

**INTRODUCTION TO
ST PETER'S CEMETERY
NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA**



**St Peter's Cemetery
New Westminster, British Columbia**



St Peter's Cemetery was established in 1880. It is located on Richmond Street between Alberta and Cumberland Street although on the north side between the cemetery and Alberta Street is housing and between the cemetery and Cumberland Street is the Old Fraser section of Fraser Cemetery. The street address is given as 100 Richmond Street (the same as for Fraser Cemetery but the Fraser Cemetery office does not have records for this cemetery).

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Sunrise in the summer



View from Richmond Street



View from the circle

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View of the upper part of the cemetery

When visiting this cemetery, make sure you know the location of the grave you are looking for as there are no records kept in the cemetery. For information on grave location contact the parish office at 330 Royal Street, New Westminster, V3L 1H8, phone 604-522-4611 or email at st.peters@telus.net. The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Please note that pets are not allowed in this cemetery. Artificial flowers and the planting of shrubs are not allowed.

In 1860 Father Leo Fourquet, OMI, was sent to establish the parish of New Westminster. Two wooden churches were built at Blackwood Street and Columbia Street, one for settlers and the other for the natives. Both churches were consecrated in 1861. Originally St Peter's was part of the Diocese of New Westminster. Since that time there have been more building and a fire, and the present church at Royal Avenue and 8th Street was built and dedicated in 1939. St Peter's is now part of the Diocese of Vancouver. It is still served by the Oblate Fathers.

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The present church and parish office is located at 330 Royal Ave. (and 4th Street) in New Westminster. For the parish office go to the right of the main doors.



For purposes of this recording the cemetery was divided into two parts, left and right, with the road being the dividing line. Row 1 for both sides is at the Richmond Street with the first marker on the left being stone 1 for both sides. This cemetery has yellow numbers painted on the curb going up the road. Each yellow number usually represents 2 rows. There is one double row on the right side (row 25 by this recording count, yellow number 12). If you are using the row/stone number to locate a marker use the attached map which gives the first and last name in each row to find the right row. The markers in the bottom, older part are somewhat scattered but still in rows. On the map the numbers going up the road are the yellow (or block) numbers; the numbers going up the right side correspond to the row numbers in the recording. You may find using the yellow (block) numbers to locate the row you want is helpful. A further aid to locating a row is the section map which gives the first and last name in each row.

Some of the information in this recording is taken from some very old stones. Some dates and names are barely legible and although every attempt has been made to ensure accuracy, errors or omissions may occur. We did not have access to the burial records and some of the early burial records were lost in a fire. Please send any corrections to cemeteries@bcgs.ca or The British Columbia Genealogical Society, PO box 88054, Lansdowne Mall, Richmond, BC, V6X 3T6, Canada

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Searching in CemViewer

CemViewer is a very precise search engine. You may search by name or location (section and row). When searching by name try the family name alone first. If this brings up too many of that name, then add the given name. If adding the given name gives no results, then add the given name plus an * (for example, Mary *) which should bring up any Mary with an initial or second name. If you put in Mary Ann and the name of the stone is Maryanne you will not get to that person. So less is better in this search engine. Don't forget to try alternate spellings, for example, McDonald, MacDonald, Mc Donald and Mac Donald. Abbreviated given names (Wm. for William) are not used in the index; the name is given in full. If only an initial is given as the given name then you must search with an initial with a period after it (A. not A). If you think the person is buried in this cemetery and you are not finding them try _____ (5 underlines) which will bring up all the stones without a family name on them. With the additional information (given names and dates) you may be able to locate the right person. Also, you might try looking in the cemetery next door – Fraser Cemetery; many families have persons buried in both cemeteries and both cemeteries have catholic and protestant burials. If searching by section use either Right Side or Left Side as the section name. Names and section names are not case sensitive but spacing must match.

This recording was done with the permission of St Peter's Parish and contains 3,466 names/entries and 2,100 photographs of stones.

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For further information about this cemetery contact the parish office or you might try

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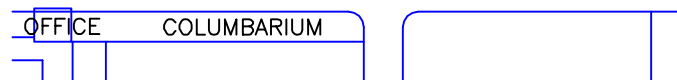
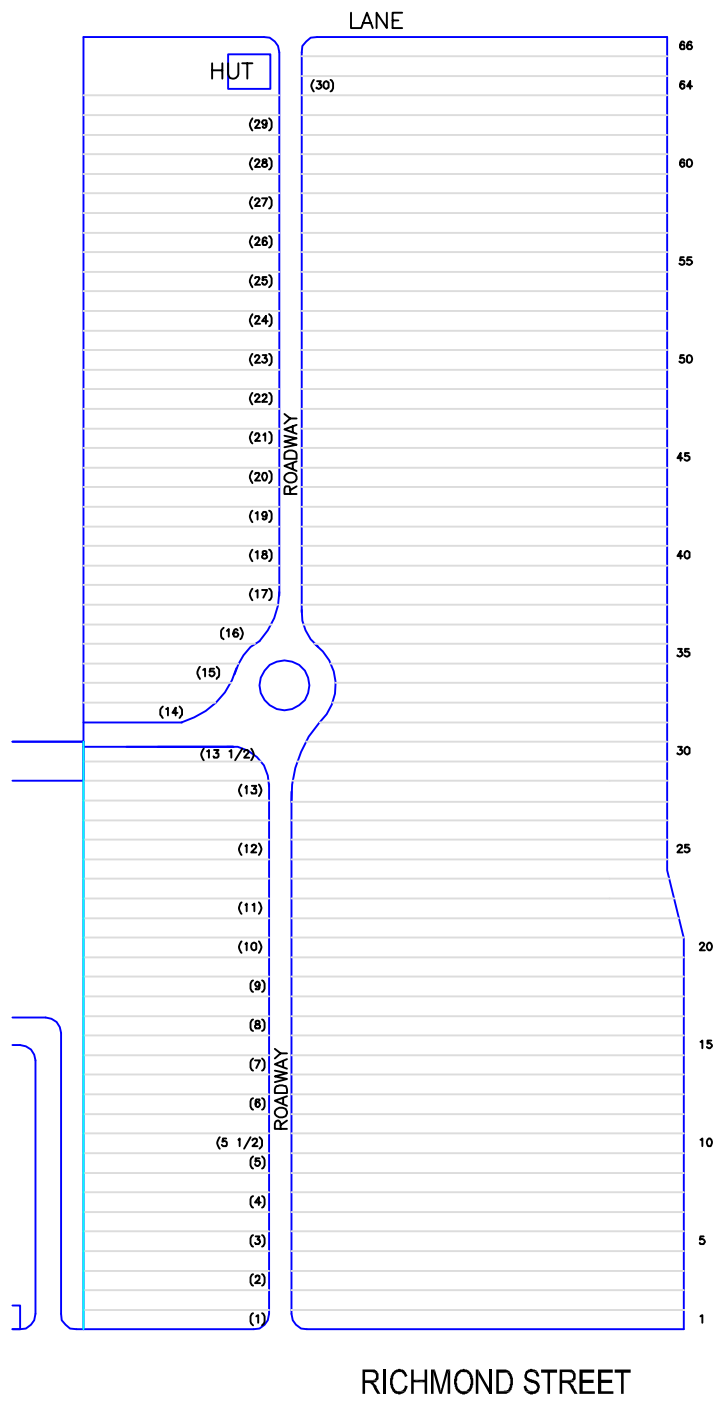
St Peter's Cemetery Section Map

Left side

right side

Row	First name	Last name		Road	First name	Last name	Row		
	Works area and Hut								
			30						
63	Hanson, Carl J.	Lemieux, Gerrard			Jaster, Felisk	Vandersteen	66		
62	Masura, Steve	Weston, Dave	29		Browning, William	Hughes, Raymond	65		
61	Neroth, Rudolf Carl	Dunn, Clara							
60	-> Blum, Barbara/Wilbur	Phelan, Louis	28						
59	Negrin, Selina/John	Steiner, Steve ←			St Hilaire, Roger	Tibay, Renato	64		
58	Wagner, Fred & Swett, Helen	Poyntz, Arthur	27		→ Simpson, Jean	Winter, Mary	63		
57	Thompson, Caroline & Deutsch, Doris	Beauhesne, Noella			Bunch, Patricia	Leguerrier, Richard	62		
56	Maloney, Alphonse	Charbonneau, Anita	26		McNamee, Blanche	Bohmer, Maria	61		
55	LeBlanc, Marie Adele	Belland, Shirley			Daoust, Marie	Morris, Louis	60		
54	Wallace, Judith	Emard, Sarah	25		Pasowesty, Elizabeth	Marr, David	59		
53	Grossman, Frank	Favero, Matilda			Schifferns, Josephine	Gobilot, Rene +	58		
52	Chenier, Benjamin	Clement, James ←	24						
51	Cahill, Desmond	MacDonald, Patricia			Lukacik, Anna	Williams, Mona	57		
50	McIntyre, Joseph	Versluys, Jacobus	23						
49	Sparling, Lome	David, Michael			Mark, Joan	Camlo, Maria	56		
48	Carmichael, Lome	Cheramy, Marie	22		Pigeon, Maurice	Heisler, Joan	55		
47	LaRivere, David	MacDonald, Donald			Turgeon, Henri	Dutour, Aime	54		
46	Pruneau, Marie	Clouthier, Rodrique	21		Gibson, James	Ovens, Helen	53		
45	Camire, Albert	Knapp, William							
44	Sherlock, William	Carrier, Albert J.	20		Lorenz, Michael	Gillen, Clement	52		
43	McCarthy, Tim +	Allard, Ida +			Delaney, Daniel	Bongogofski, John	51		
42	Matlewsky, Joseph	Zaniol, Primo	19		McMahon, Mary	Racanello, Frank	50		
41	Wadge, Stanley	Comtois, Joseph			Beaupre, Wilfred	Kastak, Andrew	49		
40	Judge, Ed + cremations	Grimes, Rev. John	18		Wilcock, Arthur	Boileau, Stella	48		
39	Amero, Ed +	Dodge, James			Rose, Elizabeth	Freeman, Sister Pearl	47		
38	Kelly, Wilfred	Yell, Molly	17		Noel, Medard	Murkovic, Cila	46		
37	Sedgwick, Mary	Coutu, Arthur/Yvonne			Bens, Don	VanDersten, Laura	45		
36	Smith, Edith	Veres, Steve	16		Gobeil, Alma	McKeown, Thomas	44		
35	Lajos, Mazacs	Drechester, Elsie			Noel, Henry	Enzol, Olga	43		
34	→ Connolly, Grace	McDonald, Katherine	15		Power, Francis/Ann Mary	Beaulien, Aldea	42		
33	Pratt Margaret	Brazier, Juliette			Maltais, Daniel	Cook, Irma ←	41		
32	Pratt, Walter	Charron, Fortunat	14		Nelson, Rose Marie	Smith, Ellen ←	40		
	Dirt → circle				Lamothe, Joseph	Bebbington, Irene	39		
30	Natruali, Alicia	Philpott, Ricard			Laplante, Rose/Olivia	Hamel, Alida	38		
29	Allen, Mary Jane	Batucki twins			→ Sambrook, Chas/Julia	Hamel, Olivia	37		
28	→ Bowie, Robert	Clarke, Mabel	13		Hendrekus, Teeuwan	Morin, Alice	36		
27	Chemelo, John	Finnigan, Patrick			Lessard, Albert	Entwistle, Frances	35		
26	→ Stushoff, Mary	De Paoli, Bruno			Sister Mary Joseph	Facchin, Maria	34		
25	Trento, Joseph/Angelo	_____, Robert	12		Olaessen, Rev. P.	Coady, Sister Edna	33		
24	Streiling, William A.	Walker, Brian	11 ½		Diederichs, M.	Bolduc, Louis	32		
23	→ Taylor, Verna	Duval, Henri			McElgunn, M.	Murray, Elizabeth ←	31		
22	Benna, Richard	Cambridge, J. J.	11		131/2	Gould, Enrelie	Lasure, Arthur	30	
21	Payne, Mirita	Rioual, Aline ←			13	Grant Roderick	Eichoff, Fritz	29	
20	Shigeta, Reikot	Cravelle, Ostor	10			Shymanski, Stefan	Roberge, Rachel	28	
19	→ Garland, Anna	Peras/Anna/Eldege				Beausoleil, Adrian	Cesavant, Bernard	27	
18	Jordan, E. Francis	Webster, Sadie	9			Kukoly, James	Berger, Jean ←	26	
17	Roberge, Hector/Simone (only 1)					Barnes + Dorgan + Forget	Connor, Thomas	25	
16	Licas, Jennylynn	Marcinek, Josef +	8		111/2	Roberts, Patrick	Berger, Jean ←	24	
15	Cox, Jesse/Aline	Rey, Antoine				O'Sullivan, Ambrose	Girard, Emanuel	23	
14	Wingleman, Patricia + Frank, Ryan	Pittendrigh, Marciana	7			Douglas + Cyr	Crowley Mary ←	22	
13	Garvin, Jerome	McShane, Sean				Biron, James	Latus, Ralph	21	
12	Davies, Edward	Cawker, Chas/Geraldine	6			Walsh, William	Scopinich, John + ←	20	
11	Duilaim, Donald	Hess, John/Christina	5 1/2			Kostha, Anna	Doumoulin, G. B ←	19	
10	Shantz, Arnold/Charlotte + Gomm, Mona	Ryan, Ella				Daly, Mable	Adolfo, Tazzioli	18	
9	McGladery, Mary Ellen	Shadwell, Lucy ←	5			Charbonneau, Ellen	Nestor, James J.	17	
8	Atkinson, Julia	Barnes, Fred				Sullivan, Daniel J.	Lacoste, Catherine ←	16	
7	→ Gauthier, Philomen	McKay, Thomas/James	4			Wise, Robert	Grant, Simon + 3	15	
6	Grady, Richard	Fitzgerald Ed +				Wise, Catherine/Geraldine	Biollo, Sante	14	
5	McLean, Agnes (1 only)								
4	→ Hayward, Mrs. C. (1 only)					Biggar, Jean	Feeney, Margaret	13	
3	Jepson, Michael	Dynes	2			Doyle, Charles	Sullivan, Thomas	12	
2	Dickinson, Mary/Sam	Perras, Jarmine				51/2	Nadeau, Chas/Celina	Sister Mary Joseph	11
1	Labelle, Art/Eva	Dublin, Joseph	1				→ McGillvray, Donald	Henriy, Marie	10

Richmond Street



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INSCRIPTIONS FROM MARKERS SEEN IN 1993 BUT NOT SEEN IN 2009

The following inscriptions appeared in the 1985 (published in 1993) BCGS recording of St Peter's Cemetery but were not seen in 2009.

CUMMESON	Alex E.	Cummeson ~Alex E. ~1891-1962
DOBSON <i>Block 23, lot 30-C</i>	Dennis Cunningham	Dobson, M. D. ~Dennis Cunningham ~1941-1971 ~R.I.P.
KALTENBORN <i>Moved to Oceanview Cemetery October 12, 1990</i>	Johan	In loving memory of ~husband and father ~Johan Katlenborn ~July 7, 1907 ~April 19, 1964 ~Rest in peace ~
NORMAN	Marie Carolina	En memoria de ~Marie Carolina Perez de ~Norman ~ Febrero 5 de 1893 – Novembre 10 le 1973 ~R.I.P.
PURCELL <i>Block 7, lot 36-A</i>	John S.	Purcell ~John S. ~of Toronto, Ont. ~May 4, 1869 ~July 20, 1914
ROBINSON <i>Disinterred December 2007</i>	Gaston L.	Robinson ~Dr. Gaston L. ~1909-1978 ~One short sleep past, ~we wake eternally" ~Entrez dans la Joie ~de la vie eternelle
SHADWELL <i>Block 5, lot 47-A</i>	St Clair John	In ~memory of ~St Clair John Shadwell ~Born July 1, 1888 ~Died Mar. 26, 1921 ~At rest
RICORDO	Antionio Orioli	Ricordo ~Dall moglie e figli~Antonio Orioli ~1910-1962 ~Riposa in peace
STELGERWALD <i>Block 21, lot 29-B</i>	Nicholas	In loving memory of ~Nicholas Stelgerwald ~1869-1964
WARLMONT <i>Block 26, lot 32-B</i>	Hans	In loving memory of ~Hans Warlmont ~1884-1950 ~Rest in peace

BACKGROUND ON CATHOLIC SISTERS' GRAVES
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A. An introduction to the lives and works of Catholic Sisters.

Visitors to St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cemetery in New Westminster BC who notice the groups of religious women buried there ask why some are memorialized as Sister, some as Mother some as choir. Who were these women, where did they come from, what did they do in life, and how did they come to be buried here?

In the 1600s women religious came from France to New France to teach and to nurse. They took vows, lived in convents and relied on fees or donations to support their good works. Over time other congregations of women were established and spread across the country. The term 'Sisters' applies to most of these groups. They were active in the world as compared with the few contemplative, convent-enclosed groups of 'Nuns' in Canada.

Until the 1960s Catholic Sisters in traditional dress or habits taught schools, ran hospitals and orphanages and did social service work. The Second Vatican Council of the 1960s led to changes in the organization and ministries of religious congregations. Members returned to the use of their baptismal names and civilian clothing. Although membership numbers have been declining in the last decades and several congregations have left British Columbia, there are still numerous congregations of religious women active here. Nowadays lay associates cooperate with the Sisters in their works.

Two recent books provide context on the Sisters and Nuns who are buried in St. Peter's cemetery. Deborah Rink and the Sisters Association of the Archdiocese of Vancouver compiled *Spirited Women: A History of Catholic Sisters in British Columbia* and Elizabeth Smyth edited *Changing Habits: Women's Religious Orders in Canada*. 2007. The forty-nine congregations of religious women who have served in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, include sisterhoods that came from France and those that came from the eastern provinces of Canada.

Within the Roman Catholic Church the congregations of women had considerable autonomy. Their own elected superior generals and councils organized their lives and works. They reported to a diocesan bishop or to a cardinal protector in Rome, but they managed their own enterprises in British Columbia. They ran elite academies and taught music lessons to fund schools, hospitals, and homes for the aged and missions to First Nations. Donations from the local public and proceeds from the women's auxiliaries assisted. The motherhouses in France, Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, and St. John contributed to British Columbia Missions as did the families of British Columbia women who joined the sisterhoods.

Each congregation had its own customs for as regards habit or dress and naming practices. Some Sisters took 'names in religion' and some, especially French-Canadian Sisters, added Mary or Marie before their religious name. Irish-Canadian women who entered the novitiates of French orders often received French names. Women who became superiors or had served the

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congregation for fifty years were accorded the title 'Mother.' In the 1960s Sisters returned to the use of baptismal names but the initials after their names stayed the same. For example, Sisters of Charity of Providence of Montreal still put SP after their names.

The structure of European and most Canadian congregations was hierarchical. Choir sisters taught, nursed or administrated, and lay sisters did domestic work. In the early-twentieth century most sisterhoods merged the categories of choir and lay sisters. The old divisions are seen in the gravestones for the Religious of the Sacred Heart that indicate choir or lay status and whether or not a deceased member had professed final vows.

Between 1883 when the Roman Catholic Bishop at New Westminster, Paul Durieu, consecrated St. Peter's cemetery and 1965 when the Archdiocese of Vancouver began the Gardens of Gethsemani in Surrey, St. Peter's cemetery served as the diocesan cemetery. Catholic Sisters who had served in the region chose to be buried there with a few exceptions. The Sisters of Saint Ann, who had come to Victoria in 1858 and to New Westminster in 1865, had their gravesites at their Victoria convent until they developed plots at Ross Bay Cemetery. Some Sisters returned to European or Eastern motherhouses for retirement were interred there. Some Lower Mainland Sisters were buried at Mountainview Cemetery in Vancouver.

The earliest burial of a Sister in St. Peter's Cemetery as recorded by the BC Genealogy society is that of Sister Ethelbert [Mary Newlin] in 1894. She was a Sister of Providence and one of the founders of St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster.

B. A brief history of each of the congregational groupings present in St. Peter's Cemetery: origins, arrival and service in British Columbia.

I have organized these alphabetically. The side and row number of the grouping is given after the congregation name.

Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception *(left side row 11)*

Delia Tetrault of Montreal founded the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1904 intending that they would dedicate themselves to foreign mission work. The congregation did however establish missions to the Chinese in Montreal and in Vancouver. In 1921 the Sisters began their work in Vancouver teaching, running a health clinic and a seniors home. In 1946 they opened Mount St. Joseph Hospital. The Sisters and the hospital continue to serve the region today.

Only one member of the M.I.C. is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Marie-Flore, 1908-1950, Soeur St. Ambroise M.I.C., nee Marie-Flore Beaudoin, 1909-1950.

*Note two different birth dates.

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Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul [Halifax*] (*Right side, row 11*)

Founded in Halifax in 1856 as a teaching Congregation by Mother Basilia McCann, this congregation expanded its services to western states and provinces. The Sisters of Charity came to the Archdiocese of Vancouver in 1923 to teach in parochial schools at St. Helen's, Holy Cross, St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Perpetual Help. They established Seton Academy which was sold in 1971 and became Seton Villa seniors' residence. Today the Sisters still serve in a variety of parish and educational ministries.

Eleven Sisters: Sister Margaret Mary to Sister Mary Joseph, including Sister Mary Bernard, the pioneer superior of St. Helen's School in Burnaby in 1923. Four sisters are recorded buried in New Westminister, BC: Sister Frances Aloysia Vollhoffer 1946, Sister Mary Vera MacEachern 1968, Sister Edna Marie Coady, Sister Marie McCarthy (Rose Helen).

Sisters of Charity of Providence [SP] (*Right side, row 9*)

In 1843 a Montreal widow, Emiie Gamelin, founded the congregation known today as the Sisters of Charity of Providence as servants of the poor, dedicated to healthcare, education and social service work. The Sisters came to Washington Territory and British Columbia in the late 1800s to establish hospitals and to teach in Indian mission schools and parochial schools. In New Westminister in 1886 they founded St. Mary's Hospital and in Vancouver in 1894 they founded St. Paul's Hospital. Sisters of Providence also ran St. Genevieve's Orphanage 1900-1950 on the Burnaby-New Westminister border and were the first teachers at Our Lady of Mercy School in Burnaby.

Among the Sisters of Charity of Providence graves in St. Peter's Cemetery are those of Sister Ethelbert [Mary Newlin] from 1894 and Sister Joseph Napoleon [Florentine Aubin] from 1918. Sister Ethelbert's is the oldest grave on the list of Sisters' graves. Sister Ethelbert is notable also for having made a fundraising tour to the Canadian Pacific Railway camps in 1886 to aid building of the New Westminister hospital. Sister Joseph Napoleon died while nursing at St. Mary's Hospital during the Spanish flu epidemic. See Jaime McEvoy, *The Life and Destruction of St. Mary's Hospital*, 121.

Fifteen Sisters.

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Religious of the Good Shepherd *(Left side, row 11 and Right side, row 17)*

Founded in 1829 in France by St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, the Religious of the Good Shepherd sent members to eastern Canada and the eastern states to establish institutions to care for needy women and children. In 1890 Father Fayard, and Oblate missionary priest from British Columbia spoke at the Ottawa Good Shepherd convent and inspired the Sisters to send a delegation to found an orphanage for children and a refuge for women in New Westminster BC. When their building there burned down in 1899 the Sisters of the Good Shepherd relocated in Vancouver. In the 1960s they moved to White Rock and established St. Euphrasia's treatment centre for girls, later renamed Rosemary Heights. The Sisters withdrew from the Archdiocese of Vancouver in 1995 but their legacy lives on in the archdiocesan Rosemary Heights retreat centre.

Six sisters. Notice that the Sisters' baptismal and religious names are given and they are each identified as Religious of the Good Shepherd.

Religious of the Precious Blood *(Left side, row 11)*

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood are a contemplative community of nuns who originated in St. Hyacinthe Quebec in 1861. They were diocesan in structure, each foundation independent of the others. The Sisters established the Our Lady Star of the Sea Monastery in Vancouver in 1930. They depended on donations for their livelihood. In 1947 the congregation reorganized as English and French federations. The Vancouver sisters became part of the English federation. By 1983 declining numbers at the Vancouver monastery led to its closure. The Sisters continued a community at Nelson BC until 1998. The foundress of the Vancouver monastery, Mary Lyons, Mother St. Catherine of Sienna [1889-1931], is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Four Sisters.

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Religious of the Sacred Heart (Left side, row 39 and 40)

Founded in France in 1800 by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, the Religious of the Sacred Heart were dedicated to the elementary education of children and the secondary education of girls. This congregation expanded its works to North American cities in the mid-1800s, becoming known for elite girls' schools and charitable works. In its girls' schools the congregation provided its own classical curriculum. The Montreal convent of the Sacred Heart sent Sisters to establish a Vancouver convent in 1911. Within a few years the Convent of the Sacred Heart was built in Point Grey. It hosted pioneer services for Immaculate Conception parish in 1924 and the first meetings of the Catholic Womens' League in Vancouver the same year. The Religious of the Sacred Heart also held retreats for women from 1914 until 1947. When the Religious of the Sacred Heart withdrew from Vancouver in 1979 they sold the convent to St. George's boys' school. The Sacred Heart Alumnae meet there annually. Members of the congregation have returned to British Columbia to do parish and adult education work in northern British Columbia. The sisters had a cemetery on their Vancouver grounds but when they sold the property in the 1970s the graves was moved to St Peter's Cemetery.

The Religious of the Sacred Heart constitute one of the largest groups of Sisters' graves in St. Peter's cemetery and the only group with a standing cross identifying their congregation. Their plot is near the burial site of Archbishop Timothy Casey who died in 1931. The Sisters' gravestone inscriptions give their surname and initial and indicate whether they were Choir Professed or Choir or not. Sisters without the Choir Prof were the lay Sisters.

Sister Marie Gallant who died in 1965 was one of the pioneer teachers at the Vancouver Convent of the Sacred Heart in 1911.

Sisters of the Child Jesus (Right Side Group 15 Row 25)

Established by Anne-Marie Martel in the 1600s in Le Puy, France, and reorganized after the French Revolution, the Sisters of the Child Jesus devoted themselves to the education of rural French children. Bishop Paul Durieu O.M.I. of New Westminster, learned of their work from his niece, a member of the congregation and encouraged the Sisters to send teachers to British Columbia to instruct at the new Indian Residential School at Williams Lake in 1896. Later the Sisters taught at residential schools in North Vancouver and Sechelt. At North Vancouver in the 1900s the Sisters established a convent school and their Canadian novitiate and motherhouse. The Sisters of the Child Jesus attracted novices from Ireland, from their Canadian prairie schools and from Native communities. In British Columbia in the twentieth century the Sisters taught at St. Edmund's parish school and St. Thomas Aquinas High School in North Vancouver and at Our Lady of Lourdes in Maillardville, Coquitlam. Today the Sisters of the Child Jesus provide educational and social services to several parishes including Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Peter's.

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Sister Aimee de Marie aka Mother Aimee de Marie [d. 1942 at 83] was the first Superior of the Sisters of the Child Jesus at Williams Lake and North Vancouver. She is buried next to Sister Mary Felicien [d. 1943 at 69], known to historians for her journal on the Sisters early years in British Columbia.

[Names matched with names in text of D. Rink, *Spirited Women*]. Thirty-three Sisters.

Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Saint John New Brunswick (Right side, row 35)

Honoria Conway founded the Sisters of Charity of St. John New Brunswick in 1854 as a teaching congregation. The Sisters changed their name to Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception in 1914. In 1929 Archbishop William Mark Duke of Vancouver, whose own sister was a member of that congregation in his home city, invited them to send teaching Sisters to Vancouver. The Sisters taught at Sacred Heart, Guardian Angels, and St. Anthony's parish schools in Vancouver. They established the Our Lady of Mercy Home for women and St. John's Boys School. In 1935 Sister Ruth [Helen Ross] began work on St. Vincent's Hospital, the beginning of the Sisters' health care service in Vancouver.

None of the pioneer Sisters named in Rink, *Spirited Women*, are buried in the St. Peter's cemetery group. The burials date from 1945 to 1971. A check could be done with the archives in St. John on the biographies of the Sisters buried in St. Peter's cemetery New Westminster.

Five Sisters.

Note on Unidentified Groups

I have not been able to identify the sisters listed for the right side row 13 and right side row 20. Deborah Rink's *Spirited Women* gives no individual names for the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Pembroke Ontario who came to Vancouver in 1926, nor for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto who came in 1922.

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