

**1. Customer Service Building**

Award winning architecture by local architect Sandra Moore of Birmingham + Wood. This is where you go to make arrangements to purchase an interment space, or find a grave and book Celebration Hall.

**2. Celebration Hall**

Includes a private courtyard and a sensitively designed building for the Celebration of Life and community events.

**3. Infant Areas**

For many years, from the early 1900's to the mid 70's, infants who died at or near birth were interred in common graves. Two of the largest infant areas are now commemorated in these areas designed by local landscape firm of Lees & Associates

**4. Monument Foundations (along Fraser Street)**

A storage space for markers that have been replaced by the families. In the 60's renovations to the

cemetery resulted in many upright monuments being laid flat in the ground. The bases from these monuments also rest here.

**5. Chinese Pavilion**

New burners were installed in May, 2010 with the generous help of the Chinese Benevolent Association, PTT Buddhist Society and the Lotus Light Charity Society. Offerings and gifts are burned here in honour of the deceased and as an important part of Chinese and Buddhist tradition.

**6. Yip Sang monument**

The prominent Chinese businessman whose business and home, located in Chinatown, were recently restored as an office and art gallery by realtor Bob Rennie.

**7. Jewish Section**

Behind the hedge is the Jewish section of the cemetery

**8. Rogers Pass**

August, 2010 the unmarked graves of 34 Japanese victims of the Rogers Pass

Avalanche of 1910 were commemorated with specially designed folded crane markers, lanterns and 16 Japanese cherry trees. The Rogers Pass Avalanche was the worst ever in Canadian history.

**9. First Vancouver Mayor**

At the top of the hill in the Old Section is Vancouver's first mayor, Malcolm Alexander MacLean

**10. Firefighters**

There are three areas within the cemetery

dedicated to firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty. In the Old Section, look for the broken column.

**10. Street Car Disaster**

In 1909, a load of timber crashed into an Interurban train sitting at the Lakeview Station near Trout Lake killing everyone on board. It is the worst transit accident in Vancouver.

**11. Caradoc Evans**

The first interment at Mountain View Cemetery

in February 1887. The original marker was in bad shape so with the generosity of J. B. Newalls, a new marker was supplied so the original can be preserved.

**12. Vancouver Mayors**

There are 14 mayors buried in the cemetery, near Caradoc Evans lies Mayor Cope who passed away while prospecting in the Klondike.

**13. Hastings Mill Manager**

R.H. Alexander - was the second manager of the

Hastings Mill and Mayor MacLean's challenger in the city's first election.

**14. Train Accident**

The rugged headstone marks the grave of Frank Asprey who was killed when a logging train lost control on Vancouver Island. The train driver who died in the same accident is buried nearby.

**15. Robert Clark Monument**

- Vancouver's first haberdasher and alderman, Clark chaired the September 1887 meeting of businessmen that created the Board of Trade.

**Horne 2 section**

You can see the changes in grave marker design. In some areas the monuments are upright, some are short and squat while others are simple rectangles raised just above the grass. Some parts look like there is just grass, but in 1964 the cemetery bylaw called for all new markers to be installed flush with the ground.

**Field of Honour Horne 2**

This is one of four Fields of Honour in the cemetery commemorating Canada's veterans and those from other Commonwealth countries or allied forces. There are over 12,000 veterans in Mountain View Cemetery. The upright monuments near the flag



pole commemorate those veterans whose graves were not marked by 2006. Many still remain without a marker. A name that appears gold in colour has had a marker placed on the grave through the Cemetery's donation program. (check the [vancouver.ca/cemetery](http://vancouver.ca/cemetery) website for more information.)

#### 16. Firefighters

This is the second section set aside for firefighters in the cemetery. It is close to the section set aside for members of the musicians union.

#### Field of Honour Abray

Here the cemetery and Veterans Affairs are working on a multi-year program to restore the headstones and raise them on new granite bases and proper foundations. Eventually most of the veteran's headstones will be raised. Consistent with renovations taking place throughout the cemetery starting in the late 1960's, these military areas were renovated and markers were set flush with the ground. Many of the original granite bases were used to build the seawall around Stanley Park. In 2004 the bylaw was changed to allow

upright markers once again, which prompted this restoration.

#### 17. Operations Yard

Storage area for the field operations of the Cemetery. Sandblasting of the niche panels is also done here. Includes a large lunchroom on the top floor for the staff.

#### American Veterans

We are aware of at least three early American veterans. Near the office it is a Civil War vet (A), in the far west corner of the Jones section is a Spanish American War vet (B) and by the 41<sup>st</sup> and St George entrance is a Texas Ranger (C). The headstones (all cleaned and raised) are a distinctive white marble.

#### Commonwealth - Jones 45

Over 5 years - from 2005 to 2009 the Canadian Agency of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission funded a complete restoration of the cemetery's first military area. The new gate has an entrance made up of cobblestones from Belgium, there are new benches and a wall that marks the area. Every grave was marked

with a new granite monument consistent with Commonwealth and Veterans Affairs standards. Floral borders were established along the rows of graves consistent with the planting of Commonwealth cemeteries found across Europe and in more than 181 countries around the world.

#### Fraternal Groups

The cemetery has three areas that were devoted to members of various fraternal organizations including the Freemasons, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Oddfellows. Look for their symbols on the headstones.

#### Princess Sophia Wreck

Near 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue lay the graves of several victims of the 1918 sinking of the CPR ship - Princess Sophia. Everyone on board drowned in a horrific storm as the ship crashed into a reef during passage in the night. Over 60 people from the disaster are buried here.

#### 1919 section

Across 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue is a small pocket of graves which include Janet Smith - the

house maid murdered in Shaughnessy, Joe Fortes - Vancouver's favourite life guard, and the third Firefighters memorial.

#### 18. The Vancouver Crematorium

A privately owned building constructed in 1913 as the first crematorium in western Canada. The only other crematorium in the country at the time was in Toronto. The original structure has a distinctive Art Deco style.

#### 19. Private Mausoleums

The Wood and Hendry/Hamber mausoleums are the only ones in the cemetery. John Hendry was the owner of the BC Mills Timber and Trading company. Eric Hamber was the Lt. Governor of British Columbia. The families were joined by marriage.

#### Columbaria

New spaces for cremated remains were completed in December 2008 and are currently available for purchase. It won a landscape award for its courtyard design. In the spring the central courtyard is a mass of blue and yellow flowers. Look for the Ladner Family plot.

