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THE SUNDAY PROVINCE, VANCOUVER,

SCROLL OF FOUNDERS

CITY OF VANCOUVER

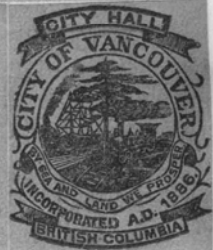
Here Before the Fire- The Last Four Hundred



THE scroll of historic names comprising "The Last Four Hundred" is a comparatively complete list of those now living who, prior to the great fire of 1886, contributed in some measure, great or small, towards the founding of our city. It includes, with special exceptions, those who, in the years prior to that date and within the boundaries of the present city, were born, owned land, or had some avocation. Those still resident in our city number 285 in a total of 453 listed.

The rapid rate at which our pioneers are passing is illustrated by the demise of no less than five while this list was being compiled.

In an endeavor to avoid the omission of a single name, over 700 letters of enquiry, in addition to press notices, were circulated. It is requested that omissions or imperfections be brought to the notice of the archivist, Vancouver Public Library, where the roll will be preserved.



1858

Alexander McLean

1868

Mrs. P. A. Byrne, nee Rowling, New Westminster
Frank Plante, Valemount
George W. DeBeck
W. H. Rowling, San Pedro, California
H. S. Rowling

1869

James D. Magee
John H. Seales

The '60s

James Cromarty, Langley
Mrs. Mary C. Dester, nee Magee
H. C. Magee

1870

Mrs. Jennie Allice, nee Johns, Long Beach
F. W. Alexander, Seattle
C. W. Magee, Abbotsford
Mrs. R. Preston, New Westminster

1871

George Greene
Hugh Murray, Royal Sappers and Miners
Mrs. A. R. Poole, nee Wood, Armstrong

1872

Mrs. J. L. G. Abbott, nee Alexander
Mrs. H. Davidson, nee McKee
Miss May Magee, Seattle
S. McC. McKeen, Langley
Rev. C. M. Tate
Archibald Johns

1873

R. H. Batt, late H.M.S. "Myrmidon"
Peter Bilodeau, New Westminster
Mrs. A. F. Crakanthorp, nee Patterson
Mrs. George Newman, nee Strang, New Westminster
C. O. Patterson
N. R. Preston, New Westminster
John Strang, New Westminster
Capt. A. E. Stevens, North Vancouver
T. J. Trapp, New Westminster

1874

George Elliott, New Westminster
Mrs. Thomas G. Fisher
Miss Edith Magee, Seattle
Frank P. Miller
Mrs. T. R. Pearson, nee Major, South Westminster
Casper Phair, Lillooet
Miss E. J. Rowling, New Westminster

1875

L. A. Agassiz, Agassiz
William Daniels
Dan Daniels
Harry Daniels, Chemainus
Mrs. George W. DeBeck
W. J. French, Sechelt
George R. Greenwood
Mrs. May Hiland, nee Preston, New Westminster
M. S. Logan
John Murray, Port Moody
Capt. J. W. Rogers, New Westminster
H. E. Ridley
J. L. Walker, Walker's Trail

1876

Thomas Binnie, New Westminster
Mrs. William Daniels
Mrs. Angus C. Fraser
Mrs. Fred Jackson, nee Morrison, New Westminster
Fred O. Magee, Bowen Island
D. Martinson
Walter C. Miller
D. W. McCallum
Mrs. Alexander McLean
Fred J. Patterson
C. E. Pittendrigh, New Westminster
Mrs. Blanche A. Rowling, nee Daniels
Adam D. Scott
Mrs. C. A. Welsh, nee Williams, New Westminster

1877

Mrs. Jane Beach
Dan Callaghan, Haney

A. H. Ferguson, New Westminster*
 W. J. Fisher
 Peter Gonzales, North Vancouver
 Hans Hanson, Port Neville
 Mrs. W. H. Johnston, nee McLean, Blackpool, B. C.
 T. R. Pearson, South Westminster
 Mrs. Frank Smith, nee Johns, Victoria

1878

Theodore Bryant, Ladysmith
 Mrs. J. F. Christie, nee Fraser
 Richard W. Goddard, Milner
 W. A. Johnston
 Mrs. T. M. Logan, nee McCleery
 Mrs. N. E. Loughed, nee Paull
 J. J. Morrison, Fort Langley
 John McDougall, Quesnel
 R. J. J. McCann, Hammond*
 Mrs. E. B. McKelvie, nee Soule
 John McLean, Sapperton
 James McWhinnie
 Duncan A. Smith
 George H. Turnbull, New Westminster
 Mrs. Janet M. Turnbull, New Westminster
 William Nicoll

1879

W. O. Anderson
 Mrs. Eva Coldwell
 D. C. Fisher
 Mrs. G. W. Gilley, Langley Prairie
 Herbert Gilley, New Westminster
 D. B. Grant
 Mrs. M. A. King, nee Blair, Penticton
 R. A. Lambert
 Mrs. H. R. May, nee Daniels
 D. A. McKee
 Robert McKee, New Westminster
 Mrs. J. Reynolds Tite, nee Paull
 Charles W. Williams

The '70s

Florence M. Clarke
 P. G. Cudlip, Victoria
 Capt. John Irving, Victoria
 Mrs. D. Todd Lees, nee Miller
 Capt. Joseph Mayers, New Westminster
 Mrs. S. S. Monohan, New Westminster
 Mrs. Edith Nelson, nee Cordiner
 Miss Annie Rogers, New Westminster
 Mrs. G. R. Raymond, Vernon
 Stanley Towle, Milner, B. C.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wintemute, New Westminster

1880

Mrs. William Archibald, New Westminster
 John Blair
 C. V. Coldwell
 S. Gregory, New Westminster
 Alexander Houston, Fort Langley
 W. Morrison, Fort Langley
 A. O. Morrison, Hammond
 Miss Margaret E. McCleery
 Mrs. Etta McKibbin, nee Magee, Winnipeg
 James A. McLean, Seattle
 H. J. Newton, Hammond
 H. N. Rich, Ladner
 Ernest S. Robson
 Samuel Scarlet
 Capt. E. S. Scoullar
 Mrs. (Bishop) A. W. Sillitoe
 James Springer, Powell River
 Wymond W. Walkem

1881

V. A. Balatti
 Mrs. H. B. Barton, nee McCleery
 W. T. Blair, Penticton
 A. D. Campbell, Ashcroft
 Mrs. C. D. Gillanders, nee Thompson
 R. Ludlow, Ioco
 Mrs. D. M. Moore, nee Thompson
 John McMynn
 Mrs. William Nicoll
 D. N. Nelson, Steveston
 Mrs. Ben Thomas
 A. W. Thom
 Thomas Whipple
 Capt. F. M. Yorke

1882

Colin Dawson, Calgary
 James Dunn
 James M. Drummond, West Vancouver
 J. H. Gannon, Dawson, Y.T.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Gray
 T. A. Greer
 Fred R. Greer, Chicago
 Mrs. Augusta Haggman, Seattle
 W. R. Lord
 John Lattimore
 A. A. Langley
 H. C. Major, New Westminster
 Henry Mahlman
 John Mole, Ladner
 William Mackie
 Mrs. S. McCleery, nee Mole
 J. F. McLellan, Langley
 Mrs. D. A. Pearson, nee Fisher, Mission
 A. H. Soule
 D. Sutherland, McGuire, B. C.
 Mrs. T. E. Thomas, nee McLean
 George Wagg
 Mrs. George C. McGown

1883

Mrs. L. E. Blaney, nee Randall
 Mrs. J. Cronin, nee Blackstock
 G. B. Clarke, Penticton
 R. C. Clarke, Keremeos
 A. C. Dyker, North Vancouver
 B. Goddard
 Mrs. Louisa Greer
 Sam Hallander
 S. F. James
 George Johnston
 Mrs. Ben. S. Kennedy, nee Haggman, Westminister
 Peter Larson
 Mrs. D. Martinson
 James Myers
 P. J. Myers
 Mrs. H. N. Rich, Ladner
 Isaac Russell, Langley Prairie
 Mrs. R. Schnoter, nee Johns
 Mrs. Nellie A. Wight, nee Randall
 J. T. Wilkinson
 Otway J. J. Wilkie

1884

Mrs. Lena Alltree, nee Bowman
 Charles Allard
 Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bell
 Thomas H. Boyd
 Mrs. W. E. Brown, nee Zwicker, New Westminster
 James Brown, Garden City
 Mrs. James Best, Haney
 W. H. Chase
 Mrs. W. E. Draney, nee Reid
 Miss V. C. Fisher
 R. G. Forsyth
 Mrs. T. J. Fife, Hollywood
 D. Galbraith, Squamish
 J. E. Gilmore, Cachalott
 Mrs. S. W. Handy, Cascade
 Ernest H. Hall
 F. W. Haggman, New Westminster
 Mrs. M. J. Janes
 W. J. Janes
 A. T. Janes
 R. C. Janes
 B. Phillip Jacobsen, Bella Coola
 F. C. Jones, Fort Langley

H. M. Keefer, Savary Island
 Andy Linton
 W. Lawrence, Gambier Island
 Mrs. S. M. Metcalfe
 Mrs. Ruth Morton
 Joseph Morton
 A. McM. Matheson
 William Mashiter, Squamish
 C. W. Murray sr.
 George M. Matheson
 A. C. Muir, Comox
 W. U. Macdonald*
 J. O. McLeod
 Joseph W. McFarland
 Mrs. Jemima McKie, nee Reid, Grand Forks
 Mrs. T. F. McGuigan, nee Stewart, Hollywood
 L. W. Patten
 David Price
 James Pargeter, Nanaimo
 J. W. Randall
 James Rae
 Harry Rae
 Mrs. D. R. Reid
 R. S. Russell
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robson, New Westminster

1885

J. T. Abray, North Vancouver
 Mrs. Elida Austin, nee Bell, Revelstoke
 Mrs. Josh Bowyer, nee Ballinger
 A. J. Banham
 George Barnes
 J. N. J. Brown
 E. W. Bradshaw, Sullivan
 His Worship E. H. Bridgeman, North Vancouver
 Harry B. Cambie
 Mrs. W. H. Chase
 P. H. Cody
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cornish
 W. S. Cook
 G. W. Campbell
 L. D. Card, Port Orchard, Wash.
 John Callister
 James Doig
 Hugh Dunn
 Nelson Dunn
 Mrs. Thomas Earle, Laurier, Wash.
 W. H. Evans
 R. C. Ferguson
 John H. Freney, Rossland
 Mrs. W. M. Gow, nee Coughtrey
 Mrs. E. P. Gerrard
 W. E. Graveley
 John G. Garvin
 W. H. Grant, Victoria
 Alderman L. A. Hamilton, Toronto

see "Callister Park"

To Pioneers Beyond the Great Divide, Prosperity
 Bows In Tribute to Their Labors—Our City Is
 Their Monument

F. W. Hart, Prince Rupert
G. B. Harris
V. W. Haywood
W. D. Haywood
W. A. Housley
Mrs. John W. Jackson, Nehalem, Ore.
John Kelly
W. F. Kent
Mrs. M. L. Kirk, nee Janes
George H. Keefer, Victoria
John M. Keefer, Chilliwack
George Lamarre
Mrs. Lillian Lycette, nee Card
Dr. H. E. Langis, Parksville
J. A. Mateer
H. W. Martin, Winnipeg
Mrs. William Martin
L. J. Martin
James J. Mellard
John Mitchell
George E. Morris
J. J. Moore, Bowen Island
Mrs. C. W. Murray
Fred P. Murray
Whitley Murray
A. G. Murray
C. Walter Murray
Miss C. J. Mutlow
John W. McKeown
Alex. McKinnon
A. G. McCandless
H. P. McCraney
Mrs. G. T. McGregor
Mrs. J. O. McLeod
Peter McMillan, Langley
Mrs. John McMynn
Ronald McNeill, Port Alberni
Mrs. A. A. McSwain, Berkeley, Cal.
Mrs. N. G. O'Connor, nee Bell, New Westminster
R. V. Palmer
H. E. Parsons, New Westminster
C. J. P. Phibbs, Port Kells
Mrs. M. E. Paul, nee Pyatt, Port Alberni
R. L. Reid, K.C.
Mrs. T. Richardson, nee Jones
A. K. Stuart, Hope
Capt. W. C. Somerville
Giles Shelton
Herbert Springer
Major-General J. W. Stewart, C.B.
Mrs. Q. J. Trotter, Kew Beach
Mrs. J. M. Vye, nee Martin
William Whipple
J. G. Woods
J. Walton, Eburne
Charles Weigand
John Winter
William Walton, Port Coquitlam
Charles Wellington, Pemberton

1886

P. H. Atkinson
Mrs. T. C. Alcock
George L. Allen
Mrs. Cecil Atkinson, nee Haldon
E. E. Austin
Mrs. S. A. Blenkinsop
Mrs. Isabella Best, nee Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benson
E. C. Britton
Mrs. A. M. Balfour
Mrs. Harvey Bawden, nee Balfour
Henry Balfour, Montreal
C. L. Behnsen, Victoria
J. W. Biggar, South Westminster
Mrs. J. L. Burnham, nee Hodgson, Kelowna
W. W. Boulton
John Bausman
G. T. Buck
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Campbell, San Pedro
J. J. Cowderoy
J. H. Carlisle
John Crow
George A. Clair

Edward Cook
George Cary
E. K. Collett
Hugh E. Campbell
Mrs. Elizabeth Cooke
Robert Chambers
Capt. C. H. Cates
Roderick Cummings, Murrayville
Mrs. Alice Disney
H. T. Devine
R. E. Darrall, Likely, B. C.
Mrs. Thomas Evans, nee Alcock*

Mrs. Emily Eldon
Mrs. Catherine Eaton
Mrs. C. P. Eastman, nee McMurphy
A. C. Fisher
Daniel Fulton
George R. Gordon
Moses Gibson
Mrs. A. A. Gilchrist
W. H. Gallagher
Hugh Gunn, New Westminster
Charles A. Gardner, New Westminster
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grauer, Eburne
A. P. Grant, New Westminster
Mrs. E. Hampton, nee Best, Haney
C. M. Hawley
Mrs. F. A. Hewer, nee Boulton, Gibsons
G. H. Hodgson, White Rock
R. C. Hodgson
Mrs. C. Gardner Johnson
David Lamb, Murrayville
Mrs. John Leask, nee Hamilton, Collingwood, Ont.

Mrs. J. H. Low, nee Alcock
W. H. Macey
Fred C. Macey
Miss Alice J. Macey
Mrs. S. Macey, Prince Rupert
Paul Marmette
Thomas Mathews
Donald Matheson, Margaret Bay
Dr. Robert Mathison, Kelowna
Mrs. James Monroe, Chilliwack
Fred S. Munro
Mrs. Emma Munro
F. W. McCrady, C. E., Alert Bay
John McDowell
D. B. McDougald, Mt. Lehman
Mrs. D. R. McEachern, Sardis
Mrs. Alice McGirr
A. B. McKenzie, Nanaimo
Wilson McKinnon, Prince Rupert
Miss Emma McLeod
Alex. McLeod, Butedale
His Worship T. F. Neelands
Mrs. S. J. Oldfield
W. M. Oldfield
C. N. Oldfield, Steveston
Edmund Ogle, Toronto
Elijah Priest
Mrs. S. H. Ramage, nee Sanders
Arthur Robinson
Phillip Rowe, Nanaimo
Mrs. J. B. Rose, nee Boulton
James H. Ross, Winchester, Ont.
George L. Schetky
J. B. Silverthorne
A. E. Solloway
L. T. Solloway
J. Fred Sanders
John Simpson, New Westminster
F. C. Tilley, Bradner
Thomas Taylor
Mrs. Robert Telford, nee Munro
Thomas A. Tribe
Sylvester Tallman
R. Trodden, Spences Bridge
G. F. Upham
Hugh A. Urquhart
William S. Udy, Milner
Mrs. George W. Ward, nee Alcock
Leonard Watt
Mrs. Martha W. Weirs
Mrs. R. Willis
Mrs. W. H. Wooley, nee Martinson

Here Before "The Fire"

Mrs. F. R. Arkell
Mrs. Mary A. Buck, nee Plante, Monroe, Wash.
Mrs. W. A. Bauer, nee Springer
Mrs. F. J. Cook, Kilgard
Mrs. H. A. Christie, nee Mannion
Mrs. William Dichmont
J. H. Draney, New Westminster
C. R. Draney, Ladner
W. E. Draney
Frank Draney
Mrs. Charles Draney, Ladner
Mrs. W. A. Hoskin, nee Russell, Langley Prairie
Hugh McDonald
Mrs. W. R. W. McIntosh
Gus Pearson, Bella Coola
Mrs. A. G. Wilmot, nee Mannion, Woodstock, Ont.

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Here Before the Fire

June 13, 1886.

Many letters complimenting The Sunday Province and Major J. S. Matthews, city archivist, on the publication of the roll of pioneers still living who saw Vancouver before the great fire of 1886 have been received since the scroll of names appeared in our issue of June 12 last. "I have been busy ever since," writes one old-timer, "corresponding with those long forgotten and thought dead." "I thank you, in the name of posterity," writes a pioneer grandmother. The earliest pioneer, Alexander McLean, who arrived on Burrard Inlet in 1858, and whose name headed the list, passed away in August.

Thirty additional names, since received, are published below. Photostat copies of the complete list, numbering 483 persons, can be secured for a nominal sum from W. J. Moore Photo Co., 420 West Hastings.

1857—Duncan McDonald, North Vancouver.
1874—John Flewin, Port Simpson.
D. A. McKee, Vancouver.
1876—R. John McDonnell, Stewart.
1878—John A. Murray, Prince Rupert.
1879—James L. Graham, Vancouver.
1880—A. Blair sr., Steveston.
James F. Strang, Vancouver.
1882—Capt. P. H. Johnston, West Vancouver.
Mrs. G. C. McGown, Vancouver.
G. C. Smith, Port Haney.
1883—Mrs. A. Blair, nee Hall, Steveston.
Mrs. A. M. Marshall, Vancouver.
1884—Mrs. Peter Peebles, New Westminster.
1885—Mrs. H. C. Clarke, nee Campbell.
Horace A. DuHamel, Prince Rupert.
Mrs. Russell Doyle, nee Lougheed, Beulah, Man.
Daniel Lougheed, North Vancouver.
William J. Lougheed, Vancouver.
Abraham Lougheed, Cloverdale.
William E. Murray, San Pedro, Cal.
Reeve David W. Poppy, Langley.
1886—Beaumont Boggs, Victoria.
T. Fred Chulow, Shushartie Bay.
J. N. Dawzy, Vancouver.
Mrs. R. H. Heath, nee Cornish.
Alex. McLeod, Vancouver.
George McQueen, Victoria.
Here before "The Fire"
Lt.-Col. E. Mallandaine, Creston.
Mrs. Alex. Mowatt, nee Mitchell.