

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

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

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

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

*The above-referenced 19 students are not 'missing'. They are listed below in the order in which they appear on the NCTR website with the following indications as to 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 St Eugene's Indian Residential School from 1935-1950 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8777, and insert the page number 76:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2510372>

## **(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 St Eugene's 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 St Eugene's Indian Residential School for the years 1941-1952 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8774, and insert the page number 556:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2504177>

#### **(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 St Eugene's Indian Residential School for the years 1931-1953 were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access them, go to this link for LAC c-8776, and insert the page number 349:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2508056>

#### **(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>

For the principal's 'Statement showing the whereabouts of each of the ex-pupils of this institution' dated 1 July 1892, see the DIA Annual Report for 1892, pp. 262-3, at this link:

[https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Search?DataSource=Library|IndAffAnnRep&q=Adolophe&q\\_exact=for%20the%20year%20ended&DateBucket=1890-1899%7C1892&](https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Search?DataSource=Library|IndAffAnnRep&q=Adolophe&q_exact=for%20the%20year%20ended&DateBucket=1890-1899%7C1892&)

## STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES COMPILED FROM THE ABOVE RECORDS

**Adolophe** (1891/1/1 – 1892/12/31) [NB: DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: '13 mos'. attendance. Died at school'; report states name was **Adolphe**] [NB: DIA Annual Report establishes that death occurred before **1 July 1892**]

**Agnes Abraham** (1941/1/1), [C]; Register #253; 12 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; residence Flagstone; born 30 August, 1928; parents Abraham John, born BC, Alice Isadore, born Idaho, USA; admitted 1 November 1934 (for application signed by father in which mother's name is given as Alice **Simon**, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 540-4); d. Fernie General Hospital; acute appendicitis; autopsy; death certificate signed by mother, Mrs A. John, and doctor; buried by mother at Flagstone [NB: death certificate states name was Agnes **John**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1941/7/7] [NB: discharged 1 September 1941, at school 6 years 11 months: 'Died (appendicitis) during holidays' (see LAC c-8776, pp. 935, 937, 949)] [NB: quarterly return dated 30 September 1941: 'Died suddenly during the holidays' (see LAC c-8774, p. 582)] [NB: sister of **Annie John**, for whom see entry below]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Alice Chiqui; Tobacco Plains Band; residence Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, Grasmere; born 11 December 1907, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, USA; parents Terry Shottanana, Sophie Yellowstar, both born USA; married (husband Abraham Shottanana); d. 20 November 1982, Fernie District Hospital, aged 74; death certificate signed by daughter, Mary L. Mahoulah, Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, Grasmere, and doctor; buried Tobacco Plains Indian Cemetery, Grasmere]

[NB: death certificate for father, Abraham Shottanana; labourer (construction); residence Grasmere; born 15 June 1907, Tobacco Plains; parents John Pierre Shottanana, Mary Fabian; widowed (wife Alice Chiqui); d. 3 January 1992, Fernie District Hospital, aged 84; buried Grasmere Village Cemetery, Grasmere]

[NB: brother Noel John; Register #305; 8 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; born 28 March 1936; parents Abraham John, Alice Isadore; admitted September 1944 (for application signed by father, witnessed by mother, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 1121-2, 1127, 1136, 1171-2)]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Noel Frederick Shottanana, labourer (lumber mill); residence Victoria Avenue, Cranbrook; born 21 March 1936, Grasmere; parents Abraham Shottanana, born Grasmere, Alice Isadore, born Bonners Ferry, Idaho, USA; widowed (wife Mildred Joseph); d. 14 January 1994, Cranbrook Regional

Hospital, aged 57; death certificate signed by sister, Mary L. Mahoulah, Grasmere, and doctor; buried Old Grasmere Cemetery, Grasmere]

[NB: sister Mary L. John, Register #378; 8 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; parents Abraham John, Alice Isidor; admitted 4 September 1948 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 1407-8, 1439, 1441)]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Joseph Shottanana; logger; residence Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, Grasmere; born 8 November 1942, Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, Grasmere; parents Abraham Shottanana, born Grasmere, Alice Terry, born Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, USA; single; d. 17 September 1960, City Nuisance Grounds, Cranbrook, aged 17; autopsy; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Tobacco Plains Reserve, Grasmere]

[NB: death certificate for sister, Margaret Shottanana; residence Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, Grasmere; born 28 November 1943, Grasmere; parents Abraham Shottanana, born Grasmere, Alice Chiqui, born Bonners Ferry, Idaho; single; d. 4 January 1967, Highway No. 95, Cranbrook, aged 23; drowned ('Car skidded & left highway'); death certificate signed by brother-in-law, John Mahoulah, Tobacco Plains, Grasmere, and coroner; buried Tobacco Plains Reserve]

**Anastasie** (1891/1/1 - 1892/12/31) [NB: DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: '2 mos'. attendance. Died of "la grippe." ] [NB: Report establishes that death occurred before **1 July 1892**]

**Annie John\*** (1948/5/25), Register #327; 15 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; residence Flagstone; born 31 December 1932; parents Abraham John (Shottanana), Alice Chiqui, both born BC; admitted 25 April 1943 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 1047-9); d. Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, Sardis; tubercular meningitis, pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Tzeachten Indian Reserve, Sardis [NB: death certificate states name was **Anna John (Shottanana)**] [NB: some DIA documents have Register #328] [NB: discharged 19 March 1948, at school 4 years, 11 months, 22 days: 'Transferred to Coqualeetza Hospital, Sardis, B.C.' (see LAC c-8776, pp. 1389-91) [NB: second discharge form states: 'Died at Coqualeetza Hospital, Sardis B.C. May 25, '48' (see LAC c-8776, p. 1391)] [NB: quarterly return dated 30 June 1948 states: 'Died at Sardis Hospital, May 25/48' (see LAC c-8774, p. 799)] [NB: for parents and siblings, see entry for sister, **Agnes Abraham**, above]

**Anthony Pierre** (date of death unknown), Register #231, 12 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; parents Sam and Annie Pierre; admitted 1 September 1934 (for application signed by mother ('Father absent from home'), medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 508, 510-11, 527-8); d. at home, Tobacco Plains Reserve [NB: discharge requested 4 November 1938: 'At home with T.B.', approved 28 November 1938; discharged 5 December 1938, at school 2 years, 2 months, 5 days: 'Died' (see LAC c-8776, pp. 738-9, 759)]

[NB: brother Thomas Pierre, Register #221, 7 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; parents Sam and Annie Pierre; admitted 1 April 1933 (for application signed by mother

('Father absent in USA'), medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 453-4, 457-8)]

**Augustine** (1905/1/1) [NB: error on NCTR list; according to statements by Indian Agent and principal in DIA Annual Report for year ended 30 June 1905 all students were healthy:

*Education.* - *The Kootenay industrial school is situated near the reserve, and is under the supervision and care of the Reverend N. Coccola, O.M.I., as principal, his assistant, and the Sisters of Charity, whose zeal and fidelity in the discharge of their very onerous duties, deserve the highest praise.*

*The progress made by the pupils, during the year was most commendable, and discipline was well maintained. The buildings and gardens were carefully looked after, and kept clean and neat. A water system was put in last fall, and the different buildings are now well supplied with good, pure water, and with lavatories and baths. The parents of the children attending the school visit it frequently and appear to take an interest in the good work that is being so faithfully carried on by the staff.*

*Health and Sanitation.* - *The health of the pupils during the term just closed was decidedly good, in fact better than in preceding years. No sickness of any amount prevailed amongst them. This is no doubt due to the good ventilation of the buildings and the excellent sewer system laid in connection with the waterworks.*

*General Remarks.* - *It is a pleasure for me to state that this has been in every respect a most successful year. The pupils have been healthy, cheerful and very happy in school.]*

**Bertha Lillian White\*** (1942/6/20), Register #257; 14 yrs old; Columbia Lake Band; parents Alban White, born Lower Kootenay Reserve, Christine Michel, born Columbia Lake Reserve; admitted 1 May 1935 as Bertha **Alban** (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 549-50, 553-5); d. St Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook; tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Moses Michel, Fairmont), and doctor; buried St Eugene Cemetery; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8777, pp. 93-99) [NB: death certificate states name was Bertha White]

[NB: letter from Ottawa approving admission states: 'Regarding Bertha Alban, it is noted that she has congenital dislocation of the left hip and also eczema. The Principal and medical officer of the school should see that this girl receives the attention her case may require.']

[NB: discharged 20 June 1942, at school 7 years, 4 months, 18 days: 'This girl went to the local Hospital (where it was found her TB, aggravated by pneumonia) on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 1942, and died there, where she had remained, on June 20/42' (see LAC c-8776, pp. 973, 975) [NB: quarterly return dated 30 June 1942 states: 'Died June 10, 1942. In Hospital all during the quarter' (see LAC c-8774, p. 606)]

[NB: Indian Agent's statement at DIA inquiry: 'Facilities are not lacking at this School to promote good health and to provide for the more delicate children happier

and by far more healthful living conditions than they have ever enjoyed before. Much more could be done to provide for their safety by the installing of a new and better system of Fire protection. This is indeed urgent.’]

[NB: parents’ marriage certificate states Alban White and Christine Michel were married 28 May 1924, Pass Creek]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Christine White, states d. 11 April 1939, St Mary’s Indian Reserve, aged 34]

[NB: death certificate for father, Alban White; residence Columbia Lake Reserve, Windermere; born 10 April 1896, Creston; parents Jacob Basil White, Mary Swanson; married (wife Alice Nicholas); d. 23 March 1963, Columbia Lake Reserve, Windermere. aged 66; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Sacred Heart Church Cemetery, Columbia Lake Reserve]

[NB: sister Lucy Alban White, Register #240; 7 yrs old; parents Alban and Christine White; admitted September 1933 (for application signed by mother (‘Father serving term in penitentiary’), medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 465-6, 477, 479)]

[NB: brother Luke Alban, Register #236; 7 yrs old; admitted 1 May 1935 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 551-5)]

[NB: brother Justin (Augustine) White, Register #290; 8 yrs old; born 1 April 1933; Columbia Lake Band; admitted 1 September 1941; parents Alban White, Christine Michel deceased (for application signed by Michel Pete (‘grandfather - looks after this child’) and witnessed by Moses Michel, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8776, pp. 922-3, 946)]

**Irene Bertha Andrew\*** (1935/9/23), Register #251; 6 yrs old; St Mary’s Band; parents Basil and Joanne Andrew, both born St Mary’s Reserve; admitted 1 September 1934 (for application signed by father in which mother’s name is given as **Johanna Basil**, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 508, 518-19, 527-8); d. St Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook; cervical spinal meningitis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried St Mary’s Reserve Cemetery; DIA inquiry, father present (see LAC c-8777, pp. 80-5) [NB: principal’s statement at DIA inquiry: ‘Irene Andrew (Bertha Basil) was away from the school on Summer holidays and had not yet returned when taken sick. She died at the Hospital and the Doctor did everything possible for her’.] [NB: doctor’s statement at DIA inquiry: ‘While Irene Andrew was a pupil of the Kootenay Indian School she had not yet entered (illegible) school this year. Consequently the staff of the school were not connected with the illness in any way.’] [NB: Indian Agent’s letter to Ottawa dated 2 October 1935:

*I beg to enclose herewith a memorandum of an enquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Indian pupil No. 0251, Irene Bertha Andrew, daughter of Basil Andrew of St. Mary’s Reserve, which I trust will be found in order.*

*I beg to report that this child died in St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the enquiry was held at the office of Doctors F.W. Green and G.E.L. MacKinnon, Cranbrook, on the afternoon of September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Reverend Principal of the School, Dr. MacKinnon, the father of the child and myself being present.*

*Irene had not been at school since the opening of the fall term. She was taken from her home to the hospital, and as stated by Dr. MacKinnon the school staff were not connected with the illness in any way. I am quite convinced that the sick child received the best of care and that everything possible was done for her.’]*

[NB: letter from principal dated 1 October 1935 and other DIA documents state name was Bertha **Basil**: ‘0251, Bertha Basil, died in hospital, certificate of enquiry enclosed.’ (see LAC c-8776, pp. 562, 564)]

[NB: parents’ marriage certificate states Basil Andrew and Joanna Andrew were married 22 November 1926]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Johanna Andrew; residence St Mary’s Indian Reserve No. 1 near Cranbrook; born 9 November 1901; parents Andrew and Catherine Patrick; married (husband Basil Andrew); d. 22 July 1957, St. Mary’s Indian Reserve No. 1 near Cranbrook, aged 55; autopsy; death certificate signed by doctor; buried St Eugene Mission Cemetery, Cranbrook]

[NB: death certificate for father, Basil Andrew, labourer; St Mary’s Band; residence St Mary’s Indian Reserve, Cranbrook; born 16 September 1906, St Mary’s Indian Reserve; widowed (wife Joanna Andrew); d. 30 January 1975, Cranbrook & District Hospital, aged 68; autopsy; death certificate signed by friend, Mrs Lucy Birdstone, St Mary’s Indian Reserve, Cranbrook, and doctor; buried St Mary’s Indian Reserve Cemetery, Cranbrook]

**Joseph Cains** (1892/1/1 - 1893/12/31) [NB: DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1893 states: ‘1 year attendance. Died at home of consumption.’] [NB: DIA Annual Report establishes that death occurred before **1 July 1893**]

**Kukinthlikreth** (1949/11/14), [C]; Register #321, 16 yrs old; English name **Bertha McCoy**; Tobacco Plains Band; residence Tobacco Plains Reserve, Flagstone; born 22 March 1933; parents Michel and Rosalie (Susette) McCoy; admitted 1 September 1942 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, see LAC c-8776, pp. 992-3, 999), d. St Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by doctor; buried St Eugene Mission Cemetery, Cranbrook [NB: quarterly return dated 30 June 1947 states: ‘Failed to return, Sept./46’ (see LAC c-8774, p. 767)] [NB: readmitted 31 December 1948: ‘Formerly here – Attended Roosville Day School for one year.’ (see LAC c-8776, p. 1442)] [NB: discharged 1 September 1949, at school 7 years: ‘Of age.’ (see LAC c-8776, pp. 1474, 1476)]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Rosalie McCoy; Tobacco Plains Band; residence Tobacco Plains Indian Reservation, Grasmere; born 1898, Tobacco Plains Reservation, Grasmere; father surnamed Adrian, mother Mary Fabian, both born Tobacco Plains Reservation, Grasmere; married (husband Michael McCoy); d. 21 December 1977, Fernie District Hospital, aged 79; death certificate signed by half



sister, Alice Shottanana, Tobacco Plains Reservation, Grasmere, and doctor; buried Roosville Indian Cemetery, Roosville]

[NB: death certificate for father, Michael McCoy; retired labourer; Tobacco Plains Band; residence Extended Care Unit, Cranbrook & District Hospital; born 20 July 1880, Columbia Lake Reservation; father surnamed McCoy, mother unknown; widowed (wife Rosalie Shotanna); d. 8 May 1984, Cranbrook & District Hospital, aged 103; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Roosville Cemetery, Roosville]

[NB: marriage certificate for brother states Jerome McCoy, farmer, residence Tobacco Plains Reserve; born Eureka, Montana (parents Michel McCoy, Columbia Lake Reserve, Windermere, Rosalie Adrieu(?) [Adrian?]), bachelor, aged 24, and Elizabeth Gravelle, residence Flagstone, born Tobacco Plains (parents Ambrose Gravelle, born Elmo, Montana, and Catherine Dennis), spinster, aged 21, were married 29 April 1943, Tobacco Plains Reserve, witnesses Fabian John, Mrs Douglas Phillips, (illegible), OMI, officiating]

[NB: brother Basil McCoy; Register #344; 9 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; admitted 7 September 1948; parents Michel and Rosalie McCoy (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 1417-18, 1440-1)]

**Lawrence Stephen Williams** (1966/4/15), [C]; 11 yrs old; St Mary's Band; residence St Mary's Indian Reserve; born 5 November 1954, Cranbrook; parents Leo Conrad Williams, born St Mary's Indian Reserve, Cranbrook, Margaret Clement, born Cranbrook; d. St Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook; head injury (passenger in back seat of one of two trucks which collided); autopsy; death certificate signed by coroner; buried St Eugene Mission Cemetery [NB: not identified as a student in death certificate]

[NB: for father Leo Conrad Williams, see also: <https://www.geni.com/people/Leo-Williams/6000000004955370708>]

**Mary Andrew** (1891/1/1 - 1892/12/31) [NB: DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: '14 mos'. attendance. Died of the consequences of "la grippe." [NB: DIA Annual Report establishes that death occurred before **1 July 1892**]

**Mary Antoinette Pascal** (1950/1/21) [C]; Register #390; 7 yrs old; Shuswap Band; residence Athalmer; born 26 February 1942; parents Gustaf Pascal, Josephine Paul; admitted 6 September 1949 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 1467-8, 1473, 1475); d. Kootenay Indian Residential School; struck by large piece of ice which fell off roof causing skull fracture, brain haemorrhage; autopsy; death certificate signed by coroner (informant Reverend Agnellus Pickelle, pastor, Invermere); buried St Paul's Cemetery, Athalmer; DIA Inquiry (see LAC c-8777, pp. 100-112) [NB: DIA inquiry stated children warned not to go near building because of ice falling off roof] [NB: quarterly return dated 31 March 1950 states: 'Killed by accident 21/1/50' (see LAC c-8774, p. 849)] [NB: discharged 21 January 1950, at school 3 months 21 days: 'Killed by accident' (see LAC c-8776, pp. 1479-80)]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Josephine Paul; residence Windermere Indian Reserve #3; born 18 January 1917, Shuswap Reserve; parents Louis and Julia Paul,

both born Shuswap Indian Reserve; married (husband Gustaf Pascal); d. 20 October 1965, highway, Radium, aged 48; drowning ('car rolled off bridge'); death certificate signed by coroner; buried Shuswap Indian Reserve] [NB: for 7 other persons who drowned in same accident see *Vancouver Sun*, 20 October 1965, p. 11]

[NB: death certificate for father, Gustav Pascal; Invermere Indian Band; residence Invermere; born 1882; parents Leo and Kathleen Pascal; single, marital status unknown; d. 16 August 1979, Cranbrook & District Hospital, aged 97; death certificate signed by doctor; buried Invermere Band Cemetery]

[NB: death certificate for brother, William Nicolas Pascal, labourer (logging); residence Invermere; born 15 October 1949, Shuswap Indian Reserve; parents Gustav Pascal, Josephine Paul, both born Shuswap Indian Reserve; single; d. 28 December 1973, Shuswap Indian Reserve, 3 miles north of Invermere, aged 24; death certificate signed by Marge Eugene, Band Manager and Counsellor, and coroner; buried by Reserve members, Shuswap Reserve Cemetery]

**Mary Tharé** (1891/1/1 - 1892/12/31) [NB: DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: '9 mos'. attendance. Died after few months that she was at home.' [NB: DIA Annual Report establishes that death occurred before **1 July 1892**]

**Nancy** (ca. 1891-1892) [NB: DIA Annual Report dated 1 July 1892 states: '11 mos'. attendance. Died of "la grippe." [NB: DIA Annual Report establishes that death occurred before **1 July 1892**]

**Sabina Ernest David** (1949/10/6), [C]; Register #354; 16 yrs old; farm labourer, market gardening (2 years); residence Cranbrook; born 1935, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, USA; parents Alexander J. David, Christine Goodman, both born Bonners Ferry Idaho; admitted 27 August 1944 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 1111-12, 1165-6, 1181, 1193-4); d. Wasa Road, north of Fort Steele; run over by truck; death certificate signed by father, Alex David, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and coroner; buried Lower Kootenay Indian Reserve Cemetery, Creston [NB: death certificate states citizenship 'American Indian', racial origin 'American Indian (White)'] [NB: death certificate states date of death was **1951/10/6**] [NB: letter from principal dated 5 October 1944 states mother was member of Lower Kootenay Band (see LAC c-8776, pp. 1129-30)] [NB: application for admission states attended Bonners Ferry School for 3 yrs]

[NB: at time of admission cared for by relative Louis Ernest of Lower Kootenay Reserve, Creston (see LAC c-8776, pp. 1109-10, 1136-8, 1185, 1253-7)]

[NB: letter from Ottawa 16 October 1944: 'The information from both yourself and the Principal indicates that this girl's father is an American Indian. Her mother presumably was a Canadian Indian, but died two years ago. When all is said and done the responsibility for the maintenance of this girl rests with the father and as he is an American Indian he should be able to make arrangements for the education of his daughter. At the moment I cannot see how we would be justified in accepting her as a grant-earning pupil in the Kootenay School.']

[NB: initially admitted under Register #346, later assigned new Register #354 (see LAC c-8776, pp. 1129, 1253-7)]

[NB: quarterly return dated 30 September 1949 states: 'Failed to return' (see LAC c-8774, p. 841)] [NB: left school 2 years prior to death]

[NB: death certificate for guardian, Louie Ernest; residence Lower Kootenay Indian Reserve, Creston; born 24 May 1898, Lower Kootenay Reserve, Creston; father Isidore Ernest, born Lower Kootenay Reserve, Creston, mother Catherine; married (wife Mary Anne Adrienne (Joseph)); d. 9 May 1959, Lower Kootenay Indian Reserve, Creston, aged 60; death certificate signed by doctor; buried St Peter's Mission, Lower Kootenay Reserve]

**Susan Ignatius** (1936/5/30) [NB: same person as **Theresa Ignatius** below]

**Susan Pierre\*** (1936/3/8), Register #224; 13 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; born Tobacco Plains Reserve; father Sam Pierre, mother Monica, born Tobacco Plains Reserve; d. at home, Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve; pulmonary tuberculosis; death certificate signed by Indian Agent (informant Rev. L. Dery, OMI), and doctor; buried Tobacco Plains Reserve [NB: DIA inquiry includes letter from principal dated 9 March 1936: 'Susan Pierre, (0224) whose name is still on our roll, but who, on account of poor health did not resume residence at the School in September 1936, died at her home in Tobacco Plains on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1936'] [NB: DIA inquiry not held since she had been at home more than 3 months] [NB: letter dated 6 April 1936 asking why discharge not applied for (see LAC c-8776, pp. 590-1)]

**Theresa Ignatius** (1936/4/8), Register #249; 7 yrs old; Tobacco Plains Band; parents Jack and Helen Ignatius; admitted 1 September 1934 (for application signed by father, medical exam, admission, approval, see LAC c-8776, pp. 508, 520-1, 527-8); d. at home, Tobacco Plains Reserve; tubercular peritonitis; buried Tobacco Plains Reserve Cemetery?; DIA inquiry (see LAC c-8777, pp. 89-92) [NB: DIA inquiry states date of death was 1936/5/30] [NB: DIA inquiry states taken to hospital from school 31 March 1936 in school car, attended by Dr Green until 8 April 1936; appears she was discharged from hospital and died at home on Tobacco Plains Reserve on **30 May** 1936, almost 2 months later] [NB: same person as **Susan Ignatius** above stated to have died on 30 May 1936]

[NB: death certificate for mother, Helen Ignatius; residence Tobacco Plains Reserve, Grasmere; born 20 January 1895, Tobacco Plains Reserve; father surnamed Ignatius, mother Mary Shotanana, both born Tobacco Plains; widowed (husband Ignatius Jack); d. 15 May 1971, Fernie Memorial Hospital, aged 76; death certificate signed by daughter, Mary Ignatius, Grasmere, and doctor; buried Tobacco Plains Reserve]

[NB: death certificate for brother, Augustin Ignatius; logger; residence Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve No. 2, Grasmere; born 4 November 1921, Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, Grasmere; parents Jack Ignatius, Helen Adrian; single; d. 2 November 1965, St Mary's Reserve Road, Cranbrook, aged 43; accident ('ran over by car'); death certificate signed by coroner; buried Tobacco Plains Reserve]

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