

Obituaries from the *Victoria Daily Times* Newspaper, 1901-1939

This invaluable resource of obituaries that appeared mainly in the *Victoria Daily Times* newspaper from 1901-1939 and the accompanying index are available as a result of a project carried out in the 1980's by University of Victoria music professor, Dale McIntosh, and his students. Approximately .3 percent of the entries cover dates other than 1901-1939 (less than 100 entries out of a total almost 30,000). About half of these are for the years 1831-1900; the other half are for the years 1940-1950.

The alphabetical index offers a convenient way to access the death notices that are available in the City of Victoria Archives' reference room. The files include death notices, obituaries and funeral notices.

Using the references

The code TIM 1938.05.19,06 indicates that the entry is from the *Victoria Daily Times* for 19 May 1938 and was found on page 6. Continuing entries are separated by a dash (-). The year and month are not repeated for multiple entries. The symbol [OS] following an entry, indicates that the data is located in an oversize file. i.e. 1901.01.02,09[OS].

In addition to the *Victoria Daily Times*, the following sources were added to the index:

GO R.E. Gosnell. *A History of British Columbia* (1906).

HS F.W. Howay and E.O.S. Scholefield. *British Columbia from the Earliest Times to the Present* (1914). [Note: Volumes I and II are historical, Volumes III & IV are biographical. The two biographical volumes are identified as HS:III and HS:IV]

KR J.B. Kerr. *Biographical Dictionary of well-known British Columbians* (1890).

REC Death records of the Reformed Episcopal Church (1874-1906) [Available at the BC Archives].

WW Maurice S. Carter, ed. *Who's Who in British Columbia* (1931 to 1953). The 9 editions are identified as follows:

WW:I -1931 edition; WW:II -1934 edition (titled 1933-34); WW:III -1939 edition (titled 1937-3438-39); WW:IV -1941 edition (titled 1940-41); WW:V -1943 edition (titled 1942-43); WW:VI -1945 edition (titled 1944-45-46); WW:VII-1948 edition (titled 1947-48); WW:VIII -1950 edition (titled 1949-50); WW:IX -1953 edition.

Date

The metric system of dating YYYY.MM.DD is used throughout. Dates reported in the newspaper obituaries may often be out by a day or two, and age at death should be considered approximate in many cases. Dates can be searched by year, month, and day; by year and month; or by year alone. Type in the year and all entries for that year will be returned. Type in the year followed by a period and then the two-digit month (eg, 1902.01 for January 1910), and all entries for that month and year will be returned. The same pattern is used for searching a specific day (eg, 1902.01.29 for 29 January 1902). The lists that are returned are in alphabetical order for the date specified.

Age

The age at death should be considered approximate in many cases.

Place of death

The place of death is the location where the death occurred, not the place where the body was interred.

Misspelled names

Publications of all kinds invariably misspell last names (surname), and families often use variants in the spelling of both last (surname) and first (Christian) names. This is particularly true with "Mc" and "Mac" names, Clark and Clarke, Peterson, Paterson, Patterson etc. Users of this document are advised to consider exploring **all** possible variants in spelling before concluding that the information they seek is not found in this database.

Errors

Apart from misspelled names, other errors and discrepancies sometimes occur. Every effort has been made to make this database as accurate as possible. If you do find errors and have proof (i.e. death certificate) that an error has been made, please [contact us](#).

Abbreviations and forms used

Aka = Also known as

b. = born

c. = circa (about)

m = married

// = age unknown

?? = date unknown

[nee name] appear in square brackets i.e. name before marriage

(Mrs. Hugh) married name appears in brackets

"Jim" diminutive names or the name by which a person was commonly called appears in quotes.