd</sup>., in the semi-annual T.B. clinic at this school. . . . If the Department declines to approve the admission of the four children, Peter Abraham, Margaret Andrews, Raymond Seymour and Nancy Anatole, I shall have to send them home; since they all come from remote areas they will be far removed from all medical supervision and care, which they are now receiving at this school’. (see LAC c-8769, p. 549)]

[NB: sister Elma Mary Andrews; Register #448; 8 years old; Wistaria Band; parents Jimmy Andrews, Julie Morris; admitted 1 September 1943 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 498-9, 517, 520)]

[NB: sister Irene J. Andrews; Register #449; 11 years old; Wistaria Band; parents Jimmy Andrews, Julie Morris; admitted same time (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 500-1, 517, 520)]

[NB: death certificate for father, Jimmie Andrew, logger; #1 Omineca Band; residence Southbank; born 1881, Francois Lake; parents unknown; married (wife Julia nee Nooski-Morris); d. 28 August 1960, Burns Lake Hospital, aged 79; homicide (‘Several Blows on head; Extensive bruising, skull fracture, severe brain Injury. Roadway to Southbank, B.C.’); death certificate signed by son, Alex Andrew, Southbank, and coroner; buried by family, Burns Lake Cemetery]

[NB: certificate for mother's first marriage states George Nooska and Julie Morris were married 12 December 1918, Burns Lake] [NB: death certificate for George Nooski states d. November 1926, Fraser Lake Indian Reserve, aged 42]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Julia Morris; residence Southbank; born August 1896, Uncha Lake; parents Pierre Morris, born Uncha Lake, Margaret Augusta, born Scribers Lake; widowed (husband Jimmy Andrew); d. 24 August 1967, Burns Lake Hospital, aged 71; death certificate signed by daughter, Irene David, Topley, and doctor; buried by friends and relatives, Burns Lake]

**Marie Theopholie** (1935/1/1) [NB: possible error for Marden Zaar Theophile, 3 yrs old; Cheslatta Band; mother Marie Jack, father Pius Adam, stepfather Zaar Theophile or Za Theopholie; d. 5 March 1934, Cheslatta; accident (child got too close to camp fire; thin cotton dress caught fire; died of burns and shock 12 hours later); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend P. J. McGrath); buried Cheslatta]

[NB: marriage certificate states Pius Adam, trapper, Cheslatta Band, born Cheslatta (father Adams, born Cheslatta, mother unknown), bachelor, aged 21, and Marie White Eye Jack, trapper, White Eye Lake Band, born White Eye Lake (parents White Eye Jack and Marianne), spinster, aged 14, were married 20 February 1926, Cheslatta, witnesses Jack Joseph, Michel Jack, Reverend Joseph Allard officiating]

[NB: death certificate for stepfather, Za Theopholie, trapper; Cheslatta Band; born Cheslatta (parents Old Theopholie and Selena, both born Cheslatta; d. Burns Lake, 27 May 1939, aged 42; 'Tuberculosis:- sick five years'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Paddy Isaac, Burns Lake); buried Burns Lake Indian Cemetery]

[NB: certificate for Mary Jack's third marriage states Alexis Thomas Peter(?), trapper, Cheslatta Band No. 2, born Cheslatta (parents Thomas Peter, born Cheslatta Reserve No. 2, and Rose Louis), bachelor, aged 23, and Mary Jack, Cheslatta Band No. 2, born Cheslatta (parents White Eye Jack, born New Hazelton, and Mary Ann), aged 30, widow of Pius Adam, Zaar Theophile May 1939, were married 16 February 1942, Holy Angels Church, Burns Lake, witnesses Chief Tibbetts, Mrs Tommy Jack, Reverend William O'Brien, OMI, officiating]

**Matilda David\*** (1945/2/24), Register #348; 13 yrs old; Stony Creek Band, Fort St James; parents Alex David, Amelia Charlie; admitted September 1938 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2169-70, 2198, 2201, 2203); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; endocarditis and myocarditis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof [NB: death certificate states name was **Mathilda** David] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1945/2/23] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1945 states: 'Died Hospital Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> (see LAC c-8767, p. 772)] [NB: death mentioned in principal's report for quarter ending 31 March 1945: 'As regards the health of the student body, this has been one of the best periods in my experience. Very few children had to be put to bed, and most of these were merely cases of severe colds or of influenza. Only four children had to be taken to the hospital. One of these, Matilda David, No. 0438, developed a heart condition which seemed to be due to a previous



attack of St. Vitus Dance two years ago. Her condition deteriorated very rapidly, and she died two days after being taken to the hospital.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 817)]

[NB: sister Mary David, Register #434; 11 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; parents Alex David, Amelia Charlie; admitted 3 September 1946 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1056-7, 1078-9); attended Lejac Day School 1 year]

[NB: sister Doreen David, Register #519; 7 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; parents Alex David, Amelia Charlie; admitted 3 September 1946 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1058-9, 1078-9, 1085); re-admitted 4 September 1951 under Register #632 as no teacher could be found for Stony Creek Day School (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1929-30, 1945-7, 1996); attended day school 3-4 yrs]

[NB: sister Catherine David, Register #633; 10 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; parents Alex and Amelia David, Stony Creek Band #61; admitted 4 September 1951 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1889-90, 1945, 1947); attended day school 2 yrs]

[NB: marriage certificate states Alec David and Amelia Charly were married 12 August 1928, Ulkatcho]

[NB: death certificate for father, Allen David (also known as Alex or Alec), sawmill worker, labourer; residence Stoney Creek; born 15 September 1907, Stoney Creek; parents unknown; married; d. 20 September 1966, Miller Bay Indian Hospital, Prince Rupert, aged 59; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Stoney Creek Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Amelia Charlie; born 3 October 1912, Ulkatcho; parents unknown; widowed (husband Alec David); d. 14 December 2001, St John Hospital, Vanderhoof, aged 85; death certificate signed by granddaughter, Darlene Barfoot, and doctor; buried Stoney Creek Cemetery, Stoney Creek]

**Melanie Quaw\*** (1924/6/4), 19 yrs old; Fort George Band; father likely Hypolit Quaw (see below); d. Stony Creek; 'Death caused by Tuberculosis' (reported by RCMP Constable W.F. Manson); death certificate signed by Indian Agent [NB: death certificate states name was Melanie **Qua**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1924/6/6]

[NB: complaint filed by Paulet Quaw on 6 June 1924 investigated by North West Mounted Police; report filed 8 June 1924 by Constable #7978 M.T. Berger of Prince George Detachment (see LAC c-8767, pp. 302-3):

*Re; COMPLAINT OF PAULET QUAW (INDIAN) #2. RESERVE SHELLY B.C. JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 1924.*

*On June 6<sup>th</sup> 1924 PAULET QUAW and HENRY DICK (Indians) came to this Detachment with the following complaint.*

*MELANIC QUAW 16. (Indian) had been attending the Indian school at Fraser Lake B.C. Some time last fall one of the teachers, Sister MARGUERITE of the Mission School Fraser Lake B.C. had given her a beating and in doing so had injured her back. On June 4<sup>th</sup> 1924 MELANIC QUAW died and as she had complained of the above mentioned injuries before she died the Indians wanted her death investigated.*

*Accordingly I sent the following telegram.*

*DOCTOR STONE VANDERHOOF, B.C. STATE CAUSE DEATH MELANIC QUAW WHO DIED STONY CREEK 4 inst. MOUNTED POLICE. PRINCE GEORGE.*

*to which I received the following reply:*

*VANDERHOOF B.C. JUNE 7/24. MOUNTED POLICE PRINCE GEORGE B.C. MELANIC QUAW DIED STONY CREEK JUNE 4 OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS W.R. STONE*

*I explained the contents of this telegram to the Indians who declared themselves satisfied. The body was subsequently buried.*

Copy sent to Ottawa acknowledged 2 July 1924 by D.C. McLean, Deputy Superintendent and Secretary (see LAC c-8767, pp. 305-6).

[NB: marriage certificate states Hypolit Quaw and Eugena Raphael were married 21 February 1922, Prince George; Hypolit Quaw likely father of Melanie Quaw, and likely same person as Paulette Qua who initiated RCMP investigation above]

[NB: death certificate for Mary Qua, Fort George Band; father Paulette Qua, born Fort George Indian Reserve, mother Alegina, born Stony Creek Indian Reserve; d. 1 June 1929, Stony Creek Indian Reserve, aged 6; 'T.B. Galnds of the neck'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant 'Paulette Qua father of the child'); buried Stony Creek Indian Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for Paulette Qua, Fort George Band; born Fort George; parents Mary and Joe Qua, both born Fort George; d. 26 July 1938, Stony Creek Indian Reserve, aged 52; 'Tuberculosis (Sick) five years'; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Toby Patrick, Vanderhoof); buried Stony Creek Indian Cemetery]

[NB: Ida Qua, Register #366; 7 yrs old; parents Hypolite Qua deceased, Amelia Raphael; admitted 1 September 1939 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2261-2, 2287-8, 2292, 2314)] [NB: discharged 31 December 1946, at school 6 years: 'Failed to return' (see LAC c-8769, p. 1142)]

[NB: death certificate for Lena Quaw; residence Stoney Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof; b. 22 January 1895; father Jim Raphael, mother unknown, both born Stoney Creek; widowed (husband Poulliette Quaw); d. 11 March 1971, Stony Creek, Vanderhoof, aged 83 (corrected to 76); death certificate signed by son, Frank Quaw, Vanderhoof, and coroner; buried by Father Dalton, Stony Creek Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for Frank Quaw, labourer (lumber); residence Stoney Creek, Vanderhoof; born 20 August 1924, Stoney Creek Indian Reserve; parents Paulatte Quaw, born Shelley, Lena Raphael, born Stoney Creek Indian Reserve; single; d. 12 November 1971, Stoney Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof, aged 47; accident (exposure to extreme low temperature); autopsy; death certificate signed by brother, Jimmie Quaw, Vanderhoof; buried by Reverend Father Dalton, Stoney Creek Indian Reserve Cemetery, Vanderhoof]

[NB: death certificate for Frances Quaw; residence Vanderhoof; born 2 November 1926, Stoney Creek Reserve; parents Paulette Qua, born Fort George, Angelina Raphael, born Stoney Creek; single; d. approximately 14 September 1985, Stoney Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof, aged 58; 'Trauma of unknown origin'; autopsy; death certificate signed by sister, Mrs Ida George, Fort Fraser, and coroner; buried Stoney Creek Indian Reserve Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Jimmie Quaw, field worker; residence Stoney Creek Reserve, Kenny Dam Road, Vanderhoof; born 10 September 1920, Stoney Creek; parents Paulette Quaw, Angelina Raphael, both born Stoney Creek; divorced (wife Elsie Morris); d. 13 October 1998, Vanderhoof, aged 78; death certificate signed by daughter, Margaret Quaw, Vanderhoof, and doctor; buried Stoney Creek Cemetery]

[NB: Jennie Qua, Register #404; 6 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; parents Paulette Qua deceased and Christine Qua; admitted 3 September 1941 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 165-6, 196, 200, 202); discharged 30 September 1947, at school 6 years: 'Day school' (see LAC c-8769, p. 1315)]

**Morris Justin** (1937/1/1), 8 yrs old; Register #326; Uncha Lake Band; father Justa Morris, mother Mary Charlie or Nooski; d. Fraser Lake (see below); coroner's inquest; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 505-539) [NB: DIA inquiry states name was **Maurice Justine**] [NB: referred to by school staff in inquiry as **Maurice Justa**]

[NB: sister Sophie Morris, Register #450; 14 yrs old; Uncha Lake Band or Francois Lake Band; parents Justin Morris, Mary Charlie, deceased; admitted 1 September 1943 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 517, 559-62)] [NB: discharged 31 August 1944, at school 1 year: 'failed to return' (see LAC c-8769, p. 723) ; see also quarterly return dated 30 September 1944: 'Absent – discharge' (LAC c-8767, p. 744)]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Tommy Morris, retired labourer; residence Uncha Lake; born 1 February 1921, Nautley Reserve, Fort Fraser; parents Justa Morris, Mary Nooski; married (Nancy Walter); d. 29 March 1989, Francois Lake, aged 68; drowning; 'His vehicle broke through ice on a lake'; death certificate signed by coroner; buried Uncha Lake Cemetery, Burns Lake]

[NB: death certificate for father, Justa Morris, trapper; born 1889, Uncha Lake; parents Piere Morris, mother Margaret Augusta, both born Uncha Lake]; widowed (wife Mary Charlie); d. 25 January 1972, Burns Lake & District Hospital, aged 82;

death certificate signed by daughter, Madeline Skin, Southbank, and coroner; buried by daughter Madeline Skin, Uncha Lake Cemetery, Uncha Lake]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Madeline Morris; Stellako Band; residence Stellako Indian Reserve; born 23 April 1914, Nautley; parents Justa Morris, Mary Nooski); widowed (husband Robert Skin); d. 3 October 1982, Stellako Reserve, Fraser Lake, aged 68; death certificate signed by son, Reuben Skin, Fraser Lake, and coroner; buried Uncha Lake Cemetery, Uncha Lake]

[NB: Morris Justin is referenced in Chief Isadore's letter above ('four boys ran away from school for their holiday, frozen to death.')] ]

[NB: evidence at DIA inquiry established that parents did not come to school to visit on New Year's day as other parents did, boys asked Bishop for permission to go home to visit parents, were refused, but some staff understood they had been given permission, five boys left in late afternoon, four boys froze to death while trying to reach the Nautley Reserve across Fraser Lake, parents did not assist in search when they learned boys were missing, only one father and one mother testified at inquiry]

[NB: for Charley Charley's testimony at inquiry that 'Justa Morris boy' (likely Tommy Morris above) was with him on the search for the missing boys, see LAC c-8767, pp. 435-6:

*C. Charley:- No. Justa Morris boy want with me. I went by way of Gerhardi's place and then across the lake to Encombe. I picked up the tracks on the South side of the lake by the big point. I saw the tracks of four boys. The boy of Justa Morris was with me when I found them. . . .*

*Commissioner:- Have you a boy in School?*

*C. Charley:- Yes, one boy 13 years old.*

*Commissioner:- Does he complain about the treatment there?*

*C. Charley:- All right but sometimes they whip them too hard.*

*Commissioner:- Who whips them?*

*C. Charley:- The Sister does the whipping. The teacher does the whipping. Not the priest.*

*Commissioner:- Are they whipped many times?*

*C. Charley:- Just sometimes.*

*Commissioner:- How, on hands?*

*C. Charley:- Yes, on hands but sometimes on backside too but not many that way.*

*Commissioner:- Does your boy like the school?*

*C. Charley:- Yes, but sometimes he does not like to go back.*

*Commissioner:- Do the Indians want their children to go to the School?*

*C. Charley:- Yes.*

*Commissioner:- Does he complain about having to do hard work?*

*C. Charley:- Yes, sometimes.*

**Patrick N. Prince** (1948/3/31), [C]; Register #485; 9 yrs old; Tatcee Band; residence Tatcie Indian Reserve, Fort St James; born 21 February 1939; parents Norman Prince, Cecilia Pierre; admitted 4 September 1945 (for application, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 878-9, 889-90, 948); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; pulmonary tuberculosis, tuberculosis pleurisy with effusion; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by Indians, Fort St James Catholic Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was Patrick Prince] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1948/3/5] [NB: discharged 31 March 1948, at school 2 years, 4 months, 20 days: 'Died in Hospital Mar 5 1948' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1361, 1363)] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1948 states: 'Died in Hospital Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>'; return states was 8 yrs old, member of **Necosalie** Band (see LAC c-8767, p. 977)]

[NB: parents' marriage certificates states Norman Alec Prince, trapper, Fort St James Band, Dene Tribe, born Tatche (parents Alec Prince, born Fort St James, Rosalie Austin), bachelor, aged 22, and Cecilia Damien, Tatche Band, Dene Tribe, born Thatche (parents Damien Pierre, born Portage, Clara Alexis), spinster, aged 24, were married 10 July 1940, Totche, witnesses Vital Mattis, Marguerite Basil, Reverend L. Martigny officiating]

[NB: sister Nancy Prince, Register #606; 8 yrs old; Tachi Band; parents Norman Prince, Cecilia Damien; admitted 4 September 1950 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1773-4, 1779-80, 1814)]

[NB: sister Shirley Prince; Register #607; 7 yrs old; Tachi Band; parents Norman Prince, Cecilia Damien; admitted 4 September 1950 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1773-4, 1777-8, 1814)]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Cecilia Damion; Stuart Trembleur Band (now Tl'azt'en Nation); residence 334 Dease Avenue, Fort St James; born 25 February 1916, Tache; parents Damion Pierre, Clara Alexis, both born Tache; married (husband Norman Prince); d. 9 September 1979, Stuart Lake Hospital, Fort St James, aged 63; death certificate signed by husband, Norman Prince, Fort St James, and doctor; buried by Father Ray L'Henaff, Fort St James Catholic Cemetery]

**Paul Joseph** (1977/8/9), [C]; 14 yrs old; Stuart Trembleur Band (now Tl'azt'en Nation); residence Portage Indian Reserve; born 12 August 1962, Vanderhoof; parents Paul Joseph, born Portage, Shirley Prince, born Fort St James; d. 9 August 1977, at home, Portage Indian Reserve; accident (possible overdose); buried Portage Village Cemetery; death certificate signed by coroner; buried Portage Village

Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was Paul **Sylvester** Joseph] [NB: not a student at Lejac Indian Residential School as school had closed in 1976]

[NB: death certificate for father, Paul Joseph, hunting guide; residence Stuart Lake, Portage; born 7 January 1933, Portage; parents Jean Marie Joseph, born Trembleur, Angelica John, born Portage; married (wife Shirley Prince); d. 30 September 1973, Cunningham Lake Hunting Lodge, Cunningham Lake, aged 40; acute alcoholic poisoning; death certificate signed by uncle, Duncan Joseph, Fort St James, and coroner; buried Portage]

[NB: quare whether mother, Shirley Prince, is same person as sister of **Patrick N. Prince** above]

**Paul Shorty\*** (1938/11/14), Register #306; 14 yrs old; Lower Post Band; father Indian Long Shorty, mother Yannamy Loots?; d. Lower Post; scrofula ('No doctor in this district but the lad always suffered from T.B. Glands etc. '); 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, p. 540); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (Rev. A. Drean, informant); buried Lower Post [NB: death certificate states name was Paul **Shortie** and Paul **Long-Shorty**]

[NB: report to Ottawa by Indian Agent dated 31 December 1934: 'Paul Shorty, Liard Post, badly affected with tuberculosis has been showing signs of constant decline. As his case is very severe and he is considered unsafe for communication with other youngsters he had been isolated. This was the request of the Department and has had careful attention.' (see LAC c-8767, p. 417)]

**Peter Louis Alexander\*** (1933/5/10), 11 yrs old; North Takla Lake Band; parents Louie Alexander, Agatha Jean Marie; d. Burns Lake Hospital; pulmonary haemorrhage; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Burns Lake Indian Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was Peter Alexander] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1933/6/1] [NB: death certificate describes as 'child'; may not have been a student at Lejac]

[NB: death certificate for father, Louie Alexander; Takla Lake Band; residence Fort St James; born April 1897, Takla Landing; parents unknown; widowed (wife Agatha Jean Marie); d. 26 June 1973, at home, Fort St James, aged 76; cause of death unknown (death not reported); death certificate signed by coroner; buried by son, Michel Alexander, and family, Fort St James Catholic Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Agatha Jean Marie; #2 Takla Lake Band; residence Fort St James; born 4 August 1904, Bear Lake; parents Jean Marie and Annie; married (husband Louie Alexander); d. 8 July 1965, Fort St James, aged 60; auto accident; autopsy; death certificate signed by coroner; buried by Indian family, Fort St James Catholic Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Michel Louie Alexander; residence B Triplex, Necoslie Reserve, Fort St James; born 24 January 1924, Manson Creek; parents Louie Alexander, born Bear Lake, Agatha Jean Marie, born Pinche Lake; widowed (wife

Sarah Murdock); d. 17 June 1990, Stuart Lake Hospital, Fort St James, aged 66; death certificate signed by daughter, Bernice Wilkes, Fort St James, and doctor; buried by family of Michel Alexander, Fort St James Cemetery]

**Pius Allen\*** (1942/1/1), Register #364; 14 yrs old; Stella Band; admitted April 1938; parents Donald Allen, Nellie Casimir, both born Stella (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2124-5, 2128-9); d. Smithers Hospital; tuberculosis ('T.B. sick 1 year'); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant William O'Brien, OMI); buried Stella Indian Cemetery [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1942/8/1] [NB: discharged September 1942, at school 2 years: 'Dead' (see LAC c-8769, p. 379)]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Donald Allen, labourer, residence Stella, born Stella (parents Allen Ketlo and Brigitte), bachelor, aged 27, and Nelie Casimir, residence Stella, born Stella (parents Casimir and Christine), spinster, aged 15, were married 10 January 1922, Burns Lake, witnesses Bloom(?), Long Charley, Reverend N Coccola officiating]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Nellie Casimer, states d. 13 April 1942, Stellako, aged 32]

[NB: death certificate for father, Donald Allen, fisherman; residence Stellaquo Indian Reserve; born 3 August 1893, Nautley Indian Reserve; parents Pierre Allan, Bridget; married (wife Lena Michell); d. 13 November 1968, Simon Fraser Private Hospital, Prince George, aged 75; death certificate signed by doctor; buried by family, Stellaquo Indian Cemetery]

**Sally May Patrick** (1946/1/1), [C]; Register #471; 10 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; admitted 5 September 1944; parents Isaac Patrick, Lizette George (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 694-5, 722, 724, 727); d. at home, Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by father, Isaac Patrick, 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: discharged 31 December 1946, at school 2 years: 'Died at home – T.B.' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1139, 1143)] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1946 states: 'Died at home. Ask discharge' (see LAC c-8767, p. 915)]

[NB: sister Louise I. Patrick, Register #352, 7 yrs old, admitted 8 September 1938 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2195-6, 2198, 2201, 2203)] [NB: admission forms for Louise I. Patrick give mother's name as Lizette **Donald** and Lizette **Bernard**]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Louise Patrick; Stony Creek Band; residence Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof; born 2 March 1931; parents Isaac and Lizette Patrick; d. 6 August 1946, Stony Creek Indian Reserve, Vanderhoof, aged 15; pulmonary tuberculosis (4 years); death certificate signed by brother, D. Patrick, Vanderhoof, and doctor; buried by Indians, Stony Creek]

[NB: brother Maurice Patrick, Register #423; 10 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; parents Isaac Patrick, Lizette George; admitted 3 September 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 362-3, 379-80, 382)]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Maurice Patrick; residence Stoney Creek Indian Reserve, Kenny Dam Road, Vanderhoof; born 13 December 1933, Vanderhoof; parents Isaac Patrick, Lizette George, both born Vanderhoof; widowed (wife Annie Marie Peters); d. 31 May 1989, St John Hospital, Vanderhoof, aged 55; death certificate signed by sister, Arlene John, Vanderhoof, and doctor; buried by Arlene John and family, Stoney Creek Cemetery, Vanderhoof]

**Shirley L. Peter\*** (1943/12/1 – 1943/12/31), Register #451; 7 yrs old; Stony Creek Band; parents Lazarre Peter, born Stony Creek Reserve, Mary Pinkas, born Vanderhoof; admitted 1 September 1943 (for application signed by father in which parents names are named as Lazare Peter, Mary Johnny, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8769, pp. 460-1, 517); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; septicaemia from septic tonsillitis complicated by broncho-pneumonia and terminal meningitis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Stony Creek Reserve, Vanderhoof [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1943 states: 'Died. Ask discharge' (see LAC c-8767, p. 696)] [NB: death certificate states name was Shirley Peter] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1943/11/5] [NB: principal's report for quarter ended 31 December 1943 states: 'For about six weeks, beginning the first of November, the school was quarantined for Mumps; 120 children in all being affected. One little girl, seven years old, died in Vanderhoof Hospital.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 585)]

**Theresa Houl\*** (1934/11/1 – 1934/11/30), 10 yrs old; Takalli Band, Fort St James, Stuart Lake; born Portage; illegitimate; mother Cecilia Pius, born Portage; d. at home, Fort St James; pulmonary tuberculosis (6 months); buried Fort St James Catholic Cemetery; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant G.E. Bloomfield, Fort St James) [NB: death certificate states name was **Therese L'Hulle** and **L'Huille**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1934/11/13]

[NB: report to Ottawa by Indian Agent dated 31 December 1934: 'Theresa Houl, who was taken home by her parents on Nov. 1, suffering from advanced tuberculosis died the following week in Fort St. James.' (see LAC c-8767, p. 417)]

[NB: birth certificate for mother, Cecilia Pius; born 11 October 1897, Yacutcee Indian Reserve; parents Antoine Pius, trapper, Yacutcee Indian Reserve No. 8, aged 20, Caroline Johnny, Yacutcee Indian Reserve No. 8, aged 17]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Benoit Naoule, hunter and trapper, Stuart Lake Band, born Stuart Lake (parents Charley Mayan, born Stuart Lake, Nellie), widower, aged about 43, and Cecilia Pius, Portage (Yakoutche) Band, born Portage (parents Pius, born Portage, Caroline Johnny), widow, aged about 32, were married 15 April 1925, Tatche, witnesses Marie Prince, Auguste Mathis, Reverend E. Allard, OMI, officiating]

[NB: death certificate for father, Benoit Ahuile, trapper; Fort St James Indian Reserve, Stuart Lake; born Grand Rapids, Tatchi River (father Charlie Min deceased, born Grand Rapids, Tatchi River, mother Nellie Grostete, born Tatchi Indian



Reserve); married; d. 2 March 1935, Fort St James, aged 46; pulmonary tuberculosis (2 years); death certificate signed by doctor (informant G.E. Bloomfield, Fort St James); buried Fort St James Roman Catholic Cemetery]

[NB: certificate for mother's third marriage states Pierre Sagalan, hunter and trapper, Fort St James Band, born Fort St James (parents Basile Sagalan, born Fort St James, Mary Johnny), widower, aged 34, and Cecilia Pius, Portage Reserve, born Portage, (parents Pius, born Portage, and Caroline), widow, aged 38, were married 5 March 1935, Fort St. James, witnesses Tom Ahyee, Cecile, Reverend Leo Boise(?), OMI, officiating]

[NB: brother Donald Le Huille, Register #379; 8 yrs old; Fort St James Band (or Portage Band); parents Benoit Le Huille deceased, Cecilia Pius; admitted 8 September 1938 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8768, pp. 2163-4, 2200, 2203)] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1943 states: 'Ask discharge' (see LAC c-8767, p. 684)] [NB: discharged December 1943, at school 3 years: 'Failed to return' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 588-9)]

**Walter Carlick** (1949/12/5), [C]; Register #420; 14 yrs old; Tahltan Band, Telegraph Creek; parents Freddy Loudecker Carlick, Fanny Chief deceased; admitted August 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8769, pp. 294-5, 379); application states attended Dease Lake Day School for 3 months; d. Lejac Indian Residential School; fulminating toxemia due to epidemic enteritis; autopsy; coroner's inquiry; death certificate signed by coroner; buried by Indians, Lejac Indian Residential School; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 558-563) [NB: application states mother was Fanny Chief deceased, admission form states mother was **Evalie Dick** deceased] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 December 1949 states: 'Died at school Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> (see LAC c-8767, p. 1090)] [NB: return states was **15** yrs old, member of **Dease Lake** Band] [NB: discharged 31 December 1949: 'Died at School Dec 5<sup>th</sup> (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1673, 1675)] [NB: For his grave, see:

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

[NB: death certificate for mother, Fanny Chief (Mrs Freddy Loodecker); Dease Lake Band; parents Old Chief, Liard Post, born Upper Liard River, and Jenny, born McDames Creek; d. 29 December 1940, Dease Lake, aged 27; tubercular gastritis and enteritis, pulmonary tuberculosis (2 years); death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant H.B. Coy Manager), and doctor; buried Dease Lake Reserve]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Clara L. Carlick; Dease Lake Indian Reserve #8, Tahltan Band; born Dease Lake Indian Reserve #8; parents Freddy Loudecker Carlick, born Telegraph Creek, Fanny Chief, born McDame Creek; d. 18 January 1942, Dease Lake Indian Reserve No. 8, aged 4; convulsions; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Reverend C. Carpentier, Telegraph Creek); buried Dease Lake Indian Reserve #8]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Alfred Carlick; Tahltan Band; residence Dease Lake Indian Reserve #8, Head of Dease Lake; born 24 May 1939; parents Freddy Loudecker Carlick, Fanny Chief; d. 25 August 1943, Dease Lake Indian Reserve No. 8, Head of Dease Lake, aged 4; bacillary dysentery; death certificate signed by Indian

Agent (informant Reverend C. Carpentier, OMI, Telegraph Creek), and coroner; buried by Jimmy Juneau Jack, Dease Lake Indian Reserve #8]

**Walter Dennis** (1948/3/21), [C]; Register #523; 7 yrs old; Fort Grahame Band; admitted 14 September 1947; parents Dennis Charlie, Delise Tomah (for unsigned application in which father is said to be deceased, mother living, medical exam, admission form in which mother is said to be deceased, father living, approval, transportation, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1214-15, 1254-5, 1257-8, 1313); d. St John Hospital, Vanderhoof; tuberculous meningitis; 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] [NB: discharged 31 March 1948, at school 4 months 7 days: 'Died in hospital Mar 21<sup>st</sup>' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1362-3)] [NB: discharge form states he was **8** years old] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1948 states: 'To hospital Jan 21 died there Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>' (see LAC c-8767, p. 979)] [NB: return states he was **8** yrs old]

[NB: letter dated 2 October 1947 from Indian Agent to Ottawa: 'Dominic and Ted Pierre are old pupils from Lejac, whom I took home for a visit with their people on my annual trip to this remote point last June. The others [i.e. including Walter Dennis Charlie] are sadly neglected children whom I have been endeavouring to get into the Lejac School for some time. Mrs Retallack, our Field Matron at this point, advised by wire the day before the last Mail Plane of the season was to leave, that the guardians of the children had consented to the admission of these children to Lejac, therefore, I immediately telegraphed authority for transportation by plane which is the only method of transportation from this point.' (see LAC c-8769, pp. 1257-8)]

[NB: parents' marriage certificate states Dennis Charlie, trapper, Fort Grahame Band, born Fort Grahame (parents Charlie, born Fort Grahame, and Cecele), bachelor, aged 34, and Dalese Thomas, trapper, Fort Grahame Band, born Fort Grahame (parents Thomas Tzonny, born Fort Graham, Melestine (illegible)), spinster, aged 22, were married 9 June 1942, Fort Grahame, witnesses Frank, Christine Charlie, Reverend A. Roger officiating]

[NB: death certificate for father, Dennis Charlie, trapper; Fort Grahame Band; residence Fort Grahame Indian Reserve; born 1911, Fort Grahame; parents Thomas and Mary Charlie; married; d. 13 June 1947, Fort Grahame Indian Reserve, aged 36; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent; buried Fort Grahame Indian Cemetery]

[NB: brother Jimmie Dennis Charlie, Register #522; 9 yrs old, parents Dennis Charlie, Delise Tomah, admitted 14 September 1947 (for unsigned application in which father is said to be deceased, medical exam, admission form in which mother is said to be deceased, approval, transportation, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1216-17, 1254-5, 1257-8, 1313)]

NB: brother Jimmie Dennis Charlie readmitted 2 September 1951 as no teacher could be found for Stony Creek Day School; father Dennis Charlie, mother **Laura** (later crossed out, and Delaise Tomah substituted); for application in which father is said to be dead, mother living, signed by mother **Laura** Charlie, medical exam, admission,

approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1915-16, 1945-6, 1950] [NB: see also letter dated 31 October 1951 from Indian Superintendent to Ottawa, LAC c-8769, p. 1996:

*Replying to your letter of October 27, 1951, regarding the admission of several pupils from the Stony Creek Reserve to the Lejac Residential School. I have to advise that owing to the fact we could not obtain the services of a teacher, the Stony Creek Day School is closed. Under these circumstances, the pupils in question were admitted to the Residential School.*

*Major Davey advised recently that he has located a teacher and the Stony Creek School will be reopened in about two weeks time. In this event the pupils referred to will be discharged from the Lejac Residential School, following the Xmas Holidays, if not sooner.]*

[NB: death certificate for brother, Jimmie Dennis Charlie, sawmill worker; #50 Fort Graham Band; residence McLeod Lake Indian Reserve; born 18 February 1938, Fort Graham; parents Dennis Charlie, Delaise Tomah, both born Fort Graham; single; d. 19 July 1958, Summit Lake Townsite, aged 20; autopsy; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Prince George Cemetery]

[NB: brother Philip (Felix) Charlie; Register #555; 8 yrs old; Fort Grahame Band #8 ('now Band #50 Fort Grahame' added); born 27 February 1943; father Dennis Charlie, mother **Laura** (later crossed out, and Delaise Tomah substituted); for application in which father is said to be dead, mother living, signed by mother **Laura** Charlie, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-1913-14,1945-6)]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Laura Charlie; Fort Grahame Band; residence Fort Grahame Indian Reserve, Findlay Forks; born 5 May 1947; parents Dennis Charlie, Dalaise Tomah; d. 25 June 1951, Fort Grahame Indian Reserve, Findlay Forks, aged 4; cause of death unknown; death certificate signed by Indian Agent; buried by Indians, Findlay Forks Indian Cemetery]

**Walter Green\*** (1954/7/27), Register #505; Kisgegas Band (Hazelton Band); parents Thomas Wright, Bertha Green; illegitimate (see LAC c-8769, p. 1015); admitted 3 September 1946, aged 7 (for application signed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 1012-13, 1015, 1087, 1093, 1174) [NB: quarterly return dated 30 September 1952 states he was 14 yrs old; Hazelton Band; admitted 19 December 1946 (see LAC c-8767, p. 1315)] [NB: letter from Indian Agent to Ottawa dated 20 September 1946 states: 'You will note that the attached application is signed by the Mother of this child. The child is illegitimate and the Father not living with the family for some years. An elder sister is already in attendance at Lejac School.' (see LAC c-8769, p. 1015)] [NB: school documents state name was Walter Green, **Leonard** Green or **Leonard** Walter Green] [NB: still enrolled in September 1952; appears to be no evidence of his death]

**Zar Morris Jack** (1947/2/16), [C]; Register #427; 13 yrs old; Cheslatta Band; born 3 June 1933; parents Tom and Lotty Jack; admitted 3 September 1942 (for application signed by father in which parents' names are given as Tommy Jack, Zodila Louis, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8769, pp. 368-9, 378, 380); d. Lejac Indian Residential School; toxemia prostration due to intestinal influenza; DIA

inquiry (see LAC c-8770, pp. 547-557); death certificate signed by coroner, stating he did not attend deceased during illness; buried by Indians, Cheslatta Indian Reserve Cemetery, Marilla [NB: death certificate states name was Morris Jack] [NB: school documents state name was **Zaa** Morris Jack] [NB: statement by Indian Agent at DIA inquiry: 'The death of this pupil was very sudden and unexpected. I feel that everything possible was done for him by the school staff. I would recommend that an experienced and fully qualified graduate nurse be engaged for full time duty at the Lejac Residential School.'] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1947 states: 'Died Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> (see LAC c-8767, p. 889)]

[NB: brother Casimir Jack, Register #426, 7 yrs old, Cheslatta Band, parents Tommy Jack, Zodila Louis; admitted September 1942 (see LAC c-8769, p. 379-80)]

[NB: sister Dorothy Jack, Register #437; 9 yrs old; Cheslatta Band; parents Tommy Jack, Zodila Louis; admitted September 1942 (see LAC c-8769, pp. 375, 380)]

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