

1819. Amelia - CD'S (#1)

Rego ①

early 1870's

1892 - Styles, Thos



1902 - Styles, Samuel T (wife = Mary Elizabeth)

1903 - Styles, Samuel T (owned it until his death?)

Death - at Victoria on Dec 20, 1870  
Alfred Thomas, aged 15 months, 3rd son  
of Samuel Thomas & Mary Elizabeth  
Styles

1912 - Adamson, William emp Spencer's

1914 - same.

1917 - Goodison, Mrs Sarah wid Walter

1921 - Eddie, James lab

1924 - Eddie, Margt wid G. + Emmg clk Kirkhams.

1929 - Vacant 1925 - Eddie 1927 - Burke, Frederick painter BCCSS

1931 - Green, Jos billiard maker The Bull ← Alex Nardine

1937 - same.

1939 - same (Sadie) Santier Eagles Home

1943 - Williams, Chas A (Annp T)  
see South Isl. Dogmans  
Assn

1946 - Mackinnon, Mrs Christina page missing

1947 - same.

1951

1953 - Vacant.

1882 - CD

Name	Occupation/Business	Employer	Business Address	Residence Address
Beaven, Miss Annie	teacher	private school	Pandora ave	cor Cormorant and Amelia sts
Beaven, Rev J W	pastor	Baptist church		cor Cormorant and Amelia sts
Clarke, James B	tinsmith	G C Keays		cor Farquhar and Amelia sts
Fox, George T	employee	M & H A Fox		Amelia st
Fox, Mrs M	widow			Amelia st, bet Cormorant and Farquhar
Lenz, Jacob	merchant			Pandora ave, bet Amelia and Quadra streets
Mansell, George	clothing, boot and shoe store	British Columbia Boot and Shoe Store	Yates st, near Broad	Amelia st, near Cormorant
McClure, Frederick	cashier	White House		Pandora ave, near Amelia st
Richards, Frank G, jr	draughtsman	Lands & Works Dept		Pandora ave, near Amelia st
Styles, Samuel T	builder and contractor			Amelia st

094 20 Stiles, Thos. 1871 CC

White: 2 male 2 female Children: 1 male 1 female

Remarks: In trade; 1 f.b.; 1 m.d.

1871DIR: J. Thos. Styles, brickmaker, Amelia St

DN: BC, 21 Dec 1870: Alfred Thomas, 3rd s.o. Samuel &amp; Mary Styles, age 15 months, r. corner Amelia &amp; Pandora. The DN was repeated 22 Dec with the name of the boy as Samuel Thomas.

1875 Voters List

Styles, Samuel Thomas, Amelia St, Bricklayer, Freehold VicC  
1875 VL.

1881-CC

Name	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	Location	Family
Styles, Elizabeth	7	None or Unknown	British Columbia	Victoria City Johnson Street Ward (190 B)	426

Gender	Female	Band	Not applicable
Marital Status	Single	Religion	Reformed Episcopal
Building	House	Origin	England
Attending School	Yes	Infirmities	Blank or None
Record	census.1881:5777	Comments	None

Styles, Samuel T	39	Housebuilder/Contractor	England	Victoria City Johnson Street Ward (190 B)	426
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Gender	Male	Band	Not applicable
Marital Status	Widow/Widower	Religion	Reformed Episcopal
Building	House	Origin	England
Attending School	No	Infirmities	Blank or None
Record	census.1881:5776	Comments	None



1891 CC

Name	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	Location	Family
Styles, S T	49	Housebuilder/Contractor	England	Victoria City Johnson Street Ward (4 b-3)	89

Gender	Male	Band	Not applicable
Marital Status	Widow/Widower	Religion	Anglican/Episcopal/C of E
Relationship to Head	Head of Household	Father's Birthplace	England
Employer	Yes	Mother's Birthplace	England
Wage Earner	No	French Canadian	No
Hands Employed	2	Infirmities	Blank or None
Unemployed	No	Floors/Rooms	2/6
Building/Construction	House/Wood	Record	census.1891:26243
Comments	None		

Name	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	Location	Family
Styles, E K	17	None or Unknown	British Columbia	Victoria City Johnson Street Ward (4 b-3)	89

Gender	Female	Band	Not applicable
Marital Status	Widow/Widower	Religion	Anglican/Episcopal/C of E
Relationship to Head	Daughter of Head	Father's Birthplace	England
Employer	No	Mother's Birthplace	England
Wage Earner	No	French Canadian	No
Hands Employed	0	Infirmities	Blank or None
Unemployed	No	Floors/Rooms	2/6
Building/Construction	House/Wood	Record	census.1891:26239
Comments	None		

67 North Park St

1901 CC

12/20/42 **Drysdale, William**, m, head, m, 4 Oct 1863, 37, ON, CD, Carpenter.

..... **Rems:** RBCR: Drysdale, William F., 58 y, 14 Nov 1921 at Victoria, b.ON. MR: William Drysdale, 22, r. Victoria, b.Lanark, ON, carpenter, Psb, s.o.James & Christina mar Maggie C. Robertson, 22, r. Victoria, b.Lanark, ON, Cong, d.o.Daniel & Janet, 26 Oct 1885, Victoria. DRI: Margaret Drysdale, 28 Aug 1891, 27, Victoria. MR: William Drysdale, 28, r. Victoria, b.Lanark, ON, carpenter, CD, wid, s.o.James & Christina mar Mary Deighton, 21, r. Victoria, b. Tiverton, ON, CD, d.o.George & Hannah Drysdale(x), 15 Aug 1892, Victoria.

12/20/43 **Drysdale, Mary**, f, wife, m, 13 May 1871, 29, ON, CD.

..... **Rems:** RBCR: Drysdale, Mary, 81 y 1 m, 7 Jul 1952 at Victoria, b.ON. DR: Mary Drysdale, d.9 Jul 1951, r.1033 North park, b.Inverhuron, ON, 13 May 1871, 64 y in Vic. & BC, w.o. William Francis Drysdale, d.o.George Deighton, b.ENG & Hannah Matheson, b.ENG.

12/20/44 **Drysdale, William J.**, m, son, s, 21 Jul 1886, 14, BC, CD, Errand boy...... **Rems:** RBCR: Drysdale, William James, 70 y, 1 May 1956, b. & d.BC.12/20/45 **Drysdale, Eva D.**, f, dau, s, 11 Apr 1889, 12, BC, CD.12/20/46 **Drysdale, Alice**, f, dau, s, 31 Jul 1894, 6, BC, CD.12/20/47 **Drysdale, Charles**, m, son, s, 11 Jan 1896, 5, BC, CD.12/20/48 **Drysdale, Bertram**, m, son, s, 30 May 1897, 3, BC, CD.12/20/49 **Drysdale, Christina**, f, dau, s, 20 Apr 1899, 2, BC, CD.12/20/50 **Styles, Samuel T.**, m, head, w, 16 Apr 1840, 61, ENG, to Can. 1862, CE, Builder...... **Rems:** RBCR: Styles, Samuel Thomas, 69 y, 7 Apr 1911 at Victoria, b.ENG.



1519 Amelia

Victoria Revisited by Former Victorian

John Styles was one of the earliest contractors in this city

Victoria is being visited at the present time by one of the very early residents of the city, in the person of Mr. John Styles, of Oakland, California.

Forty years ago Mr. Styles, with his brother, Ex-Alderman S.T. Styles, of Amelia Street, another respected oldtimer, were the foremost contractors in Victoria. Mr. Styles, speaking in a reminiscent mood today, stated with pride, that over forty years ago, he and his brother had laid every brick in what was then known as the Scottish church, the building now occupied by Thos. R. Cusack as a printing establishment, on the corner of Courtney and Gordon streets.

Mr. Styles has not enjoyed good health for some years past, in consequence of which he has done a great deal of travelling in Australia, Fiji Islands and California, in search of a beneficial climate. During his present stay in Victoria, with his brother, he is renewing old acquaintances, which have dwindled down to a very few, and is trying to locate some of the old landmarks in the Victoria of today.

# PIONEER CONTRACTOR

## DIED THIS MORNING

1579 Amelia Times 07 April 1911 P.13

### S. T. Styles Was Formerly One of Leading Contractors in the City

Samuel Thomas Styles died at an early hour this morning at the family residence, 1519 Amelia street. He was one of the oldest pioneer residents of the city.

Mr. Styles was born in Eghan, England, 69 years ago and came to Victoria at about the age of 23. It was in the days of the sailing vessels and Mr. Styles often recounted tales of the stormy passage around the Horn. Shortly after his arrival he entered into partnership with the late John Kinsman and started one of the very first building and contracting firms in British Columbia. Mr. Styles undertook the construction of many of the oldest buildings in the province, among them the penitentiary at New Westminster, the naval buildings at Esquimalt and a number of others in Victoria.

While actively engaged in business he always took a great interest in civic affairs and was for a number of years an alderman in this city. After a very successful business career he retired twenty years ago.

The late Mr. Styles is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Frank Sehl, of Victoria; three brothers, R. J. Styles, Victoria; J. H. Styles, of Oakland, Cal.; and William Styles, of London, Eng. His wife and one son were among those drowned some thirty-five years ago when the steamship Pacific went down.

The funeral has been arranged to take place on Sunday at 2.45 o'clock from the house, and fifteen minutes later at the Reformed Episcopal church. The Rev. T. W. Gladstone will conduct the services.

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## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT

## SCHEDULE B.—Deaths.

Registration District of

Victoria, B. C.

11-4-11  
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(66)

No.	
Name and surname of deceased.	Samuel Thomas Styles
When died.	7th April 1911
Where died.	1519 Amelia St. Victoria B. C.
Sex.	Male
Age.	69 years
Rank or profession.	Retired Contractor
Where born.	Egham, Eng.
Certified cause of death, and duration of illness.	Nephritis Two weeks
Name of Physician, if any.	Dr F. W. Hall
Signature, description and residence of informant.	Frank J. Sehl, 2015 Quadra St Victoria B. C. Son-in-law of deceased
When registered.	11 April, 1911
Religious denomination.	Reformed Episcopal
Signature of Registrar.	C. J. Fagan
REMARKS.	

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the correct Record of the death of  
made in pursuance of the provisions of the above-mentioned Act.

AS WITNESS my Hand at  
this

day of

, Province of British Columbia,  
, A.D. 190

Registrar.



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## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT.

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

To the Registrar of District No. ....

I hereby certify that I attended Samuel Thomas Styles

who was apparently aged, or was stated to be

aged 43 years; that I last saw him onthe 7th day of April, 1911, thathe died on the 7th day of April, 1911.at 1519 Amelia St., that the cause of his deathwas Apoplexy andthat the disease continued about two weeks.Signature J. W. HallProfession MDResidence Delmar

# SUCCUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS

Late John Craig Lawson  
Came to British Columbia  
Fifty Years Ago

After a long illness which confined him to St. Joseph's Hospital for the last ten months, John Craig Lawson, a resident of this province for fifty years, passed away yesterday evening, aged seventy-five. Funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell officiating. Interment will be made in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Mr. Lawson was born in Strathavon, Scotland, August 8, 1858, and came to Canada in 1893. During his first year in the Dominion he resided in Manitoba, later moving to the Pacific Coast, where he remained until his death.

He was engaged for many years in the brewing business, first with the firm of Loewen & Erb, in Victoria, and later in partnership with J. Hasenfratz in the brewing firm of Hasenfratz & Lawson.

His wife predeceased him in 1916, and he is survived by two sons, William H., and Stanley E. Lawson, both of Victoria.

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## Mrs. H. A. Stone, Vancouver, Dies

Canadian Press

Vancouver, Aug. 16.—Mrs. Beatrice Hetty Stone, aged sixty-nine, wife of Mr. Henry A. Stone, well-known Vancouver business man and sponsor of the Vancouver Art Gallery, died this morning at her home in Caulfield, West Vancouver. She had been ill a short time.

She came to Canada forty-five years ago, and had resided in British Columbia thirty years and in West Vancouver six years. She was born in London.

Besides the widower, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Mathews and Mrs. Alan Gentles of Vancouver.

### FUNERAL TO-MORROW

Funeral service for Mrs. Elizabeth Street Gunn, who passed away at the Jubilee Hospital, on Monday will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from Carter's Funeral Home, 1612 Quadra Street. Rev. J. H. A. Warr will officiate, and the remains will be laid to rest in Royal Oak Burial Park. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

## LAST TRIBUTE TO PIONEER

Many Attend Funeral of  
Richard James Styles Held  
Yesterday

Many old-time friends attended the last rites yesterday afternoon over the remains of Richard James Styles, pioneer resident. Members of Court Vancouver A.O.F. attended in a body. Rev. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick conducted the services, and the hymn sung was "Days and Moments Quickly Flying," T. Hughes being at the organ.

Interment was in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery, where Bro. H. Callow, P.D.C.R., conducted the rites, and pallbearers were: Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.C.R.; Bro. Harry Siebenbaum, Bro. James Lyons, Bro. Phil Davies, Bro. Samuel Holman and Bro. E. W. Millington. Many beautiful flowers were received.

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### IS LAID TO REST

A large number of friends attended the funeral of Mary Nicol Ford on Saturday afternoon, among whom were the officers and members of Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Rev. J. Smith Patterson conducted the service at the chapel, during which the hymns "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Peace, Perfect Peace" were sung. Canon H. W. G. Stocken conducted the rites at the graveside, after which the Rebekah burial service was impressively conducted by Sister Mary E. Sommerville, noble grand, assisted by Sister Ada Kirk, vice-grand, and Sister Edna B. Collins, chaplain. Interment was made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery with the following brothers of Colfax Lodge acting as pallbearers: H. Paver, A. Hodgkinson, F. Bruce Shaver, J. Kerr, F. Hurrey and H. Clark.

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## DEATH CALLS R. J. STYLES

Pioneer Contractor First Came  
to City in '70's; A.O.F.  
Veteran

Funeral services for Richard James Styles, pioneer of over sixty years' residence in the city, who passed away Saturday evening at the Jubilee Hospital, will be held from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Mr. Styles was born in London, England, eighty-two years ago. He was trained for the contracting business, and followed a brother, the late Alderman Samuel T. Styles, to Victoria, to join him in this work. One of the first works they undertook in partnership was the construction of the old Westminster Penitentiary. With them was associated at that time the late Alderman John Kinsman, who kept up the partnership with S. T. Styles for about twenty-five years. Richard James Styles in the meantime having withdrawn to enter the transfer business, he conducted this from his home at Echo Point on Victoria Arm, Victoria West, where he lived for fifty years.

Not long after his arrival here Mr. Styles married Miss Emma Surtan, also a member of a pioneer family, who predeceased him about twenty years ago. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Vancouver, for sixty years, and in recognition of his long association with the order was created a life member about five or six years ago. The A.O.F. will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

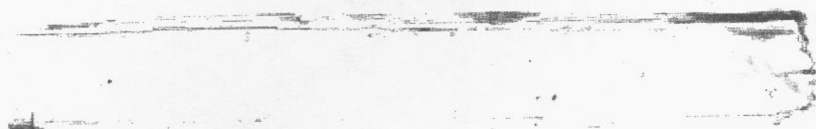
His only surviving relative in Victoria is a niece, Mrs. Frank J. Sehl, of 2411 Wark Street. There are two nephews in San Francisco, and several nephews and nieces in London.

## Funeral Wednesday Of J. Wriglesworth

Funeral services for Joseph Wriglesworth, who passed away Friday, will be held on Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, at Oddfellows' Hall, Douglas Street, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate, and interment will be made in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery. The remains are reposing at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street.



## Fragment from Wreck of PACIFIC with notation by S P Moody



*ST Styles' widget  
1 son lost on Pacific  
1875*

The loss of the steamship PACIFIC, somewhere off Cape Flattery on November 4, 1875, is now forgotten, an historical footnote at best for some. In its time, the tragic loss of the ship and the death of all aboard save two was a devastating event that affected families and communities up and down the coast from the sawmills of Burrard Inlet and the young settlement of Victoria in British Columbia and the American settlements on Puget Sound to the burgeoning metropolis of San Francisco.

PACIFIC was a pioneer of west coast steamship service. Built in New York in 1850, the 225-foot long, 1,003-ton Pacific was one of many steamers caught up in the California Gold Rush. The news of the California gold discovery of January 1848 reached a fever pitch at the end of the year and throughout the early months of 1849. Hundreds of ships sailed from eastern ports for San Francisco by way of Cape Horn around the tip of South America. Steamship service via the narrow isthmus of Panama, a centuries-old link between the Atlantic and the Pacific, also blossomed. The United States Mail Steamship Company ferried passengers between New York, New Orleans and Chagres, Panama's Caribbean port. From there they crossed the isthmus by dugout and mule train to Panama City. There they boarded steamers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for San Francisco. The "Panama Route," in its heyday of 1849-1869 transported three quarters of a million passengers and over \$700 million in gold, as well as mail and valuable freight.

After a brief stint carrying passengers between New Orleans and Chagres for the United States Mail Steamship Company, PACIFIC departed from New York for San Francisco in March 1851. Arriving at San Francisco on July 2, the steamer operated between there and Panama City and then San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua for the next four years for the Vanderbilt Line, a competitor of the Pacific Mail. Laid up in 1855, PACIFIC like a number of other gold rush veterans entered coastal service in 1858 when Captain John Thomas Wright of San Francisco bought her for his Merchant's Accommodation Line, connected San Francisco with Oregon, Washington and British Columbia ports in direct competition with the PACIFIC Mail Steamship Company. After two other owners, PACIFIC passed into the hands of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in 1872. Pacific Mail ran her between San Francisco and San Diego until 1875, when they sold PACIFIC to coastal steamship entrepreneurs Charles Goodall, Christopher Nelson, and George C Perkins.

Steamship service between San Francisco and Victoria had blossomed after the discovery of



gold on the Fraser River in late 1857. John Wright's Merchant's Accommodation Line began running the steamer *COMMODORE* to Victoria in April 1858, and purchased *PACIFIC* in July in response to the rush. Within the next year 105 steamship voyages connected San Francisco and Victoria as tens of thousands of Americans headed north to the new gold strike. Ironically, it was another gold discovery in British Columbia at Cassiar in 1872 and a new rush that spanned the next few years that returned *PACIFIC* to Victoria service in 1875.

Steaming to Victoria at the end of October, *PACIFIC* made a voyage down Puget Sound to Tacoma before returning to Victoria on the morning of November 4th to load cargo and passengers for the trip to San Francisco. Among them were British Columbia businessmen heading south to do business in San Francisco, returning California visitors, and miners leaving the Cassiar for the winter - or for good. Apparently both overloaded with cargo and passengers (the steamer had accommodations for 253 persons but more tickets than berths had been sold), *PACIFIC* steamed out of Victoria at 9:30 on the morning of the 4th, listing badly to starboard. To right the steamer, the crew finally filled the lifeboats on the port side with water, and the weight pulled *PACIFIC* on to a more or less even keel. The struggle to right the steamer took hours; it was not until 4 pm that *Pacific* passed Cape Flattery and headed out of the Straits of Juan de Fuca into the open ocean.

Meanwhile, the ship *ORPHEUS*, heading for Nanaimo to load coal, was approaching Cape Flattery after sailing north from San Francisco. About 10 pm, in the darkness of the Cape, *ORPEHEUS'* officers were startled by the lights of an approaching ship. As they watched in disbelief, the ship, a steamer, hit *ORPHEUS* on the starboard side and kept going. *ORPHEUS*, her rigging damaged, also kept going.

The steamer that struck *ORPHEUS* was *PACIFIC*. After the collision, water had poured through the hull, drowning the boiler fires. *PACIFIC* was sinking rapidly, and as passengers milled on the decks, the crew tried to launch the boats. Their efforts failed as boats overturned. Passenger Henry Jelly, aboard one boat, was thrown into the sea as his overcrowded lifeboat flipped. Only five men made it back to the surface to cling to the overturned hull. *PACIFIC* did not have much longer to live herself. Minutes after the collision, the ship broke apart and sank, pulling many down with it. A handful of survivors, buoyed by wreckage that had broken free of the hull, drifted off into the night.

Jelly and one other man swam from their overturned boat to the top of the pilothouse, which was floating nearby, and drifted through the next day. As they rode the waves, they passed wreckage with other passengers clinging to it, but the ordeal was too much for most. Jelly's companion died on the afternoon of the first day, and he drifted on, alone now, through another night. The following morning, the passing ship *MESSENGER* spotted him and rescued him, battered and exhausted, from his precarious perch. He would not have lasted much longer. Jelly arrived at Port Townsend on November 7th, just three days after *PACIFIC* had departed. The news reached Victoria and then the rest of the coast quickly and horribly. "The catastrophe is so

far-reaching," said the Victoria Daily British Colonist. "Scarcely a house-hold in Victoria has lost one or more of its members...."

Henry Jelly's account was doubted until another survivor, PACIFIC's quartermaster, Neil Henley, was rescued. Like Jelly, he had clung to wreckage, in his case the remains of the steamer's hurricane deck. A small group of survivors, including PACIFIC's Captain, Jefferson D Howell, had joined Henley on his raft, but the sea had taken all of them. Near death, Henley was spotted by a passing ship, the US Revenue cutter OLIVER WOLCOTT, and rescued four days after PACIFIC had sunk. Shock and disbelief gave way to indignation as bodies and debris washed ashore and the account of the two survivors showed that the aged steamer had been so rotten that her bow had crumbled with the blow to ORPHEUS. A Victoria coroner's jury condemned both PACIFIC and ORPHEUS' officers, and pointedly noted that the collision had been "A very slight blow, the shock of which should not have damaged the PACIFIC if she had been a sound and substantial vessel."

The wreck of PACIFIC, despite several searches for a Wells Fargo shipment of gold and the riches of some of her passengers, has never been found. ORPHEUS, the other participant in the drama, ironically wrecked on November 5th when her crew crashed her ashore at Barclay Sound on the western shores of Vancouver Island after losing their bearings. The skeletal remains of the ship lie on the seabed to this day, a provincially-registered heritage site surveyed and studied by the Underwater Archaeological Society of British Columbia.

The epitaph of PACIFIC, written by one of the victims, is displayed by the Vancouver Maritime Museum. Sewell P "Sue" Moody, pioneer lumberman and owner of a Burrard Inlet sawmill, was enroute to San Francisco on PACIFIC to do business with his partners in the southern city. A popular man, Moody was filled with energy and was one of British Columbia's most "enterprising" citizens. Six weeks after the sinking, this fragment of the lost steamer was discovered on the beach below Beacon Hill at Victoria. Penciled into the white painted fragment is a final note from Sewell Moody. "All lost, S.P. Moody." Before the sea had claimed him, and not knowing that anyone would make it out of the sea alive, Moody had sent a message that was finally delivered from beyond the grave. It is a powerful reminder of that fateful night of November 4, 1875.