

5. PIONEER – McRae

ROW 8 - PLOTS 13, 14, 15

PLOT 13 - McRAE, Ambie Saunders (1879 September 20 to 1961 February 13) age 81. Granddaughter of Donald McRAE, she married John J. McRAE (not related) on October 21, 1895, and they raised 9 children. At the time of her death she had been in Agassiz 74 years.

PLOT 14 - McRAE, John J. (1864 October 10 to 1939 September 30) age 74. He arrived in Agassiz in 1892 and purchased a farm on Hot Springs Road. He was elected to the first Council and then served as Reeve for 24 years. He was also a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Yale riding.

PLOT 15 - McRAE, Nicol Allen (1912 May 19 to 1929 October 20) age 17. He was accidentally killed while on a hunting expedition.

WITHERSPOON, Gladys Christina "Sally" (Nee McRAE) (1910 to 2002) Age 91. Her name is inscribed on the family headstone but she is not buried here.

6. UNIFORMED

ROW 10 - FAMILY PLOTS 6, 7, 8 - WHITE-FRASER, Montague Henry (1853 June 24 to 1927 June 5) age 73. Captain WHITE-FRASER was an ex-officer and inspector of the old Royal Northwest Mounted Police. After his retirement, he served from 1899 to 1902 in the South African Boer war. Following his discharge, he received a land grant and moved to Agassiz. He was a provincial Justice of the Peace. He was honoured in 2019 by the RCMP Veterans' Association with the placement of a headstone on the family plot and a ceremony.

7. PIONEER – Kirby

ROW 10 - PLOT 4 - KIRBY, Elizabeth (nee KILBY) (1861 March 3 to 1932 April 19) age 71. The daughter of Thomas Burnham KILBY and Sarah Ann EVANS, she married Joseph William KIRBY in 1883. They immigrated to Canada in 1909 and settled in Harrison Mills where they farmed for many years.

ROW 10 - PLOT 5 - KIRBY, Joseph William (1853 April 24 to 1933 February 11) age 79.



14. AGASSIZ FAMILY

ROW 21 - PLOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 - One of the first prominent families of the area, they purchased a 160-acre plot in 1862 and moved here from Yale in 1867. They established the settlement of Ferny Coombe where they operated the first post office and general store. The town is named after the AGASSIZ family.

PLOT 2 - AGASSIZ, Lewis Arthur (1853 February 14 to 1941 June 5) age 88. Eldest son of Lewis Nunn and Mary Caroline AGASSIZ, he arrived in 1866. He farmed and also was police magistrate for many years.

PLOT 3 - AGASSIZ, Mary Louisa "Mip" (1863 January 31 to 1930 June 1) age 67. Daughter of Lewis Nunn and Mary Caroline AGASSIZ, she came here in 1867 and lived here the rest of her life.

PLOT 4 - AGASSIZ, Mary Caroline (nee SCHRAM) (1829 December 2 to 1921 April 17) age 91. Born in Ontario, she married Lewis Nunn AGASSIZ.

PLOT 1 - MOORE, William Swinbourne (1863 June 30 to 1925 January 21). He married Eleanor Maud AGASSIZ, daughter of Mary Caroline and Lewis Nunn AGASSIZ, on April 17, 1907. He worked at the Experimental Farm.



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The Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society

Heritage Self-Guided Walking Tour

Old Agassiz Cemetery

Kent Municipal Cemetery



1. FIRST BURIALS

ROW 2 - PLOT 6 – unmarked - TROTTER, Charles (1835 to 1895 March 16) age 60. Council minutes dated January 5, 1898 indicate he was originally buried on a property owned by J.A. McDONALD and moved to the old cemetery in 1898. This is likely the first burial here.

ROW 5 - PLOT 12 – unmarked - WILLIAMSON, Martha Florence Amelia (nee GREYELL) (1874 to 1898 November 16) age 24. One of the first burials.

ROW 5 - PLOT 13 – unmarked - HUBBARD, Ester Anne (1883 to 1899) age 16. Daughter of Albert Thomas and Rose Ann HUBBARD, they came from Ontario in 1894.

2. CHINESE BURIALS

There are believed to be many Chinese people buried here; many are in unmarked graves.

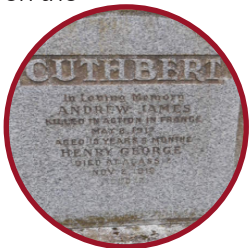
ROW 4 - PLOT 3 - FONG, Chong (1850 May 21 to 1916 February 10) age 65. Born in China, he came to Agassiz to work on the construction of the CPR, settled here and lived in Agassiz over 30 years.

ROW 4 - PLOT 2 - FONG, Tong (1886 November to 1927 July 20) age 40. Son of Chong FONG, he raised a family of five children; all went to school here.

3. PIONEER – Cuthbert

ROW 5 - PLOT 6 - CUTHBERT, Private Andrew James #629613 (1897 October 10 to 1917 May 8) age 18. The son of William and Mary Cuthbert, he came to Agassiz in 1907 and grew up in Agassiz. He joined the Army in November 1915 and served in the Canadian Infantry. His name is among those from World War I on the Agassiz Cenotaph.

ROW 5 - PLOT 7 - CUTHBERT, Henry George "Nick" (1901–1918 November 2) age 17. Youngest son of William and Mary Cuthbert, he died in the flu epidemic of 1918.



4. MILITARY

There were many residents of the area who served in the military during one of the wars of the 20th century or as a career. Some of them are buried in this cemetery.

ROW 5 - PLOT 16 - McCONNELL, Private John (1860 December 20 to 1935 December 19) age 75 #1679 NWMP. He emigrated from Ireland in 1900 and lived in a cabin on Cuthbert Island. He served in several military operations. He was formally discharged on June 10, 1918 due to serious vision loss from being gassed.



8. PIONEER – Walker & Chenhall

ROW 10 - PLOTS 1 and 2 – unmarked - WALKER, William John (1828 July to 1921 March 27) age 92 and WALKER, Mary (nee BAKER) (1839 May 5 to 1917) age 78. Presumed to be the first white settlers in Agassiz, they came to Agassiz about 1860.

ROW 10 - PLOT 13 - CHENHALL, Eleanor Victoria "Nellie" (nee WALKER) (1864 May 24 to 1921 February 7) age 57. Daughter of William and Mary.

9. IOOF CEMETERY

IOOF BURIALS - South of ROW 11, accessed from ROW 10 off the stairs.

The International Order of Odd Fellows owns the property immediately adjacent to the graveyard and remains a separate legal entity. There are 12 burials there according to the GPS.

IOOF - PLOT 2 - JOYNT, George Robert (1870 December 22 to 1928 June 13) age 57. Born in Quebec, he lived in Agassiz for 35 years farming with his brother Sam.

IOOF - PLOT 3 - JOYNT, Samuel (1866 November to 1935 November 30) age 69. He lived in Agassiz over 40 years.

IOOF - PLOT 5 - HARDY, John William (1854 October 7 to 1927 January 7) age 73. Born in England, he immigrated to Ontario then moved to Chilliwack and later lived in Agassiz about 20 years.

IOOF - PLOT 6 - CHAPLIN, Wilfred Suther (1909 January 17 to 1936 July 9) age 27. He was born in Agassiz to Suther and Nellie (nee CAMPBELL) and farmed here most of his life.

10. PIONEER – Whelpton

ROW 11 - PLOT 10 - WHELPTON, Frederick Clarence (1904 January 8 to 1908 April 5) age 4. Son of Frederick Atkinson WHELPTON and Effie Alberta McDONALD. Effie was the daughter of Royal McDONALD and Frances "Fanny" BOYNTON.

ROW 12 - PLOT 12 - WHELPTON, William Thomas (1869 June 29 to 1912 July 18) age 43. Born in Ontario, son of Joseph and Elizabeth WHELPTON. He was a railway employee.

ROW 14 - PLOT 8 - WHELPTON, Joseph Earl (1880 November 24 to 1917 February 22) age 36. Born in Ontario, he came to Agassiz with his parents Joseph and Elizabeth and worked on the family farm. He married Florence May HUBBARD in 1905 at Agassiz.



THE OLD CEMETERY ON LIMBERT MOUNTAIN

If you want to connect with local history, take a walk through the Old Agassiz Cemetery. This hillside was chosen because it was high above the flood mark. The plan was drawn up by Captain William S. Jemmett in 1900 but the three earliest burials took place before then. Three members of the Agassiz family are buried at the top row. Many pioneers of the area were laid to rest here: French, Chinese, Anglo-Saxons, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists and 'non-believers' lie side by side in this cemetery. There are descendants of many local families who served in the military and NWMP. There are many unmarked gravesites, including children who account for twenty percent of all graves.

11. PIONEER – Martin & Limbert

ROW 14 - MARTIN FAMILY - PLOTS 3, 4, 5

PLOT 3 - MARTIN, Emile Jean (1873 December 22 to 1929 April 15) age 55. Born in France, he married Maria Celestine LIMBERT; they immigrated to Canada on their honeymoon in 1900, came to Agassiz and farmed here the rest of their lives.

PLOT 4 - MARTIN, Letitia Marie Louise (1900 September 30 to 1915 November 6) age 15. Daughter of Emile Jean and Maria Celestine MARTIN.

PLOT 5 - MARTIN, Maria Celestine (nee LIMBERT)

(1877 July 27 to 1945 June 33) age 67. Daughter of Jean and Phillippine LIMBERT.

ROW 15 – LIMBERT FAMILY - PLOTS 2 and 3

PLOT 2 - LIMBERT, Jean (1845 November 22 to 1922 January 18) age 76. Born in France, he came to Canada in 1902 with his wife Phillippine and son Martin and settled in Agassiz on the mountain property now named after them.



PLOT 3 - LIMBERT, Phillippine Adelaide (1852 August 27 to 1939 January 29) age 86. Wife of Jean LIMBERT, she lived most of her life on Limbert Mountain and raised her children there.

12. PIONEER – Inkman & Probert

ROW 18 - INKMAN FAMILY - PLOTS 7, 8, 9

PLOT 7 - INKMAN, Mary Nannetta Victoria (1927 November to 1929 February) and INKMAN, Marion M. (nee STANG) (1839 to 1896).

PLOT 8 - INKMAN, Mary Rebecca Ann (nee PROBERT) (1866 December 2 to 1922 April 23) age 55. Wife of Charles Ezekial INKMAN.

PLOT 9 - INKMAN, Charles Ezekial "CJ" (1862 December 4 to 1946 February 18) age 83. Born in USA, he came to Agassiz in 1886 as a telegraph operator for the CPR. He opened the first general store, operated the first post office, and later went into partnership with Rebecca PROBERT and built the Bella Vista Hotel. He installed the first telephone system in the area and had the first taxi and freight business.

ROW 18 - PROBERT FAMILY - PLOTS 2, 3, 4

PLOT 2 - PROBERT, Alice Maud (1870 January 14 to 1937 February 7) age 67. – unmarked - Daughter of John Timothy and Rebecca PROBERT.

PLOT 4 - PROBERT, Rebecca (1842 January 16 to 1927 August 16) age 85. Born in England, she married John Timothy PROBERT and immigrated to Canada in 1886.



13. CHILDREN

Nearly 20% of the burials in this cemetery are children under age 18. Many are in unmarked graves.

ROW 18 - PLOT 10 - FITZGERALD, Patrick John (1947 March 17 to 1947 March 17). Parents Melvin Wesley and Kathleen Sadie (nee MAGILL) FITZGERALD, he is buried in the MAGILL family plot.

ROW 20 - PLOT 1 - HICKS, Baby Boy (1930 September 6 to 1930 September 9) age 3 days. Parents William Harold and Orrie Lydia (nee CRAM) HICKS moved in December 1916 to Agassiz where Harold was the Superintendent at the Experimental Farm.