

FRASER CANYON
SPRYUM CEMETERY
NORTH BEND, BC, CANADA



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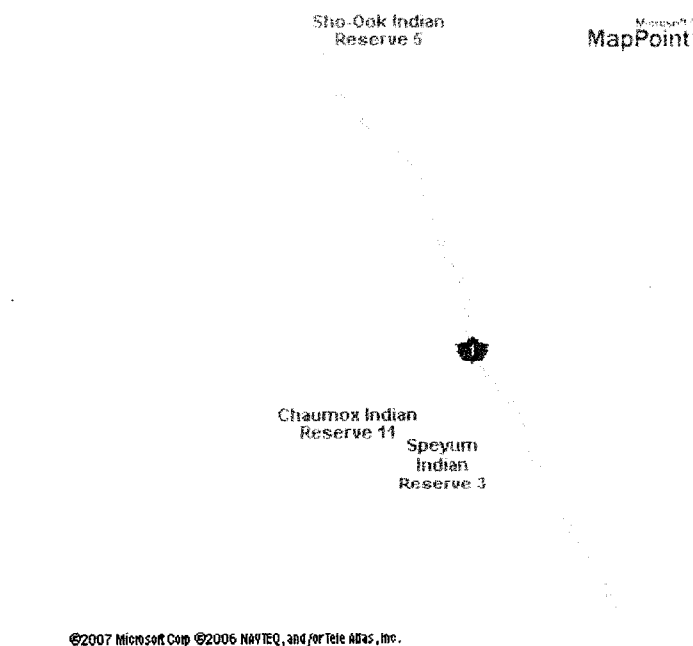
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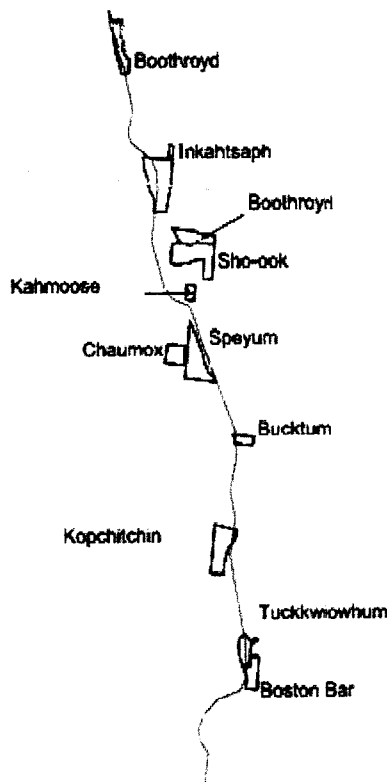
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The historic First Nations cemetery dates back to the Village of Koiaum, the original settlement in this area. Simon Fraser passed through the territory of the Ntlakyapamuk in 1809 and was followed by numerous employees of the Northwest and Hudson's Bay Companies. More injurious to the welfare of the Indians by far was the invasion of the miners in 1858. From canoes to mule trains of the Cariboo gold rush, the discovery of gold along the Fraser River in 1857, brought thousands of prospectors to the Fraser and Cariboo regions in the 1860's. In 1863 the tribe was decimated by smallpox, and this and other epidemics have cut down numbers of them at various periods. They have continued to live in their ancestral territories. Mooney (1928) estimates that in 1780 there were 5,000 Ntlakyapamuk. The report of the Canadian Department of Indian Affairs for 1902 gives 1,826 and that for 1906, 1,776. The graveyards contain wooden crosses which gradually disappear. Several stones are unreadable.

North Bend was originally named Boston Bar. The area around this river bar became a well known and busy roadhouse stop for many in this region, often having come from the Eastern United States. Some of the ships that brought them to British Columbia shores came from as far away as Boston. It is said that local First Nations referred to them as "Boston men," hence the name. When the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed in 1885, the name was changed to note a major deflection in the Canadian Pacific Railway's mainline. In the beginning the CPR's divisional point, at North Bend, across the Fraser from Boston Bar, could only be reached by an aerial ferry. Today there's a bridge. No matter whether you stand on the east or west side of the Fraser, you can see both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railways on either side.

Now part of the Fraser Valley Regional District, the Boston Bar area of the Fraser Canyon can be found at the co-ordinates listed below:

92H/14 map 49°53'00" 121°27'00"



Sprym (Speyum) cemetery is located to the right of the road leaving town, across the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks, beside the first siding east of North Bend (Chamoux)

Many of the people buried in these gravesites are of First Nation background. Please respect any conditions for entry onto private land. For exact locations and help in finding ancestors it is strongly recommended that contact be made at the following addresses:

Further information and research help can also be found by contacting :

The British Columbia Genealogical Society
Postal address: (all Mail is to be sent to this address):
P.O. BOX 88054, LANSDOWNE MALL, RICHMOND, B.C.
CANADA V6X 3T6

Website: <http://www.bcgs.ca/BC%20Research.htm>

Electronic mail (General Information): bcgs@bcgs.ca

Query Requests: queryrequest@bcgs.ca

Or visiting the BCGS RESOURCE CENTRE:- # 211 B 12837 76th Ave., Surrey, BC

Telephone (604) 502-9119 FAX (604) 502-9119

North Bend: Spyrum Cemetery

Records as of 2005

<i>Plot Number</i>	<i>SURNAME</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>BIRTH</i>	<i>DEATH</i>	<i>COMMENT</i>	<i>Certificate found at BC Archives?</i>
1	MACK	Rosie	Apr 25 1920	May 21 1921		X
2	FRASER	Jane		Jan 1918	Age 38	Yes
3	MACK	Mary		1916		X
8	MACK	Alice Emily		Apr 1934	Age 52	X
9	MACK	Johnny		Apr 10 1940	Age 75	Yes
10	THOMAS	Jennifer Elaine	Jul 8 1958	Jul 9 1958		Yes
11	THOMAS	Sheila M.		May 8 1968		X
12	JONES	James Bernard	Sep 1949			X
13	JONES	Bill	Jul 13 1948	Jan 9 1949		X
14	JONES	Jacob	Nov 10 1933	Dec 23 1933		X
24	JONES	Tammy		Nov 9 1907		X
31	JONES	T.	Oct 11 1866	Oct 6 1921	Age 55	
34	JONES	Tommy J.	May 13 1928	Apr 21 1937		Yes
35	JONES	Joseph J.	May 7 1930	Apr 24 1937	1 unreadable to left	Yes
36	JONES	John	Apr 10 1898	May 11 1943		Yes
36	JONES	Janet	Oct 16 1938	Jul 14 1939	On left is Y	Yes
37	JONES	Rosie	Sep 2 1918	Mar 20 1946		X
38	JONES	Janet	Aug 31 1943	Oct 9 1946		X
39	McCARTY	John		Nov 2 1941	Age 86	Yes
40	McCARTY	(baby)	Feb 6 1929	Feb 9 1929		X
41	McCARTY	Annie (Old)		Mar 1925		X

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43	SPALYUM	Jacob		Jan 1 1907		X
45	BOTTLE	Billie		Aug 17 1909	Age 48	X
	CAPEN	Jim		Jul 1 1818	Age 87	X
	Not readable					
	JONES	Moae		Jun 19 1914	Age 10	X
49	ISAAC	Billie		Aug 1 1937	Age 18	Yes
50	JONES	Francis	Jun 1909	Mar 1939		X
51	JONES	Elizabeth		Oct 5 1936	Age 69	X
52	JONES	Abray	1900	Jun 16 1942	Stone outside of fence	Yes
53	JONES	Lena	1900	1965		Yes
53	CHARLIE	Veronica		1965	Age 8	Yes
53	JAMES	Harry		1965	Age 12	Yes
53	JAMES	Edward		1965	Age 7	Yes
55	ISAAC	Simon		May 7 1953	Age 20	Yes
56	ISAAC	George	1893	Jan 9 1960		Yes
57	ISAAC	Minnie	1894	Jan 13 1965		Yes
58	ISAAC	Maggie	Apr 11 1929	Sep 11 1978		Yes
	Jim	Sarah	Jun 17 1919	Age	Age 88	

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<i>SURNAME</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Plot</i>
BOTTLE	Billie	45
CAPEN	Jim	
CHARLIE	Veronica	53
FRASER	Jane	2
ISAAC	Billie	49
ISAAC	Simon	55
ISAAC	George	56
ISAAC	Minnie	57
ISAAC	Maggie	58
JAMES	Harry	53
JAMES	Edward	53
JIM	Sarah	
JONES	James Bernard	12
JONES	Bill	13
JONES	Jacob	14
JONES	Tammy	24
JONES	T.	31
JONES	Tommy J.	34
JONES	Joseph J.	35
JONES	John	36
JONES	Janet	36
JONES	Rosie	37
JONES	Janet	38
JONES	Moae	
JONES	Francis	50
JONES	Elizabeth	51
JONES	Abray	52
JONES	Lena	53
MACK	Rosie	1
MACK	Mary	3
MACK	Alice Emily	8
MACK	Johnny	9
McCARTY	John	39
McCARTY	(baby)	40
McCARTY	Annie (Old)	41
SPALYUM	Jacob	43
THOMAS	Jennifer Elaine	10
THOMAS	Sheila M.	11