

1111-1115 Catherine People
-Nisbet + ~~Proves~~ (1)

Catherine St

19/02/30 **Nisbet, Philip**, m, head, m, 29 Apr 1845, 55, NS, Meth, Ship carpenter.
 **Rems:** DRI: Philip Ross Nisbet, 18 Jan 1928, 83, Victoria.
 19/02/31 **Nisbet, Catherine**, f, wife, m, 16 May 1844, 55, NS, Meth.
 **Rems:** DRI: Catherine Gammel Nisbet, 19 Jan 1928, 84, Victoria.
 19/02/32 **Nisbet, Stella**, f, dau, m, 26 Nov 1873, 27, NS, Meth.
 **Rems:** RBCR: Nisbet, Stella, 47 y, 23 Mar 1922 at Victoria, b.Sydney, CB, NS.
 19/02/33 **Nisbet, Elinor**, f, dau, m, 16 Jul 1876, 24, NS, Meth.
 19/02/34 **Nisbet, Lillian**, f, dau, m, 14 Feb 1878, 22, NS, Meth.

- married C E Watkins, died 26 Nov 1939

To-day the death occurred of Stella M., beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Nisbet, of Catherine Street. Besides her parents she leaves three sisters, Mrs. T. H. Brown, Mrs. S. J. Willis and Mrs. C. E. Watkins, all of this city. The funeral will take place on Friday at 3.30 p.m. at the B. C. Funeral Chapel. Rev. Dr. Sipprell will officiate and interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Miss Stella M. Nisbet took place yesterday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, where service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Sipprell. There were many friends present and the casket was covered with floral tributes. Two hymns were rendered, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Rock of Ages." The remains were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: T. R. Cusack, Percy Ross, Cyrus Bowes, James Fletcher, Gilbert Christie and Dr. A. A. Humber.

Victoria. DRI: Beaumont Thomas F. Boggs, 1 Mar 5 Aug 1863, s.o. Thomas Boggs & Charlotte F. (b.KEN, ENG).

19/02/37 **Boggs, Arthur**, m, son, s, 28 Jul 1851, 89, BC, CE.
 **Rems:** HOW4, p.400: Arthur Beaumont E
 19/02/38 **Boggs, Herbert**, m, son, s, 28 Jul 1851, 89, BC, CE.
 **Rems:** HOW4, p.400: Herbert Beaumont Boggs, b.28 Jul 1851.
 19/02/39 **Boggs, Mary**, f, dau, s, 4 Nov 1893, 7, BC, CE.
 **Rems:** HOW4, p.400: Mary Charlotte Beaumont Boggs, b.4 Nov 1893.
 19/02/40 **Boggs, Dorothy**, f, dau, s, 17 Oct 1899, 1, BC, CE.
 **Rems:** HOW4, p.400: Dorothy Louise Beaumont Boggs, b.17 Oct 1899.
 19/02/41 **Sparrow, Emily**, f, dom, s, -- May 1879, 21, BC, RC, Servant.
 **Rems:** MR: Richard Maxwell, 45, bachelor, farmer, r.Burgoyne Bay, b.S.S.I., Ang, s.o. John, farmer & Mary mar Emily Sparrow, 35, wid, f.Fulford Harbour, b.S.S.I., RC, d.o. John Charles, farmer & Mary --, 31 Jan 1918, Vic. DRI: Emily Maxwell, 22 Apr 1964, 84, Vic.

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Catherine St

19/02/42 **Butt, George**, m, head, m, 12 Oct 1865, 35, NF, Meth, Ship carpenter.
 **Rems:** 1900DIR: Butt, G., carpenter, Catherine, Vic West. RBCR: Butt, Darius G., 57 y, 19 Feb 1923 at Victoria, b.NF. DRI: Darius George Butt, 19 Feb 1923, 57, Victoria.
 19/02/43 **Butt, Annie**, f, wife, m, 28 Nov 1867, 33, NF, Meth.
 **Rems:** RBCR: Butt, Annie, 67 y, 23 Sep 1936 at Victoria, b.NF.
 19/02/44 **Hare, Katherine**, f, -, s, 9 Sep 1883, 17, ENG, to Can: 1900, CE, Phot.

Jessie St

19/02/45 **Barnes, Henry**, m, head, m, 27 Feb 1876, 25, ENG, to Can: 1893, CE, Book keeper.
 **Rems:** MRI: Harry Theodore Barnes mar Lucy Hamilton, 16 Apr 1898, Victoria.
 19/02/46 **Barnes, Lucy**, f, wife, m, 16 Oct 1876, 25, IRL, to Can: 1895, CE.
 19/02/47 **Barnes, John**, m, son, s, 16 Sep 1899, 1, BC, CE.

Jessie St

19/02/48 **Hinds, Francis**, m, head, m, 9 Sep 1863, 37, ON, Meth, Salesman.
 **Rems:** MRI: Frances Hinds mar Margaret Elliot, 28 Oct 1891, Vic. DN, Times, 22 Feb 1935, p.13: Francis Hinds, r.203 Raynor Ave, b.Brussels, ON, 1862, in Vic 48 y, leaves wid; dau: Mrs Harold Butteries, 2519 Fernwood Rd & brother: Fred, Vic & 3 br. elsewhere.
 19/02/49 **Hinds, Margaret**, f, wife, m, 18 Jun 1867, 33, ON, Meth.
 19/02/50 **Hinds, Bernice**, f, dau, s, 18 Nov 1892, 8, BC, Meth.
 **Rems:** MRI: Harold L. Butteries mar Bernice Hinds, 24 Dec 1921, Victoria.

PIONEER SHIPYARD WORKER PASSES ON

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Philip R. Nisbet, Resident
Here For Forty Years, Was
Nova Scotian

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One of the men who were engaged in shipbuilding when "ships were ships and men were men," Philip R. Nisbet, veteran ship's carpenter and caulker, who passed away here yesterday afternoon had been a resident of the city for the last forty years. During that time he had been actively connected with shipbuilding here for over thirty years, having retired eight years ago owing to failing health.

Brought up with the shipbuilding trade, his father being engaged in the business in Nova Scotia, Mr. Nisbet served his apprenticeship in yards at North Sydney, N.S., where he was born in 1845. He went to sea after completing his time, on the vessel commanded by the late Captain James Brown, father of Captain T. H. Brown of this city.

With a party of eight or nine other Nova Scotians, Mr. Nisbet came to Victoria about forty years ago. The sealing industry was then at its height on the coast and there was plenty of opportunity for shipbuilders, who knew their craft, to forge ahead. He was engaged with various shipbuilding firms in this work until regulations ended the sealing. During the war, when the building of wooden ships was revived, Mr. Nisbet was engaged on the reserve. He was employed at various times at the shipbuilding plants of Yarrows Limited, Victoria Machinery Depot and Turpels, where he was well thought of by all with whom he came in contact.

He resided during the last four years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. H. Brown, 1115 Catherine Street, where the widow, who is also ailing in health was with him.

Besides the widow, he leaves to mourn his loss, three daughters, Mrs. T. H. Brown, Mrs. S. J. Willis and Mrs. C. E. Watkins. A fourth daughter predeceased him.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

NAME—
Registered No. 2728
(For use of Registrar of Vital Statistics only)
Name Street House No.
victoria Street
Name
St. Joseph's Hospital
tution, give name
CEASED Philip Ross Nisbet.

15 Catherine St.
(Usual place of abode)

STATISTICAL INFORMATION			
ORIGIN	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the Word) <u>Married</u>		
Place of Birth or Country	<u>North Sydney C.B.</u>		
Age (Month, day and year)	<u>28th Apr. 1845</u>		
Months	Days	If less than one day hrs. or min.	
PROFESSION	<u>carpenter</u> (occupation or kind of work)		
INDUSTRY	<u>carpenter</u> (Kind of Industry)		
RESIDENCE (In years and months)	<u>40 yrs</u> days (b) In province.		
DECEASED BY	<u>Wm. Nisbet</u> (Name of person)		
RESIDENCE (In years and months)	<u>North Sydney C.B.</u> (Province or country)		
OTHER	<u>Jane ROSS</u> <u>N. Sydney Canada</u> (Province or country)		
BY	<u>Wm. Brown</u> <u>Catherine St.</u> <u>Law</u> (Name of person)		
BY	<u>Jan. 21 1928</u> (Date of burial)		
BY	<u>General Co. (Hayward's) Ltd</u> (Name and Address)		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
19 Date of death	<u>Jan. 18/28</u> (Month, day and year)
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <u>Jan 12 1928</u> to <u>Jan 15 1928</u> that I last saw him alive on <u>Jan 9 1928</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>Jan 9 1928</u> and the CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Intestinal Obstruction</u> (duration) <u>3</u> yrs. <u>7</u> mos. <u>9</u> dys.	
CONTRIBUTORY	<u>Wm. Nisbet</u> (duration) <u>4</u> yrs. <u>4</u> mos. <u>4</u> dys.
21 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? <u>Wm. Nisbet</u>	
Did an operation precede death? <u>Yes</u> Date of <u>Jan 18 1928</u>	
Nature of operation <u>Wm. Nisbet</u>	
Was there an autopsy? <u>Yes</u> (Signed) <u>Wm. Nisbet</u>	
Address <u>Wm. Nisbet</u> M. D. C. S. (Edin.) F. A. C. S. (Edin.) Date <u>Jan 18 1928</u> Special Authority <u>Wm. Nisbet</u> State the disease causing Death, or if death from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.	
22 District Registrar's Record Number	<u>16070</u>
23 Filed	<u>16070</u> 19 <u>1928</u> District Registrar

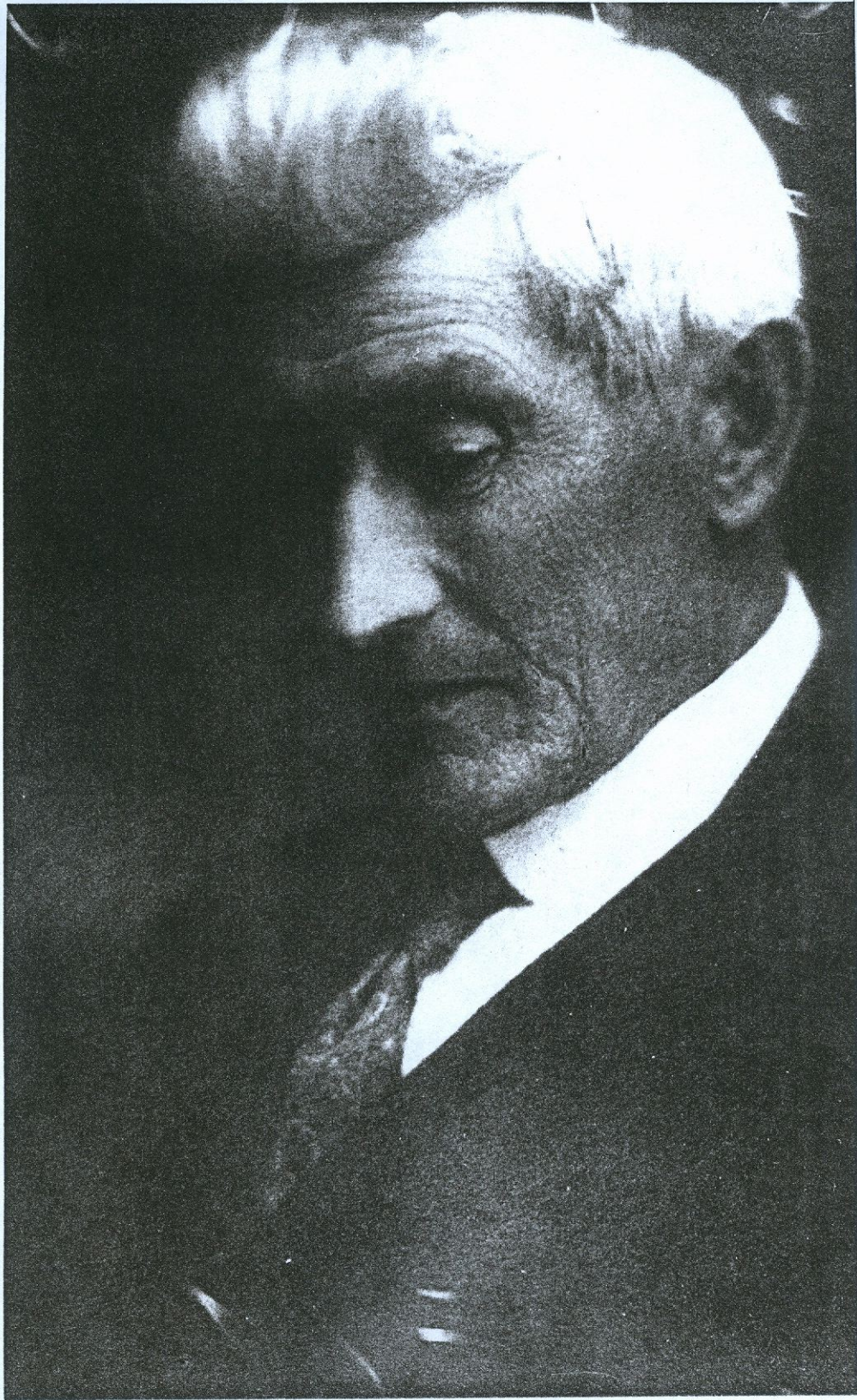
Act makes it the duty of the Undertaker or person acting as Undertaker to obtain all the particulars required in the "Form of Death" and to file the same with the District Registrar who shall issue the burial permit. (OVER)

REGISTRAR, B. D. & M.
VICTORIA, B. C.

City Directories

1897
Nisbet, Miss Eleanor, school teacher
Victoria West school, h Catherine
Nisbet, Philip, ship carpenter, h Catherine.

1897
Brown, Thomas, sealer, rms Nisbett, Catherine st.
Brown, William, fish dealer, h 13



Philip Nisbet, Ship Carpenter, builder of 1115 Catherine Street

FORM 6.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH—

If in Municipality Registered No. 2-N-22
Name (For use of Registrar of Vital Statistics only)

If in City or Town Victoria B.C. Street 1115 Catherine St House No.
Name

If in hospital or institution, give name.....

2 NAME OF DECEASED Stella Nisbet

Residence 1115 Catherine St.
(Usual place of abode)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

3 SEX female	4 RACIAL ORIGIN English	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word) Single
6 BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country) <u>N. Sydney C.B.</u>		
7 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year)		
8 AGE 47	Years	Months Days If less than one day.hrs. ormin.
9 LAST OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) <u>None</u> (b) (Kind of industry) (c) From to (Date from which to which so employed)		
10 FORMER OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) <u>None</u> (b) (Kind of industry) (c) From to (Date from which to which so employed)		
11 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (In years and months) (a) At place of death <u>30 years</u> (b) In province <u>34 years</u> (c) In Canada (if an immigrant) <u>34 years</u>		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

20 Date of death March 23rd. 1922 19.....
(Month, day and year)

21 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb 18 1922 to Feb 21 1922 that I last saw him alive on Feb 21-1922 and that death occurred on the date stated above, at.....m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Asphyxia
.....
..... (duration) yrs. mos. dys
CONTRIBUTOR Asphyxia
(Secondary)
..... (duration) yrs. mos. 3 dys

22 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Did an operation precede death? No Date of

Was there an autopsy? No
(Signed) F. Ho-Bodin

Address 734 Broughton St.
Date Feb 23-1922

Parents

12 Name of father Philip Nisbet
13 Birthplace of father C.B. (Province or country)
14 Maiden name of mother Kate Musgrave
15 Birthplace of mother C. Breton. (Province or country)

16 Informant's name E. D. Smith
Address 734 Broughton St.

17 Relationship to deceased none

18 Place of burial, cremation or removal Ross Bay Cemetery Date of burial March 24th. 1922.

19 Undertaker B.C. Funeral Co. (Haywards Ltd) Victoria B.C.
(Name and Address)

23 District Registrar's Record Number.....

24 Filed 24 1922 19.....
District Registrar M. J. Keuch

SEC. 46—Vital Statistics Act makes it the duty of the Undertaker or person acting as Undertaker to obtain all the particulars required in the "Certificate of Registration of Death" and to file the same with the District Registrar who shall issue the burial permit. (OVER)

NOTE—WHILE FILING WITH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS, PHYSICIANS should STATE CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. RACIAL ORIGIN will be described by stating to what race or people the deceased person belonged whether English, Irish, Scotch, French, German, etc. The terms "American" or "Canadian" must not be used as they express citizenship but not a Racial origin. See instructions on back of Certificate.

VICTORIA B.C.

1111-1115 Catherine

DIED
NISBET—On January 18, 1928, Phillip Ross Nisbet of 1115 Catherine Street, aged 83 years, and born in North Sydney, Cape Breton, and a resident of Victoria for the past forty years.

Also
NISBET—Catherine Gammel Nisbet, his wife, died January 19, 1928, aged 84 years, and born in North Sydney, Cape Breton. The deceased are survived by three daughters and five grandchildren. The funerals will take place together, leaving Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2.15 p.m., proceeding to the Metropolitan Church, Pandora Avenue, where services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Sipprell at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

TH—
Victoria, West
Name
Street, Catherine
House No. 1115
Registered No. 3, 7, 28
(For use of Registrar of Vital Statistics only)

2 NAME OF DECEASED Catherine Gammel Nisbet

Catherine st.

(Usual place of abode)

MRS. P. R. NISBET IS CALLED BY DEATH

TIMES 1928-01-20 p. 5
Widow of Pioneer Dies Two Days After Husband

Surviving her husband by only a few hours, Mrs. Catherine Gammel Nisbet, widow of the late Phillip R. Nisbet, who died on Wednesday afternoon, passed away last evening at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Brown, 1115 Catherine Street. The joint funeral service will be held to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, with interment in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The late Mrs. Nisbet was born in Bras d'Or Lakes, Cape Breton, nearly eighty-four years ago, and came of United Empire Loyalist stock. She had lived here for forty years and was an active member of the Metropolitan Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. T. H. Brown, Mrs. S. J. Willis and Mrs. C. E. Watkins, and five grandchildren, James Brown, Phillip and Ned Willis, Tom and Gwen Watkins.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

ORIGIN 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the Word)
WIDOW
Country North Sydney C.B.
day and year May 11/1844
Days less than one day
hrs. or min.

DECEASED late Philip R. Nisbet
(occupation or kind of work)

Age (In years and months)
Age (b) In province 38 yrs
all her life

Place of birth
England
Catherine Kelly
Cape Breton
(Province or country)

Signature of Registrar
Catherine Kelly
Registrar of Victoria
B.C.

Date of removal
Date of burial
Jan. 21/28
al Co. (Hayward's) Ltd
(Name and Address)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

19 Date of death JAN. 19/28
(Month, day and year)

20 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from
1928 to Jan 19 1928 that I
last saw him alive on Jan 18 1928 and
that death occurred on the date stated above, at 11 pm m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Drowning and skull decay
(duration) yrs 4 mos. dys.

CONTRIBUTORY all.
(duration) yrs mos. dys.

21 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Did an operation precede death? no Date of
Nature of operation

Was there an autopsy? no
(Signed) Frank A. Bell M.D.
Address Campbell Bell
Date Jan 21 1928

State the Disease causing Death, or in death from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

22 District Registrar's Record Number
23 Filed 19 District Registrar

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REGISTRAR, B. D. & M
VICTORIA, B. C.
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Mrs. Philip Nisbet

1111-1115 Catherine

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT.

SCHEDULE C.--Marriages.

Registration District of *Victoria, B.C.*

392W

No. 64

Bridegroom.	No.	81.	
	His name.	<i>Charles Elwood Watkins.</i>	
	Age.	29.	
	Residence when married.	<i>Victoria, B.C.</i>	
	Place of birth.	<i>Canada.</i>	
	Condition (Bachelor or Widower.)	<i>Bachelor.</i>	
	Rank or profession.	<i>Architect.</i>	
	Names of parents.	<i>Charles Richard and Mary Hannah Watkins.</i>	
Bride.	Her name.	<i>Lillian Matilda Nesbet.</i>	
	Age.	27.	
	Residence when married.	<i>Victoria, B.C.</i>	
	Place of birth.	<i>Canada.</i>	
	Spinster or widow.	<i>Spinster.</i>	
	Names of parents.	<i>Philip Ross and Catherine G. Nesbet.</i>	
Names of witnesses.	<i>Charles E. Watkins</i>	<i>Elmer Nesbet.</i>	
Residence of witnesses.	<i>Victoria</i>	B. C.	<i>Victoria</i> B. C.
Date of marriage.	<i>April 19th 1905.</i>		
Religious denomination of bridegroom.	<i>Methodist.</i>		
Religious denomination of bride.	<i>Methodist.</i>		
By whom married.	<i>George J. Adams.</i>		
By licence or by banns.	<i>Licence.</i>		
Place of marriage, church, residence, &c.	<i>138 Cormorant St., Victoria, B.C.</i>		

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the correct record of the marriage of *Charles Elwood Watkins* and *Lillian Matilda Nesbet* made in pursuance of the above mentioned Act.

Dated the *nineteenth* day of *April*, A.D. 1905.

Signature of Clergyman, Minister or Registrar, *George J. Adams.*

N. B.—Reports of marriages celebrated are to be delivered, or forwarded by registered post prepaid, to the District Registrar on the last day of March, June, September and December, in each year.



CHARLES ELWOOD WATKINS

1875-1942

JENNIFER NELL BARR AND DONALD LUXTON

Although he spent the first half of his career in the shadow of his more famous partner, native-born C. Elwood Watkins was a prolific and talented designer whose work deserves wider recognition. He was born on October 3, 1875 in Victoria, B.C., the eldest son of Charles Richard Watkins, of Abergavenny, Wales, and Mary Hannah McMillan, of Bowmanville, Ontario. In 1862 both his parents' families moved to Victoria, where Charles and Mary were married on December 12, 1874. Elwood's father died of typhoid in November 1884 at the age of forty-two. Mary and her five younger children went to live with her father, and Elwood was sent back to Ontario to attend high school. Before the age of fifteen he was back in Victoria and began his architectural apprenticeship in the office of **Thomas Hooper**. This was a busy and prolific time, and as Hooper travelled a great deal, it can be imagined that young Elwood was the backbone of the practice, handling many of the practical affairs. The office developed a steadily increasing reputation among numerous clients for solid, competent work. In recognition of his contributions, in 1902 he was made a full partner. Their output was prodigious: within a few short years they designed many of the buildings that still define the character of Victoria's Old Town. The firm also produced a large volume of residential work, and a number of landmark projects around the province.

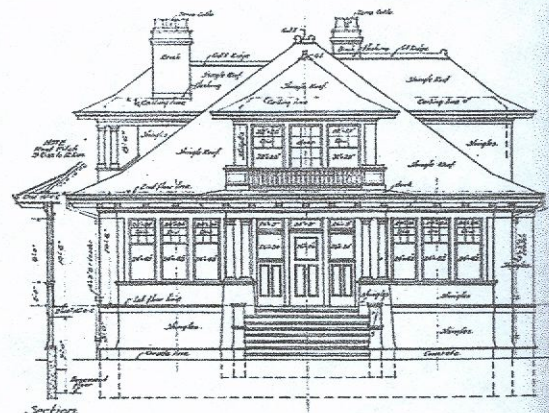
Their success enabled Watkins to design and build his own home on prestigious Rockland Avenue, 1904-05. On April 19, 1905 he married Lillian Matilda 'Lill' Nisbet, the daughter of Philip and Catharine Nisbet. Elwood and Lill had two children, a daughter, Gwendolyn, and a son, Thomas Elwood, named after Hooper. After an acrimonious split with Hooper in 1909,

Watkins opened his own office in the Green Block on Broad Street.

From 1908 to 1913 the population boom in Victoria, with the influx of new residents particularly from Britain, led to a major expansion programme for local schools. Watkins was one of the group of younger architects who developed more modern school designs, including advanced technology and the use of a wider range of building materials. In his austere design for George Jay School, started in 1908 while he was still in partnership with Hooper, he introduced the "Kahn System" of reinforced concrete construction, patented in the United States by the engineer brother of Detroit architect Albert Kahn. By 1912 Watkins had been appointed official architect of the Victoria School Board, and after **H.J. Rous Cullin** left for overseas service, he also became the architect for the Saanich School Board. His most imposing and lavish school design was the new Victoria High School, the highlight of his career. The glorious essay in *Beaux-Arts* Classicism is richly encrusted with terra cotta. Watkins had been selected as architect for the new building in 1910, and worked closely with Principal Samuel J. Willis, also his brother-in-law, in studying the latest elements of school design. Tenders closed in March 1912, but the school was not opened until April 20, 1914. The final cost of \$460,000 made it the most expensive school building in the province.

The years of the First World War were very slow for local architects. Watkins did some school work and private residences, but went one year without making any money at all. Apparently, Watkins and the Victoria Building Inspector Herbert Shade, played cards together to pass the time. Watkins

P.A. Babbington Residence, Victoria, 1911





Victoria

secure the commissions for two large lavish Tudor Revival houses for the Luney Brothers, Walter and William, prominent contractors. The brothers had won the contract for the Victoria Normal School, which allowed them the funds to build their own homes in the middle of the war, at a time when few people could afford to build anything.

After the war, Watkins became very busy again, with a general practice that included residential, commercial and institutional work. Following the trend towards period revival styles, he designed several Colonial Revival residences, a Colonial Revival funeral parlour, and an Art Deco auditorium chapel. He provided designs for a number of buildings at Victoria's two major hospitals, and also donated a building for the Saanich Pioneer Society's museum in Central Saanich, 1932-33. During the 1930s Watkins sometimes worked in informal association with other architects, includ-

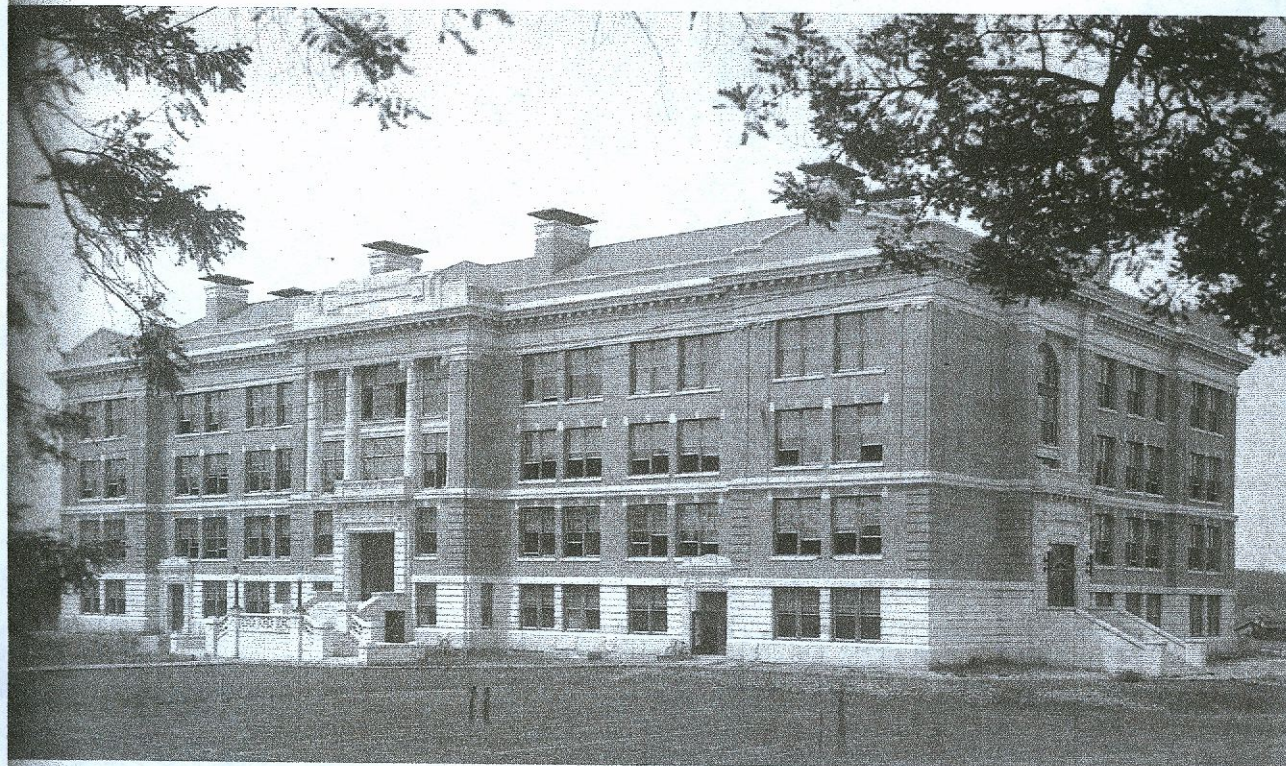
ing **J. Graham Johnson**. Watkins was a favourite architect of the local Chinese community, and provided designs for Hook Sin Tong, Lee's Benevolent Association, the Lee Block, and several buildings on Fan Tan Alley.

Along with a number of other prominent families, the Watkinses owned one of the first summer homes on the cliff-top lots on Mileva Crescent in north Gordon Head, Saanich, which was developed in 1912. Neighbouring property-owners, the five Parfitt Brothers, were also business associates; as local contractors they constructed many of Watkins's buildings. The families organized numerous tennis and lawn bowling parties. Musical events were often hosted by the Parfitts, who had a twelve-piece family orchestra, and built a concert hall on their property.

Watkins was known for his civic contributions, including membership on the Plumbing Board of Examiners, and the Building Board of Appeal for the City of Victoria. As a prominent member of the Kiwanis Club, he was chairman of the tuberculosis rehabilitation committee and organized the TB Seal Drive at Christmas. For many years he was on the Board of Stewards and Trustees of the Metropolitan Methodist, one of the first buildings on which he had worked in Hooper's office.

Active in the creation of the AIBC and first Vice-President of the organization, at the time of his death Watkins was the chair of the Victoria Chapter. Elwood died on August 14, 1942 at the age of sixty-six, and was buried in Royal Oak Burial Park in Saanich. He had worked at his profession until two days before his death. His wife, Lillian, died on November 26, 1959.

Victoria High School, Victoria



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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE - DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
REGISTRATION OF DEATH

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY) is defined in terms of the country to which the person owes allegiance. The term "Canadian" should be used as descriptive of a person who was born in Canada or who has rights of Citizenship in Canada, unless he or she has subsequently become the citizen of another country.
RACIAL ORIGIN is defined in terms of the people or race to which the person-traced through the father-belongs, whether English, Irish, Scottish, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian, etc. The terms "Canadian" or "American" should not be used for RACIAL ORIGIN, as they express CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY).

1. PLACE OF DEATH

Name of city or place: Victoria, B. C. Name of Municipality (if any):
Street or road: Royal Jubilee Hospital House No.:
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)

2. LENGTH OF STAY In Municipality where death occurred: Two Weeks In Province: 70 years In Canada (if immigrant): All of Life
(in years, months and days)

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED: Watkins Lillian Matilda
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names in full)

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
Name of city or place: Victoria, B. C. Name of Municipality (if any): Victoria
Street or road: Rookland Avenue House No.: 1117
(If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")

5. SEX: Female 6. CITIZENSHIP (See marginal note): Canadian 7. RACIAL ORIGIN (See marginal note): United Empire Loyalists 8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word): Widow 9. BIRTHPLACE: (City or Place and Province or Country): North Sydney, N.S.
10. Date of Birth: February 14th 1878 11. AGE (Last Birthday): 81 years
(Month by name) (Date) (Year) YEARS MONTHS DAYS HOURS MIN.

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as logger, fisherman, office clerk, etc. (b) Kind of industry or business, as logging, fishing, bank, etc. (If labourer specify kind of work above) (If Housewife in own home answer "At Home")
OCCUPATION: Housewife
13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: ---- 14. Total years spent in this occupation: ----

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased: Charles Elwood Watkins

16. Name of father: Nisbet Philip
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names)

17. Maiden name of mother: Misgrate Catherine Gamel
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names)

18. Birthplace - Father: North Sydney, N.S. Mother: Little Braddon, N.S.
(City or Place and Province or Country) (City or Place and Province or Country)

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Given under my hand at: Victoria, B. C., this 27th day of November, 1959

X Signature of informant: [Signature] Relationship to deceased: Son
(Married woman not to use husband's initials or given names)
Address of informant: 2474 Monell Street Victoria, B. C.
(House No.) (Name of Street) (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province or State)

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal: Burial Date: November 28th 1959
(State which) (Month by name) (Date) (Year)
Place of Burial: Royal Oak Burial Park Name of Cemetery: Royal Oak Burial Park
(Municipality, etc., where Cemetery located)

21. Undertaker: B.C. Funeral Co. (Hayward's) Ltd. Address: 734 - Broughton St., Victoria
Name (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province or State)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. DATE OF DEATH: November 26th 1959
(Month by name) (Date) (Year)

23. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Sept. to November 26th, 1959, and last saw him/her alive on November 26th, 1959.

CAUSE OF DEATH
Disease or condition directly leading to death (This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g., heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.)
(a) Intestate G. River Obstruction due to (or as a consequence of) 3.6 months
(b) Heart Failure due to (or as a consequence of) 2 years
(c) Hypertensive Heart Disease
Antecedent causes: Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last.
Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it: 443X

24. If a woman, was the death (a) Associated with pregnancy? no (b) Duration: ----- weeks. (c) Was there a delivery? -----

25. (a) Was there a recent surgical operation? Sept. 1957 (b) Date of operation: Sept. 1957
(c) State findings of operation: Ca left breast (d) Was there an autopsy? yes

26. If a violent death, fill in also: (a) Accident ; Suicide ; Homicide (b) Date of injury: -----
(c) How did injury occur? -----

(d) Injuries sustained? ----- (e.g., fracture of skull, left leg, etc., dislocation of, burn to, etc.)
(e) Where did injury occur? Home (Home, farm, industrial place, highway, etc.)

27. Signed by: [Signature] Designation: M.D. M.D., Coroner, etc.
Address: 6751-10th St. Victoria B.C. Date: November 27th 1959

28. Print name of M.D., Coroner, etc., whose signature appears above: -----

29. Notations: -----

30. I hereby certify that the above return was made to me at: VICTORIA, B. C.
Dated: NOV. 27 1959
District Registration No.: 1064
(Signature of District Registrar)

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BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT.

A PRETTY WEDDING.

Mr. S. J. Willis, B. A., and Miss Nisbet
 United in Wedlock.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, when Mr. S. J. Willis, B. A., one of the most popular teachers of our city High school was joined in matrimony to Miss G. Elmor Nisbet, of Catherine street, Victoria West.

The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. G. K. B. Adams, pastor of the Metropolitan church, took place under a magnificent bell of holly. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of silk crepe, trimmed with duchess lace, with bridal veil and orange blossoms, and was attended by Miss Jean MacHaffie, of Vancouver. The groom was supported by a fellow teacher, Mr. E. Howard Russell.

The Wedding March was played by Miss Hattie Nicholas. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful diamond and sapphire ring, and to the bridesmaid a pearl brooch.

The wedding presents were numerous and elegant. Amongst them were a very fine marble clock from the groom's pupils, and a handsome cut glass bowl from his fellow teachers. After the wedding supper and reception the happy couple left for a trip south, to return shortly and take up housekeeping in their beautiful new home on Fort street

SCHEDULE C--Marriages.

Victoria B.C.

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Amuel John Willis.

Victoria B.C.

Canada.

Bachelor.

High School Teacher.

Charles and Elizabeth Willis.

Grace Elmor Nisbet.

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Victoria B.C.

Canada.

Sp. Master.

Philip Ross and Catharine Nisbet.

E. Howard Russell, Jean MacHaffie.

Residence of witnesses. Victoria B.C. Vancouver B.C.

Date of marriage. December 27th 1905.

Religious denomination of bridegroom. Methodist.

Religious denomination of bride. Methodist.

By whom married. George K. B. Adams.

By licence or by banns. Licence.

Place of marriage, church, residence, &c. Residence of Bride's Parents, Catherine St., Victoria B.C.

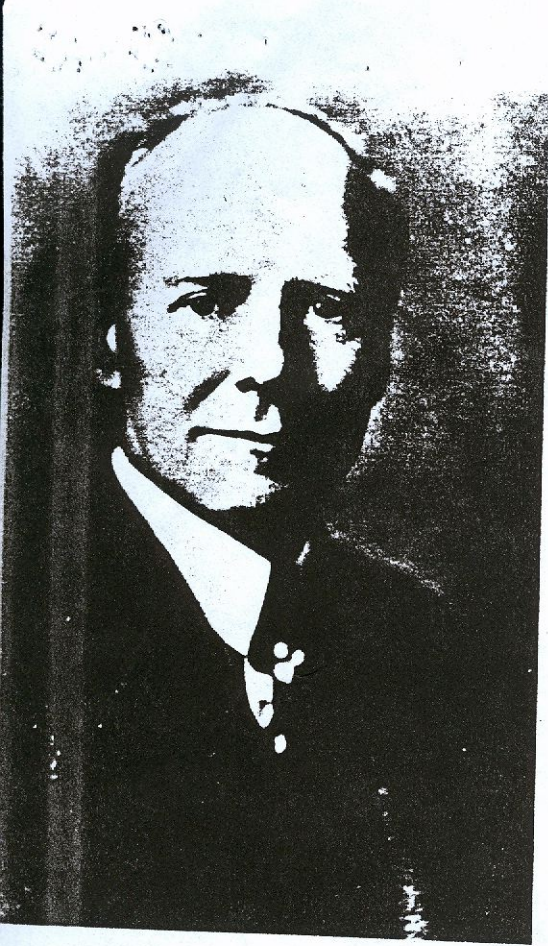
I hereby certify the foregoing to be the correct Record of the marriage of Amuel John Willis and Grace Elmor Nisbet in pursuance of the above mentioned Act.

Dated the twenty seventh day of December, A.D. 1905.

Signature of Clergyman, Minister, or Registrar. George K. B. Adams.

N. B.—Reports of marriages celebrated are to be delivered, or forwarded by registered post prepaid, to the District Registrar on the last day of March, June, September and December, in each year.

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VICTORIA, B.C. [1930's?]

[Dr. S. J. Willis] / photographer unknown

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1. Schools & Colleges: Public - S.J. Willis
2. Willis, Dr. S. J.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH—DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
REGISTRATION OF DEATH

VICTORIA
Reg. No. (Office use only)
004280

1. PLACE OF DEATH
Name of city or place Victoria Name of Municipality (if any) _____
Street or road St. Joseph's Hospital House No. _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)

2. LENGTH OF STAY
In Municipality where death occurred 47 years In Province 47 years In Canada (if immigrant) _____
(in years, months and days)

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED WILLIS, SAMUEL JOHN
(Surname or last name) (Given or Christian names)

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
Name of city or place Victoria Name of Municipality (if any) _____
Street or road Fort Street House No. 1521

5. SEX Male 6. CITIZENSHIP Canadian 7. RACIAL ORIGIN English 8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Married 9. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country) Charlottetown, P.E.I.

10. Date of Birth July 28, 1877 11. AGE 69 Years 8 Months 26 Days If less than one day hrs. or min.

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as spinner, grader, clerk, etc. Deputy Minister of Education, B.C. Government
(b) Kind of industry or business, as paper mill, lumber, bank, etc. _____
(If labourer specify kind of work above)

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation 2 years ago 14. Total years spent in this occupation abt. 29 years

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased Grace Elinor Nisbett

16. Name of father Willis, Charles
(Surname or last name) (Given or Christian names)

17. Maiden name of mother Not known
(Surname or last name) (Given or Christian names)

18. Birthplace:— Not known Mother Not known
Father (Province or Country) (Province or Country)

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C., this 25th day of April, 1947.
Signature of informant [Signature] Relationship to deceased son
Address 40- Eastgate - Winnipeg Man.

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal Burial Date April 28, 1947
(Month by name) (Day) (Year)
Place of Burial Royal Oak, B.C. Cemetery Royal Oak Burial Park
(Municipality)

21. Undertaker:— Name HAYWARD'S B.C. FUNERAL CO. LTD. Address 734 Broughton St., Victoria, B.C.

22. Marginal Notations (Office use only)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

23. DATE OF DEATH APRIL 23, 1947
(Month by name) (Day) (Year)

24. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Mar 7 1946
to Apr 23 1947, and last saw him alive on April 23 1947.

CAUSE OF DEATH

	DURATION		
	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
(a) <u>Cerebral metastases from</u> due to		<u>3</u>	
(b) <u>Carcinoma stomach</u> due to	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
(c) _____ due to			

Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause: _____

25. If a woman, was the death associated with pregnancy? _____

26. Was there a surgical operation? Yes Date of operation April 3 1946
State findings Jejun carcinoma stomach Was there an autopsy? No

27. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:—
Accident, suicide or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ 19____
Manner of injury _____ (State which)
Nature of injury _____ (How sustained)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home or in public place _____

Signed by [Signature] Designation M.D. M.D., Coroner, etc.
Address Victoria, B.C. Date April 28, 1947

28. I hereby certify that the above return was made to me at VICTORIA, B.C.
Dated APRIL 30th 1947 [Signature]
(District Registrar)

District Registration No. 428

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BIRTH RECORDS. WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
 CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY) is defined in terms of the country to which the person owes allegiance. The term "Canadian" should be used as descriptive of a person who was born in Canada or who has rights of Citizenship in Canada, unless he or she has subsequently become the citizen of another country.
 RACIAL ORIGIN is defined in terms of the people or race to which the person—traced through the father—belongs, whether English, Irish, Scottish, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian, etc. The terms "Canadian" or "American" should not be used for RACIAL ORIGIN, as they express CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY).

In case of still births consult reverse side before making out certificate.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Reg. No. (Office use only)

64-09-002642

1. PLACE OF DEATH

Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place Victoria, B. C.
(If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")
Street or road Estevan Avenue House No. 2545
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)

2. LENGTH OF STAY

In Municipality where death occurred Since 1891 In Province 1891 In Canada (if immigrant) All of Life
(In years, months and days)

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED

Willis Grace Elinor
(Surname) (All given or Christian names in full)

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED

Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place Victoria, B. C. Oak Bay 51-055
(If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")
Street or road Estevan Avenue House No. 2546

5. SEX

Female

6. CITIZENSHIP

(See marginal note)
Canadian

7. RACIAL ORIGIN

(See marginal note)
English

8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced

(Choose word)
Widow

9. BIRTHPLACE

(City or Place and Province or Country)
Nova Scotia
North Sydney, N.S.

10. Date of Birth

July 16th 1876
(Month by name) (Date) (Year)

11. AGE (Last Birthday)

87 Years
YEARS MONTHS DAYS HOURS MIN.
If under 1 year If under 1 month If under 24 hours If under 1 hour

OCCUPATION

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as logger, fisherman, office clerk, etc. Housewife
(b) Kind of industry or business, as logging, fishing, bank, etc.
(If labourer specify kind of work above) (If Housewife in own home answer "At Home")

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation 1980 **14. Total years spent in this occupation** Many Many Years

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased Samuel John Willis

16. Name of father Nibet Philip
(Surname) (All given or Christian names)

17. Maiden name of mother Musgrave Catherine
(Surname) (All given or Christian names)

18. Birthplace - Nova Scotia Nova Scotia Nova Scotia
Father (City or Place and Province or Country) Mother (City or Place and Province or Country)

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand at Victoria, B. C., this 11th day of February, 1964

Signature of informant [Signature] Relationship to deceased Son
(Married women not to use husband's initials or given names)

Address of informant 2545 - Estevan Avenue, Victoria, B. C.
(House No.) (Name of Street) (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province)

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal Burial Date February 13th 1964
(State which) (Month by name) (Date) (Year)

Place of Burial Royal Oak Burial Park Name of Royal Oak Burial Park
or Cremation (Municipality, etc., where Cemetery located) Cemetery

21. Undertaker B.C. Funeral Co. Hayward's Ltd. Address 734 - Broughton St., Victoria
Name (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. DATE OF DEATH February 10th 1964
(Month by name) (Date) (Year)

23. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from September 1952
to February 10th 1964, and last saw her alive on Feb 9th 1964.

CAUSE OF DEATH
Disease or condition directly leading to death (This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g., heart failure, asthenia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.)
(a) Br. Pneumonia Approximate interval between onset and death 10 days
due to (or as a consequence of)
(b) Ch. Bronchitis & Bronchiectasis 10-15 years
due to (or as a consequence of)
(c) E. Chr. Pulmonary fibrosis 10 years
Antecedent causes
Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last.
Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it.

24. If a woman, did the death occur either during pregnancy or within 90 days following pregnancy? no
Yes or No

25. (a) Was there a recent surgical operation? no (b) Date of operation 19
(c) State findings of operation (d) Was there an autopsy? no

26. If a violent death, fill in also: (a) Accident ; Suicide ; Homicide (b) Date of injury 19
(c) How did injury occur?
(d) Injuries sustained? (e.g. fracture of skull, left leg, etc., dislocation of -, burn to -, etc.)
(e) Where did injury occur? (home, farm, industrial place, highway, etc.)

27. Signed by [Signature] Designation M.D. M.D. or Coroner.
Address 625 Fort St. Victoria B.C. Date Feb 11 1964 1964

28. Print name of Doctor or Coroner, whose signature appears above S. KENNING

29. Notations

30. I hereby certify that the above return was made to me at VICTORIA, B. C.
Dated FEB 18 1964 1964

District Registration No. 512 (Signature of District Registrar)

IMPORTANT: All changes or corrections made when completing this form must be initialled by the person signing the form.
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RACIAL ORIGIN - State the racial origin, traced through the father, in terms of the people or race to which the person belongs, such as: English, Scottish, German, etc. or in terms of one of the following racial groups: - White, native Indian, Negro, Chinese, Japanese or other.

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