






Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society

Project Overview October 2012

Fernie Heritage Cemetery
St. Margarets Cemetery


City of Fernie Fernie Historical Society Cherished Memories



Cemetery View New DVA Headstones WWI & WWII Mine Disaster Cemetery View

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Please donation to the Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society Project to help us upkeep the cemetery and records of your past family members.
Donate on-line with VISA / Mastercard / American Express
Note: We now have Section A on-line for record search. We have entered 654 entrees of 6000 into the database for historical cemetery searches. Now including 161 Legion entries For additional searches you should use searchable Fig 9 Original COF & New Section A Map of Heritage Cemetery PDF file.
Help us build the Fernie virtual on-line cemetery. Contact us and we can assign your family records to you so you can add photos and information on your famil members interned in the Fernie Heritage Cemeterv.


Note: Searchable Maps of Fernie Heritage Cemetery

- [Link to Section A Cemetery Map 8.5X11](#)
- [Link to Section D Legion Cemetery Map 8.5X11](#)
- [Link to Legion Cemetery Documents](#)
- [Link to Section A to D Cemetery Layout Map 8.5X11](#)
- [Link to Section A to D with Original City Map 8.5X11 - Full searchable Map of Heritage Cemetery](#)
- [Link to Section A to D with Original City Map 11X17 - Full searchable Map of Heritage Cemetery](#)

Note: These files are PDF searchable files, so zoom in to 300 percent and use the find to locate grave sites.

The **Fernie Heritage Restoration Society** is pleased to present this website to help you search for your relatives and loved ones. Our project started in 2006. From that date we have made great progress with data gathering, mapping, photographing and record cross referencing of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery. The project continues in 2010 with the final completion of Section A mapping and cross referencing, creation of this website, cleaning and straightening of monuments. Initial cleaning and repairing headstones by FHCS was completed in August 2010. FHCS was also involved in the cleanup and restoration of the grave-sites of WW1 veterans in the Legion portion of the FHC.

Please contact us if you have additional information that we can correct or can be posted to this website. I.E. Scanned Newspaper Obituaries. [Terms and Conditions to use this site.](#)

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For other information and updates not in this report please refer to our website
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1. Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society Constitution.

The general purpose of the society is as follows.

- ♣ To involve community members and organizations in a multi-phase, multi-year project to restore the Fernie Heritage Cemetery at St. Margaret's Cemetery in Fernie, BC.

The specific purposes of the society are as follows:

- ♣ To clean, straighten and repair the existing 1800 plus monuments and headstones.
- ♣ To identify and to verify all internee records in marked and unmarked graves.
- ♣ To establish an updated, interactive website with pictures and information on the internees.
- ♣ To provide visitors and family online maps for easy location of internee gravesites with or without markers. Website: <http://www.fernieheritagecemetery.com/>
- ♣ To place markers on the 1875 plus unmarked graves sites with proper identification.
- ♣ To assist in keeping the Fernie Heritage Cemetery as a well maintained historical site for visitors and families.
- ♣ To establish a tour schedule to provide visitors and families a historical overview of past pioneers of the community and related vital events i.e. (Mine disasters, WWI, WWII, Spanish flu, etc).
- ♣ For other information and updates not in this report please refer to our website <http://www.fernieheritagecemetery.com/>

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2. **Vision Statement**

The restoration of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery, including the Legion Cemetery, is necessary because it is a tangible link to Fernie's past mining history and culture.

Fernie was founded as a coal mining town in the early 1900's. Today, the coal industry provides for the majority of high paying jobs and over \$2,800,000 in a tax sharing grant to the City of Fernie. The recent development of Fernie as a resort community, however, has taken center stage and, to some degree, has disenfranchised and devalued the contribution of the workers in the resource industries associated with mining and lumbering.

The Society's vision embraces the continued restoration of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery as a local historical site that provides tourists and resort visitors with information on the Society's interactive website and its guided and unguided tours in addition to information at City Hall, the Fernie Museum and Chamber of Commerce. The integration of these resources enhance Fernie's resource history and culture with the new development of a resort community.

The Society's vision incorporates an agency to continue to obtain accurate data in order to avoid further loss of data, history, and lack of recognition to Fernie's culture.

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3. Progress Reports

The progress reports shows the process and continuation of work as documented on the Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration project from 2009 to 2012. These reports reflect the Society's effort to meet annual goals despite limited funding.

3.1 FHCR Society Project plan/progress report 2012.

- ⤴ The reformatting and sorting of data records in Sections A, B, C, D for the website in PDF format with Lastname, Firstname for people to have easy access to search for internees.
- ⤴ The data verification for 810 internees in Section B has been completed and the Society is anticipating that the funding would be available in 2012 to enter this data onto the website and complete mapping of Section A & B.
- ⤴ Completion of cleaning and repairing of 95% of the headstones in Section B.
- ⤴ Completion of cleaning of concrete base of headstone and monuments in Section A, B and D.
- ⤴ The Society may complete the data research to verify internee data and gravesite locations in Section C.
- ⤴ In late 2012 to 2013 the Society is hoping to have funding to complete the website data entry and mapping for Section B and the data verification for Sections C & D.
- ⤴ Plan to add a Hosmer Cemetery section to the website.
- ⤴ Photographs were taken of the burial trenches of the 1902 mine disaster internees as well as the two monuments. Photos were taken of gravesite markers in Section A of some of the 1917 mine disaster internees.
- ⤴ This summer, the Society offered tours of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery for visitors to Fernie.

The Society acknowledges the following people who have made and are continuing to make significant contributions toward the restoration of the Heritage Cemetery.

- ⤴ Jo Micosko for making 32 row markers in Section C and 42 row markers in Section D.
- ⤴ Patrick Burke of Canscan Imaging for mapping and data entering information on all internees on the Society's website. For website information, contact Patrick Burke (e-mail: pburke@canscanimaging.com or phone: (250) 423-3091
- ⤴ Len Kosiec of Infocanconnect for research on the internee data in Sections C & D and walking the cemetery numerous times to verify headstone location and data.
- ⤴ John Gawryluk of Cherished Memories Funeral Services for support and guidance.
- ⤴ Bill Fleming, B.Ed. for help in restoration and cleanup.
- ⤴ Rick Yerburch, B.A. for Secretary-Treasurer from 2008 to 2012 and work and volunteer hours.
- ⤴ Crews of the City of Fernie for clean up and landscaping.
- ⤴ The City of Fernie Council for its help and discretionary grants.
- ⤴ The Columbia Basin Trust for the Community Initiative Grant and the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance grant that are mainstays in our annual funding.
- ⤴ Teck Corp. Ltd. for their contribution to the FHCRS project in 2011.
- ⤴ The general public for donations during our fundraisers.

For further information about the Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society or project, you may contact Len Kosiec, PH.D., President at lkosiec@telus.net or (250) 423-6091

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3.2 FHCR Society Project plan/progress report 2011.

- ⤴ The Restoration Society is planning more work for 2011. The first priority is to complete the data entry, mapping and picture input of internees in Section A and the military section of the Heritage Cemetery. The Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) through the Last Post Fund has supplied four more headstones for World War I veterans and one for a World War II veteran.
- ⤴ The second priority is the cleaning, straightening and repairing of 310 monuments and headstones. This includes glueing together more than 50 crosses in Section B that were broken when the monuments fell over.
- ⤴ Over 50 truck loads of branches and debris were removed from the Heritage Cemetery from Sections A & B to provide more visibility and easy access to visitors.
- ⤴ The data verification and entry for 810 internees in Section B was not completed due to lack of funding.
- ⤴ This past year, the Society has received nominal grant money but got funds from selling Rotary Bingo tickets and the Canada Day Beer Garden in 2010. For a 2011 fund raiser, the Society will have a Canada Day Beer Garden. The Society invites individual and/or business donors to help achieve the restoration project. A donor may submit a donation on-line at www.fernierheritagecemetery.com or by mail Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society, P.O. Box 1275, Fernie, BC, V0B 1M0

The Society acknowledges the following people who have made and are continuing to make significant contributions toward the restoration of the Heritage Cemetery.

- ⤴ Jo Micosko for making ten row markers that are placed in Section A and now is working on thirty row markers for Section B.
- ⤴ Patrick Burke of Canscan Imaging for mapping and data entering information on all internees on the Society's website. For website information, contact Patrick Burke (e-mail: pburke@canscanimaging.com or phone: (250) 423-3091
- ⤴ Len Kosiec of Infocanconnect for research on the internee data in Sections A & B and walking the cemetery numerous times to verify headstone location and data.
- ⤴ Merry Star Lento for contacting known relatives of internees and fund raising. Interested persons may contact Merry Star Lento at (250) 423-3308
- ⤴ John Gawryluk of Cherished Memories Funeral Services for support and guidance.
- ⤴ Bill Fleming for help in restoration and cleanup.
- ⤴ Crews of the City of Fernie for clean up and landscaping.
- ⤴ The City of Fernie Council for its help and discretionary grants.
- ⤴ The Columbia Basin Trust for the Community Initiative Grant and the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance grant that are mainstays in our annual funding.
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3.3 FHCR Society Project plan/progress report 2010.

- ⤴ Fernie Heritage Cemetery - St. Margaret's Cemetery. FHCS AGM - Progress reports were presented and a financial report for 2010 website development cost estimates and cemetery work cost estimates were presented. Although FHCS did not receive as much funding as previous years, work continues with a hope that the community will get involved and donations will help the project continue.
- ⤴ The Fernie Heritage Cemetery Website is up and running. Searches can be done. Not all sections of the Heritage Cemetery database has been updated. The Society is hoping to complete Section A and the Legion Cemetery by October 2010.
- ⤴ Sept 2010: Newly added Morrissey Cemetery Section.
- ⤴ Sept 2010: Newly added Donate by VISA/MC/AMEX, so people can add their support to the project.
- ⤴ August 2010: Initial cleaning and repairing of headstones by FHCS was completed. FHCS was also involved in the cleanup and restoration of the grave-sites of WW1 veterans in the Legion portion of the FHC.
- ⤴ July 2010: Jerry Gregr helped explain the abbreviations of the personal military data of war veterans. This allows us to correct many records in the Legion part of the Cemetery.
- ⤴ June 2010: The FHCS continues working with the Last Post Fund to obtain military markers from the DVA (Department Veteran Affairs) for WW1, WW2 and other veterans.
- ⤴ March 2010: The Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society would like to announce that we now have 29 applications for markers for veterans is being considered for DVA (Department Veteran Affairs) military markers. This is 29 of the 75 that the DVA is currently considering all across Canada or 38% off all applications being currently considered.
- ⤴ All data information is being checked against BC Archives Death Registrations. The data on file in the Archives will be deemed correct if located. Viewers should realize the data on this site sometimes contains the Date of Death or Date of Internment which are most likely not the same. Viewers should also note that if internees have death registrations outside of BC, BC Archives does not have a record.
- ⤴ A meeting of the Society is being planned. A date has not been set as yet.
- ⤴ Membership fees and membership cards formats are being investigated.
- ⤴ At present our funds for continuing the project are quite limited and the Society needs your contributions no matter how small.
- ⤴ The Society would like to thank the Fernie Free Press for providing the public with information updates on the restoration project in the newspaper.
- ⤴ The Society has had numerous inquiries and congratulatory emails from people thanking the society for helping them find information on their family residing in the Fernie Heritage Cemetery.
- ⤴ Fund raiser such as the Rotary bingos and dinners will be organized.
- ⤴ The Society would like to thank Len Kosiec for his research to identify, verify and locate the gravesites of the 1902 and 1917 mine disasters. In the mine disasters in 1902, 140 miners died and in 1917, 34 miners perished. Many of these individuals do not have any markers to date, only 2 markers exists for the 1902 mine disaster victims and 15 for the 1917 mine disaster internees.

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3.4 FHCR Society Project progress report 2008 – 2009.

- ⤴ The Society has had numerous inquiries and congratulatory emails from people thanking the society for helping them find information on their family internees residing in the Fernie Heritage Cemetery.
- ⤴ Fund raisers such as the Rotary bingos and dinners will be organized.
- ⤴ Two Rotary bingos are scheduled for 2009 and 2010 for fundraisers.
- ⤴ The Last Post Fund has approved 16 headstones to replace the substandard headstones in the Legion Cemetery. The Department of Veteran Affairs will engrave, provide and install these headstones at their cost. In mid-October/2009 16 head stones were laid to replace substandard stones. Special thanks to John Garwyluk of Cherished Memories who laid the 16 head stones and straightened out a large number of existing headstones in the Legion Cemetery in 2009.
- ⤴ Additional evidence has been sent to the Last Post to help qualify World War I veterans for proper D.V.A. standard headstones.
- ⤴ The Fernie Garden Center has sketched plans for monument access and given an estimate in 2009.
- ⤴ Plans to construct a walkway and steps up to the legion monument have been put on hold.
- ⤴ A letter has been submitted to the Fernie Free Press to inform the public of the activities of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery Society's activities in 2009.
- ⤴ An interview with a Fernie Free Press reporter is being considered in order to have a major news item developed and printed in 2009.

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Appendix A – Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society
1. Annual Budget 2011 – 2012.

FERNIE HERITAGE CEMETERY RESTORATION SOCIETY ANNUAL BUDGET 2011-2012		
INCOME;		
Fernie Alpine Resources Summit Fund	1,000.00	
City of Fernie Discretionary Grant	1,500.00	
East Kootenay Community Credit Union	1,000.00	
Community Incentives Grant-City and R.E.D.K.	4,000.00	
Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance	4,000.00	
Teck Coal	1,000.00	
Fund raiser (Beer Gardens) & donations	1,000.00	
TOTAL	13,500	13,500.00
WORK IN KIND		
Cherished Memories	1,000.00	
Infocannect	3,000.00	
Secretary/Treasurer	500.00	
City of Fernie	4,500.00	
Canscan Imaging/Computer Can nect	4,000.00	
TOTAL WORK IN KIND	13,000.00	13,000
TOTAL REVENUE-ALL SOURCES		26,500.00

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Appendix A – Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society 2. 2011 Contributions.

Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society Journal April 2011 through March 2012								
Trans #	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Debit	Credit
32	General Journal	7/5/2011	25		Cheque # 6...	Chequing		225.00
					Bookkeepin...	Bookkeeping Ser...	225.00	
							225.00	225.00
33	General Journal	7/7/2011	26	City of Fernie	Cheque # 61	Chequing		1,694.21
				City of Fernie	liquor for B...	Canada Days Be...	1,694.21	
							1,694.21	1,694.21
34	General Journal	7/23/2011	27	Columbia Basin ...	Grant	Chequing		1,500.00
				Columbia Basin ...	Grant	Columbia Basin ...	1,500.00	
							1,500.00	1,500.00
35	General Journal	7/31/2011	28		Interest	Chequing	0.13	
					Interest	Bank Interest		0.13
							0.13	0.13
36	General Journal	9/6/2011	29	C.K. Cultural Alli...	Gran t	Chequing	2,000.00	
				C.K. Cultural Alli...	Gran t	C.K. Cultural Alli ...		2,000.00
							2,000.00	2,000.00
37	General Journal	9/7/2011	30	Fernie Home Har...	Cheque # 62	Chequing		44.59
				Fernie Home Har...	Supplies to ...	Gravestone Rest...	44.59	
							44.59	44.59
38	General Journal	9/7/2011	31	Infocannect	Cheque #63	Chequing		223.20
				Infocannect	Cleaning s...	Gravestone Rest...	223.20	
							223.20	223.20
39	General Journal	8/31/2011	32		Interest	Chequing	0.15	
					Interest	Bank Interest		0.15
							0.15	0.15
40	General Journal	9/9/2011	33	Fernie Home Har...	Cheque # 64	Chequing		17.79
				Fernie Home Har...	Adhesive	Gravestone Rest...	17.79	
							17.79	17.79
41	General Journal	9/9/2011	34		Donation-G...	Chequing	1,000.00	
	(Teck 2011 Contribution)				Donation-G...	Individual donati...		1,000.00
							1,000.00	1,000.00
42	General Journal	9/13/2011	35	Infocannect	Cheque # 65	Chequing		2,856.00
				Infocannect	Cleaning a...	Gravestone Rest...	2,856.00	
							2,856.00	2,856.00
43	General Journal	9/29/2011	36	Infocannect	Cheque # 6...	Chequing		77.51
				Infocannect	transportin...	Gravestone Rest...	77.51	
							77.51	77.51

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Appendix B – Coal Creek Mine Explosion – May 22, 1902.

1902 MINE EXPLOSION								
May 22, 1902								
No.	Sec.	Row	Plot	Coal Creek Reg.	B.C. Archives#	Name	Age	Occupation
1	C	16			166028	Giamento Altobello	34	Miner
2	C	17			166270	Amedo Angelo	27	Loader
3				Yes	166029	Antonio Angelo	32	Miner
4						Larkin Armstead		Miner
5				Yes	166075	Mike Backos		Miner (Backus)
6	C	18	18		166077	Steven Balayti	14	Miner
7	C	18			166074	Giamento Barbieri	38	Miner
8				Yes	166078	Enoch Barron	20	Miner
9						Joseph Barron		Miner
10				Yes		Thomas Barton	28	Miner
11				Yes	16607	George Beach		Shot lighter
12	C	15			166080	George Beaver	35	Miner
13	C	17			166081	Alex John Bodie	35	Loader
14	C	15			166082	William Breal	30	Overman
15				Yes	166083	E.A. Brown	24	Hoistman
16				Yes	166073	Frank Brunyanski	24	Miner
17				Yes	166084	Amos Buck	26	Miner
18				Yes	166085	George Bournie	40	Miner (Burney)
19	C	17			166177	Antonio Camarra	28	Miner
20				Yes	166180	Albion Carlson	36	Machine Cutter
21				Yes	166181	James Cartlidge	26	Miner
22						T. Cavetaizo		Miner
23				Yes	166182	Philip Chioda		Miner
24				Yes	166183	John Chivgaro	28	Miner
25	C	18	11		166179	Antonio Civitarese	28	Miner
26						Aaron Colclough		Miner
27						Joseph Crump		Miner (Crimp)

Miners not on Miner Walk Bricks – 1902 Coal Creek Mine Explosion

1	T. Cavatarizo	Miner
2	James Dickson	Miner
3	John Havan – BCReg. 167492 Age 53	Miner
4	James McIntyre Sr.	Miner
5	William Morris	Miner
6	Joseph Petras – BCReg. 168908	Miner
7	Salvatore Saltone	Miner
8	R. Strangino	Miner
9	Joseph Walsh	Miner
10	W. Marchart	Miner
11	John Krovel	Miner
12	Joseph Krovel	Miner
13	John Kovah	Miner

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28	C	17		166178	Michele Cupido	33	Miner
29	C	3 (6)		166271	A. J. Davis		Miner
30	C	15		166281	William James Davis	44	Miner
31					James Dickson		Miner
32			Yes	166325	Clarence Andrew Ellyn	37	Miner
33			Yes	166346	Edward Faley	27	Miner
34			Yes	166347	Thomas Fearful Sr.	55	Miner
35			Yes	166348	Thomas Ferarful Jr.	17	Miner
36			Yes	166349	Alex Featherstone	19	Miner
37	C	16		166342	Antonio Federico	27	Miner
38			Yes	166346	Geoturio Federico	24	Miner
39	C	16		166343	Matteo Federoco	32	Miner
40	C	17		166344	Ferdiando Federico	27	Loader
41	C	18		166345	Angelo Fedeico	25	Miner
42	C	15		166350	William Alexander Ferguson	49	Miner
43					Michael Fitzmaurice		Miner
44			Yes	166351	M. J. Fleming	41	Miner
45					James Flora		Miner (Flood)
46			Yes	166353	Gabriel Fuoco	37	Miner
47	C	17		166405	John Gabula	36	Miner (Gerbura)
48	C	15		166407	Thomas Glover	47	Miner
49	C	15		166406	Antonio Guglielmo	40	Miner
50					Angus Gunn aka W. Marchant		Driller
51			Yes	167461	John Halley		Driver (Haley)
52	C	14	10	167462	Samuel Hand	26	Fire Boss
53			Yes	167463	Harvey Hartley	23	Driver
54			Yes	167464	Henry Hawkins	28	Truck Cleaner
55	C	15		167465	Owen Holmes	36	Miner
56	C	16		167466	John Horvath	32	Miner
57	C	15		167468	George Housby		Miner
58			Yes	167467	Andrew Hovan	16	Switch boy (Hoven)
59	C	16		167492	John Hovan	53	Miner
60			Yes	167460	Joseph Hrubos	29	Track layer
61			Yes	167469	John Hughes	30	Miner
62					Joseph Hughes		Miner/driver



Picture of trenches of unmarked graves of miners in 1902 mine disaster.

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63			Yes	167533	Thomas Johnson		Miner	
64			Yes	167534	Victor Johnston	30	Driver	
65			Yes	167535	Ronald Jones	42	Miner	
66					Joseph Karantor		Miner	(Kurator)
67	C	16		167569	John Kearney		Miner	
68			Yes	167570	John Korman		Miner	
69	C	16		167571	Albert Korkes		Miner	
70					John Kovah			
71					John Krovel			
72					Joseph Krovel			
73			Yes	167573	Anthony Kruper	24	Miner	
74			Yes	167572	John Krawtz	12	Trapper boy	(Krautz)
75					Robert Bryden Lamb	40	Fire Boss	
76			Yes	167653	Joseph Landry	40	Miner	
77			Yes	167654	Matthew Laughney		Miner	
78			Yes	167655	John Leadbeater	35	Rope rider	
79			Yes	167652	Matthais Le Kar	32	Miner	(Le Car)
80			Yes	167651	Mike Le Kar	27	Miner	(Le Car)
81	C	17		167649	Peter Le Kar	21	Miner	(Le Car)
82	C	17		167647	Thomas Le Kar	18	Miner	(Le Car)
83			Yes	167656	William Love	22	Miner	
84			Yes	167712	S. J. Marsh		Miner	
85			Yes	167713	Joseph Matago		Track layer	
86	C	17		167732	Antonio Matteo	36	Miner	
87	C	17		167714	Ignace Matulak		Track layer	
88			Yes	167707	Tony Matzeo	32	Miner	
89			Yes	167716	William Maurice	30	Miner	
90			Yes	167706	Antonio Mazio	30	Miner	
91			Yes	167705	Antonio Mazzel	33	Miner	
92					Willie McDonald		Coupler	
93					James McIntyre Sr.		Miner	
94			Yes	167808	John McIntye Jr.		Miner	
95	C	15		167809	John R. McLeod	20	Miner	
96					Malcolm McLeod		Miner	
97			Yes	167810	Rennie McMillan	17	Switch boy	



Picture of trenches of unmarked graves of miners in 1902 mine disaster.

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98	C	4		167811	William McPhail	22	Miner	
99					J. H. Michael		Miner	
100			Yes	167711	Dougald Milroy	42	Miner	
101	C	1		167715	James A. Mitchell	66	Miner	
102	C	15		167865	Steve Morgan	26	Hoistman	
103					William Morris		Miner	
104			Yes	167710	James Muir	35	Miner	
105			Yes	167865	William Neate	20	Miner	
106	C	15			John Owen		Miner	
107	C	15			William Owen		Boy helper	
108					Paul Parbaro		Miner	
109			Yes	168907	Andrew Patterson		Shot lighter	
110					Antonio Perero		Miner	
111			Yes	168908	Joseph Petras		Miner	
112	C	16		168909	Andrew Postoick		Miner	(Pestik)
113	C	17		168976	Steve Rasco		Loader	
114			Yes	168977	Edgar Reid		Rope rider	(Reed)
115	C	3	7	168978	William Robinson	13	Miner	
116	C	14	5	168979	Nata Rosario	50		(Neta Rosseni)
117			Yes	168980	George Rutledge		Driver	
118			Yes	168036	Frank Salter	22	Miner	
119	C	16			Salvatore Saltone		Miner	
120			Yes	168037	Joseph Sangala	35	Coupler	
121			Yes	168038	Joseph Shelling	32	Miner	
122	C	18		168035	Girado Silla	40	Miner	(Ilario)
123	C	17		168034	Luciano Silla	55	Miner	
124					B. Stauchina		Miner	
125	C	15	4	168039	Thomas Stevens	50	Miner	
126			Yes	168040	John Stewart		Miner	
127			Yes	168237	John Sedrovic		Miner	
128					R. Strangino		Miner	
129			Yes	168126	Philip (Fillippo) Tabbi	35	Miner	
130			Yes	168127	James Thorpe	21	Miner	
131			Yes	168128	William Thorpe	23	Miner	
132			Yes	168127	George Tuka		Miner	
133			Yes	168130	Joseph Tuka		Miner	
134	C	16		168155	Joseph Vettri		Miner	(Velgi)
135					Alex Walker		Miner	
136	C	16		168176	Jonathan Walsh		Miner	
137					Joseph Welsh		Miner	
138					Jesse Wheeler		Driver	
139					Tony Williams		Miner	
140			Yes	168178	Harry Wilson		Miner	
141			Yes	168177	James R. Wilson		Miner	
142			Yes	168179	Walter Wright	25	Miner	
143					John Zelonika		Miner	
144	C	17		168236	Steve Zofscak	20	Track layer	

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Appendix C – Coal Creek Mine Explosion – April 5, 1917.

COAL CREEK MINE EXPLOSION APRIL 5, 1917							
#	Sec.	Row	Plot	BC Archives	Name	Age	Other
1	A	3	12	185375	Joseph Atkinson	29	No marker
2	A	7	14	185384	Albert Barton	17	
3	B	19	19	185390	Victorie Bagioli	28	
4	B	17	10	185385	Ferman Benazeth	29	No marker
5	A	9	7	185386	William Bird	44	
6	B	17	12	185387	Giovanni Bossetti	36	No marker
7	C	9	X	187918	William Brown	42	No maker
8	A	3	22	185394	Joseph Campbell	46	
9	A	9	2	185397	Thomas Checkley	44	No marker
10	C	9	18	185395	William G. Clarke	26	
11	C	15	E	185401	George Ventom Clarkstone	24	
12	A	3	23	185396	Edward Coates	39	
13	B	17	9	185410	Henri Falip	33	
14	B	13	3	185411	Julus Falip	36	
15	B	18	17	185415	Giovanni Geocomozzi	22	
16	B	17	11	185416	Patrick Gormley	22	No marker
17	A	3	12	185427	Harry Hadock	31	No maker
18	B	18	8	187986	Augustine Leonard	33	No marker
19	B	18	9	187985	Hector Leonard	29	No marker
20	A	6	9	185450	James Henry Machin	24	
21	B	17	12	185451	Hugh Melarkey	50	No marker
22	A	3	9	185452	John Monks	27	
23	B	4	1	187005	Frank Poullandre	44	
24	A	9	8	185466	William Richard Puckey	41	
25	B	4	2	187014	Augusta Regoules	39	No marker
26	C	9	W	185478	George S. Richardson	26	No marker
27	A	3	10	185487	Frank Smith	23	No marker
28	A	3	11	185488	James Smith	59	No maker
29	C	20		185489	Joseph Steliga	41	No marker. Ur
30	A	4	41		William Silverwood	38	
31	B	18	7	187917	Joseph Bravin	36	Monument
32					Thomas Whitley		No known grave

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Appendix D – The Free Press – Thursday August 20, 2009
1875 unmarked graves identified.

EAST KOOTENAY VALLEY NEWS INSIDE

THE FREE PRESS

Thursday, August 20, 2009 Serving the South Country, Fernie, Sparwood, Elkford since 1898 \$1 (Includes GST)

1,875 unmarked graves identified

By Angela Treharne
Free Press Staff

The identity of nearly 2,000 unmarked graves have been found thanks to the work of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society.

The society started to restore the old part of the St. Margaret's Cemetery, which contained unmarked graves dating from 1898 to 1948, earlier this year.

The project ended up being much larger than anticipated, and members discovered there were 1875 unmarked graves to identify.

Records from the City of Fernie, Fernie Heritage Cemetery, the undertakers and other sources were found and the society started piecing together the information from these.

"A big problem for us was that the different records didn't match up," said Leonard Kosiec, society president.

"We have had to cross reference the records to try to figure out what was where, but we are constantly making changes to the map to try to get things in order."

Section A, the oldest section of the cemetery, is being renovated first. Every one of the 850 existing headstones have been photographed, and many have been cleaned and straightened.

"It's so important to get this information together now while there are still some people alive who can help us identify graves," said Kosiec. "In ten years we might not have that opportunity any more."

Patrick Burke, who has created a website as a result of the findings, said the graves tell the stories of people that lived in Fernie when it was very different to the place it is now.

"A hundred years ago Fernie would have been a lot tougher place to live in. Many of these graves have tragic stories behind them, many babies were stillborn, and children were killed working at Coal Creek mine.

"It's so important to preserve the heritage cemetery, and find the names of those buried there, not only for the loved ones trying to find out what happened to their relatives, but for Fernie's history. It's our heritage," added Burke.

"It's been an enormous job but we are getting there, so much work has already been done to restore it, from simply mowing the grass, to cleaning headstones."

The society hopes to be able to put in markers for every one of the graves that are identified.

A website has been created so people can search the database to find their relatives.

Burke said he was amazed by how popular the site has been. "We have had thousands of hits," he said. "A few weeks ago I met someone who came all the way from Texas to trace his ancestors, as a result of seeing the website."

The Legion's section of the cemetery is also being renovated and the Department of Veteran Affairs has agreed to provide standard military headstones for the fallen soldiers buried there without proper headstones.

• View the records at www.fernierheritagecemetery.com



Leonard Kosiec, President, Rick Yerburgh, Treasurer and Patrick Burke, Webmaster, stand outside the gates of Fernie Heritage Cemetery.






Photo by A. Treharne

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Appendix E – FHCR Society Interactive Website <http://www.fernierheritagecemetery.com/>

Fernie Heritage Cemetery
St. Margarets Cemetery

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Note: Membership not required to use this site.



Please donation to the Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society Project to help us upkeep the cemetery and records of your past family members.
Donate on-line with VISA / Mastercard / American Express

Note: We now have Section A on-line for record search. We have entered 654 entrees of 6000 into the database for historical cemetery searches. Now including 161 Legion entries For additional searches you should use searchable Fig 9 Original COF & New Section A Map of Heritage Cemetery PDF file.
Help us build the Fernie virtual on-line cemetery. Contact us and we can assign your family records to you so you can add photos and information on your family members interned in the Fernie Heritage Cemetery.


Note: Searchable Maps of Fernie Heritage Cemetery

- [Link to Section A Cemetery Map 8.5X11](#)
- [Link to Section D Legion Cemetery Map 8.5X11](#)
- [Link to Legion Cemetery Documents](#)
- [Link to Section A to D Cemetery Layout Map 8.5X11](#)
- [Link to Section A to D with Original City Map 8.5X11 - Full searchable Map of Heritage Cemetery](#)
- [Link to Section A to D with Original City Map 11X17 - Full searchable Map of Heritage Cemetery](#)

Note: These files are PDF searchable files, so zoom in to 300 percent and use the find to locate grave sites.

The **Fernie Heritage Restoration Society** is pleased to present this website to help you search for your relatives and loved ones. Our project started in 2006. From that date we have made great progress with data gathering, mapping, photographing and record cross referencing of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery. The project continues in 2010 with the final completion of Section A mapping and cross referencing, creation of this website, cleaning and straightening of monuments. Initial cleaning and repairing headstones by FHCS was completed in August 2010. FHCS was also involved in the cleanup and restoration of the grave-sites of WW1 veterans in the Legion portion of the FHC.

Please contact us if you have additional information that we can correct or can be posted to this website. I.E. Scanned Newspaper Obituaries. [Terms and Conditions to use this site.](#)

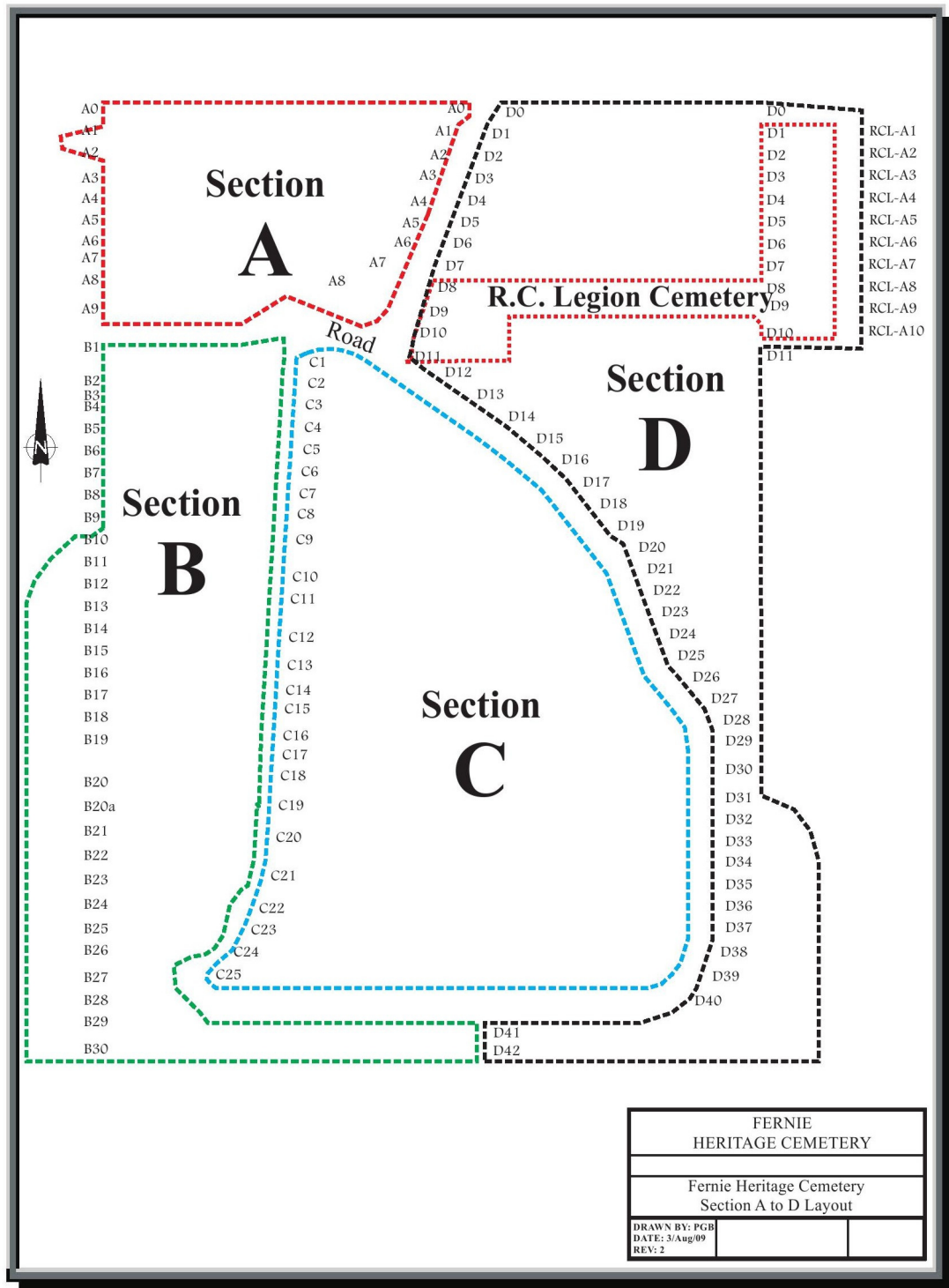


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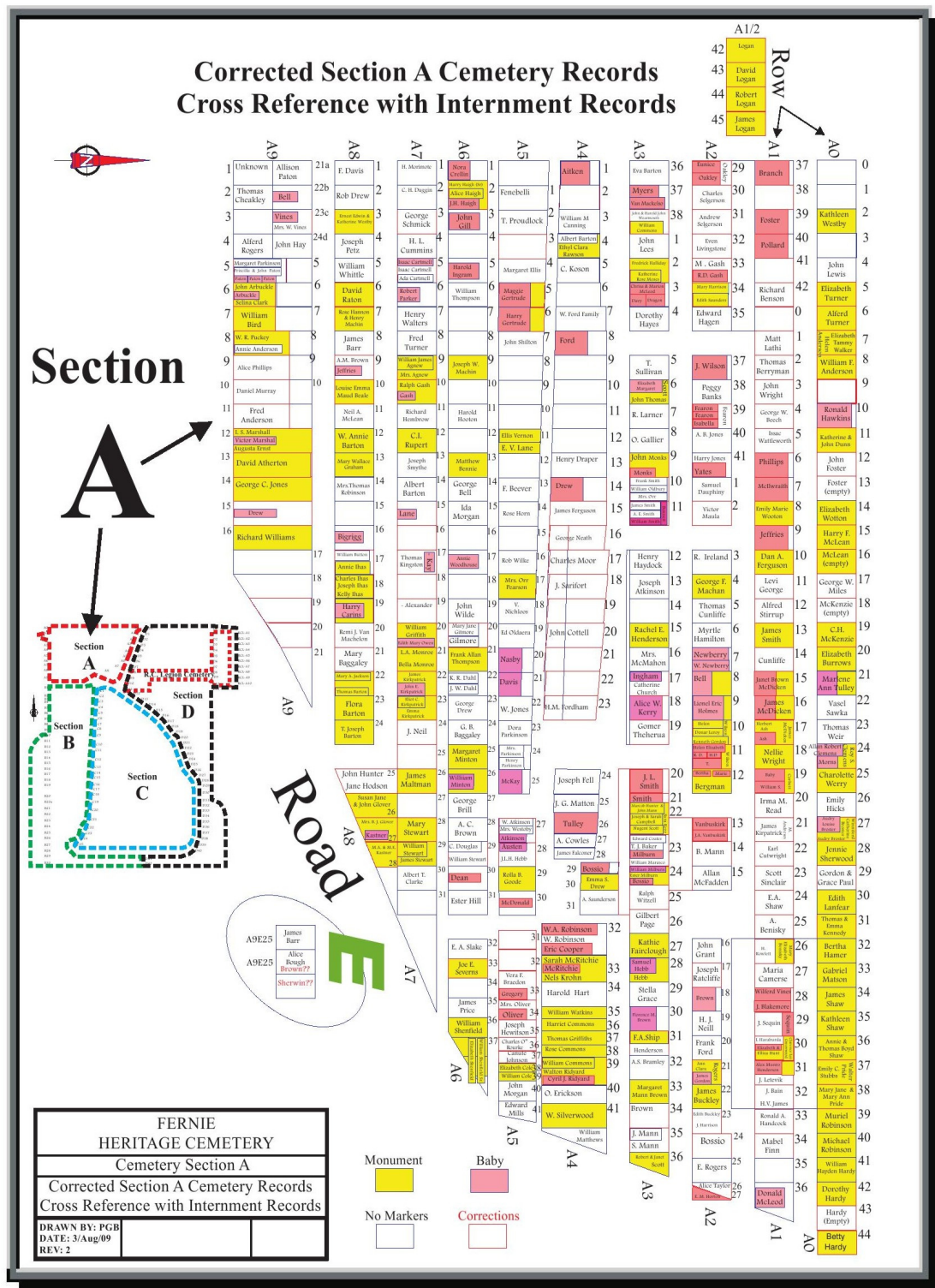
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Appendix F – FHCR Society Mapping the Cemetery
1. Section A to D Layout.



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Appendix F – FHCR Society Mapping the Cemetery 2. Section A Map.



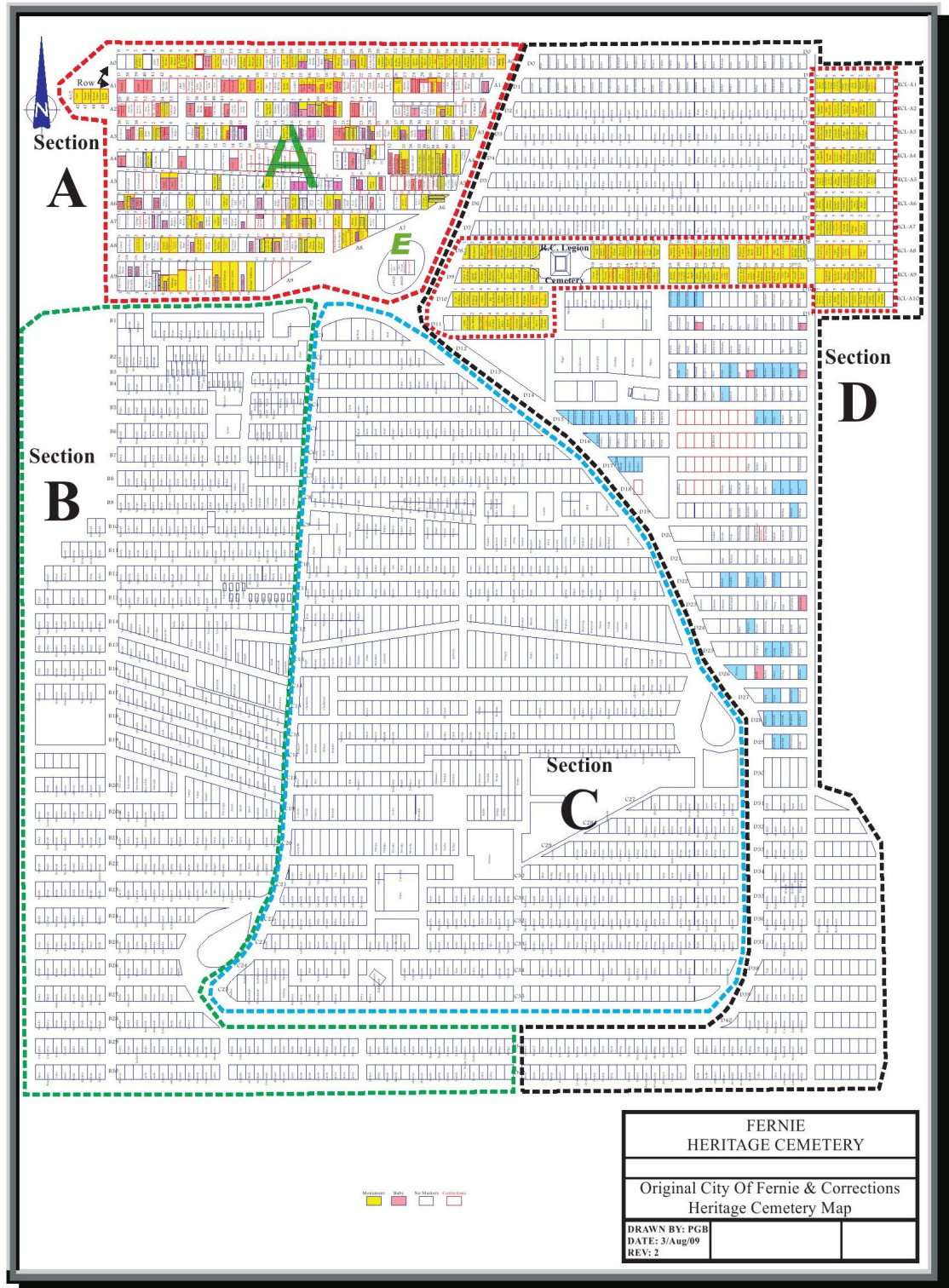
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3. Section D Map (military section only).



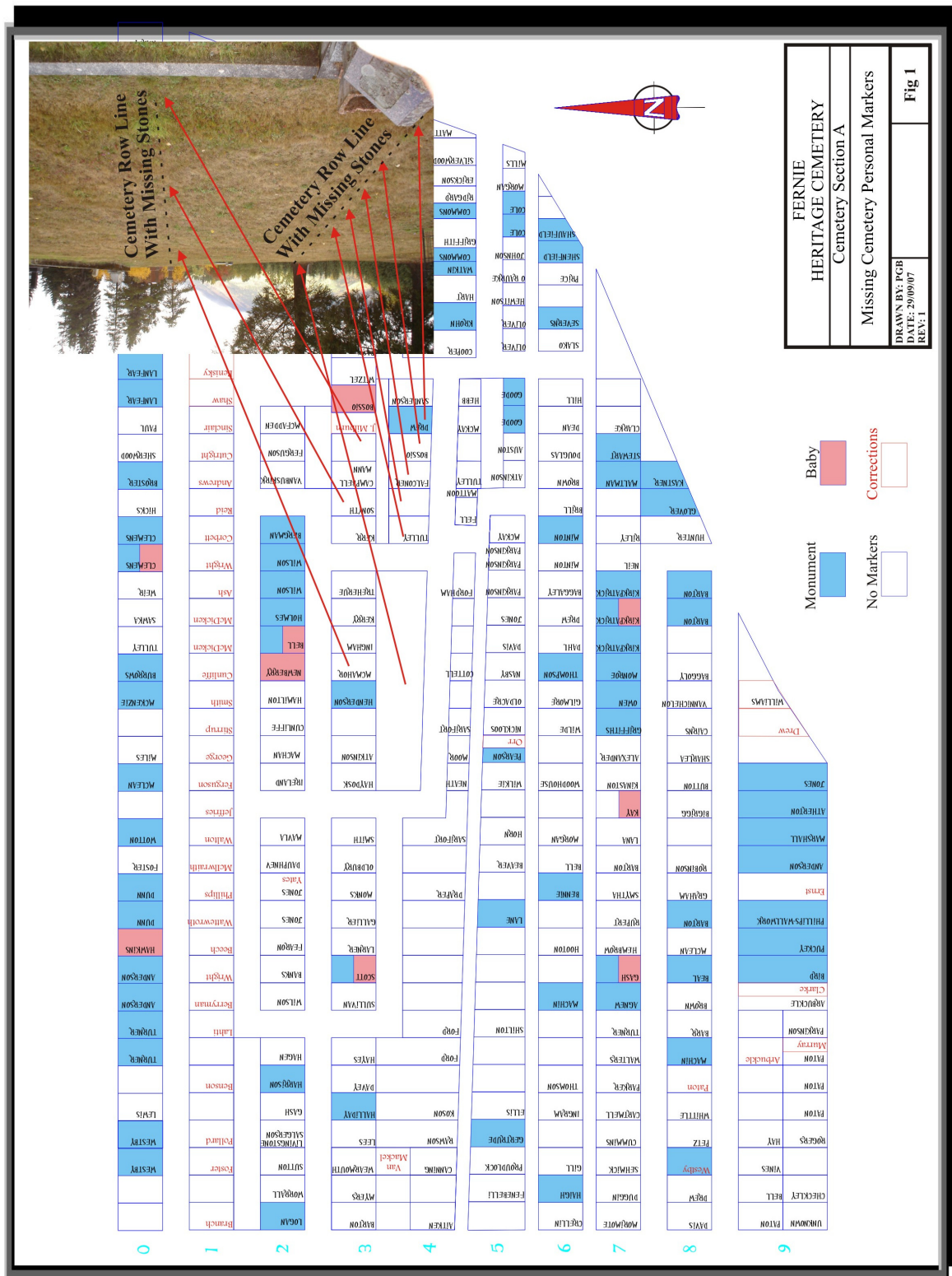
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Appendix F – FHCR Society Mapping the Cemetery
4. Section A - D Map Showing scope of project.



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Appendix G – Missing Cemetery Personal Markers.



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Appendix H – Cemetery Project identifies Vets who qualify for D.V.A. Stones.

FERNIE HERITAGE CEMETERY - Legion Cemetery



D.V.A. Stone that we are
helping the Legion apply for



Current Markers
For some Vets

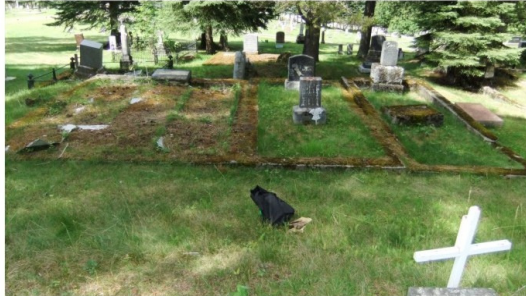


D.V.A. Stones
(Department of Veteran Affairs)
As of July 2009 16 Markers
have been approved by the D.V.A.
and Last Post Fund

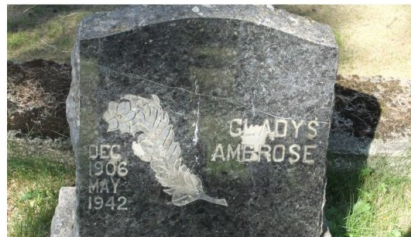
FERNIE HERITAGE CEMETERY	
Legion Cemetery	
Cemetery Project identifies Vets who qualify for D.V.A. Stones	
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Appendix I – FHCR Society cleaning and restoration.




Cleaning Gladys Ambrose and Baby Marion Bean Headstone in Memory of Trudeau Fleming



Cleaning Bean Headstone
August 2012

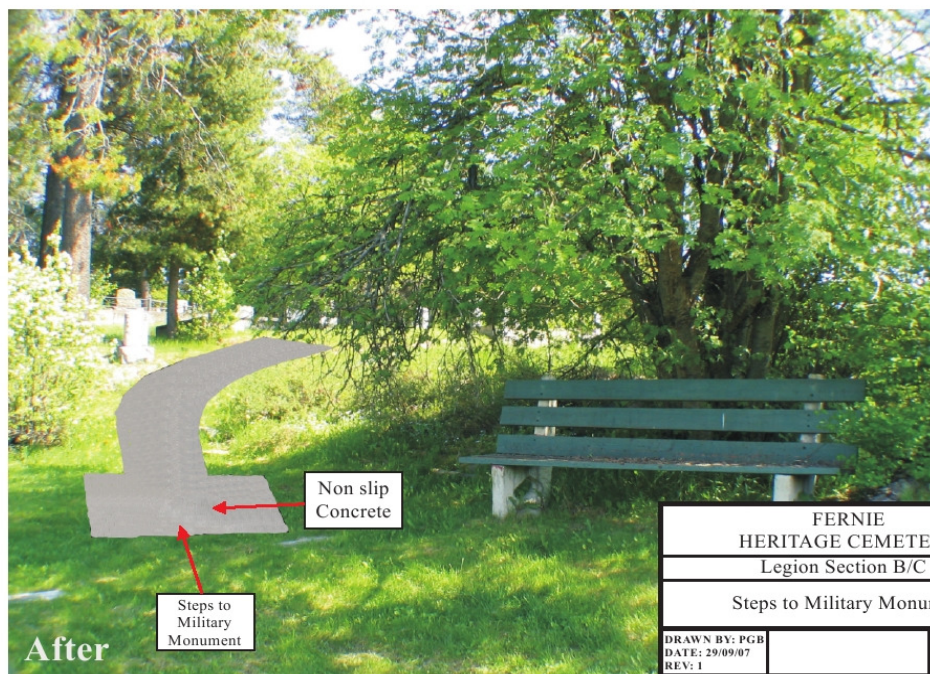


Fernie Heritage Cemetery		
From Bill Fleming - FHCRS Volunteer		
Bean Family Headstones and Plots - cleaning in process		
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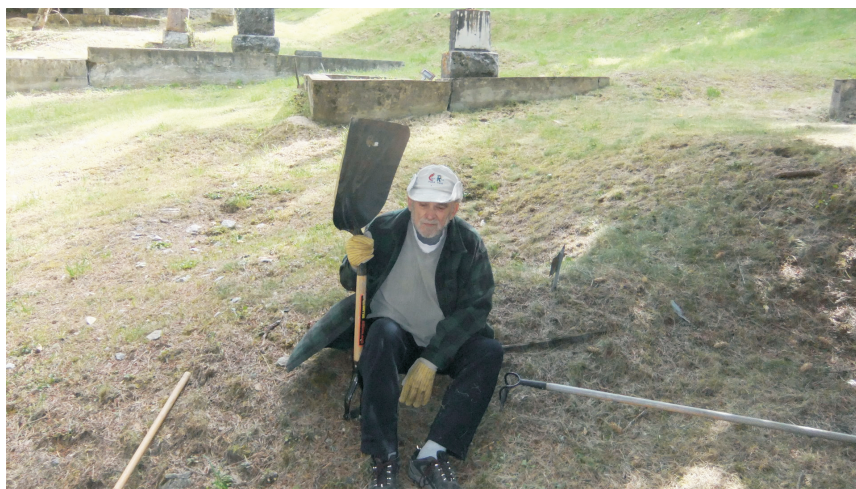
Appendix J – FHCR Society addition project
Steps to the Military Monument.



FERNIE HERITAGE CEMETERY		
Legion Section B/C		
Steps to Military Monument		
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In Memory of Len Kosiec Born: November 7,1943 Died: December 8,2012

Len worked tirelessly on the Cemetery project 2006 to 2012 and was president of the Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society



The reason there is approx. 2700 unmarked graves in Fernie Cemetery is they were originally marked with wooden crosses and because many families were poor and did not have the funds to install a stone monument. The Society's vision incorporates an agency to continue to obtain accurate data in order to avoid further loss of data, history, and lack of recognition to Fernie's culture. Our goal is to place stones on the 2700 unmarked graves as we believe this is a debt owed to these people from their community.

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