

Winnifred Alberta

Winnifred is an unincorporated community in Alberta, Canada within the County of Forty Mile No. 8. It is located approximately 50 km (31 mi) southwest of the City of Medicine Hat and 14 km (8.7 mi) east of the Town of Bow Island.

Winnifred, originally a whistle stop at Mile 31 on the Dunmore Junction also known as the Turkey Track, was upgraded to a siding in 1885 named after a daughter of J.R. Whitlaw, one of the charter members of the Turkey Track.

In 1903 the only buildings were the section house where William Savage lived; a dugout for the section hands; and a small two room building that housed the telegraph office. No more than ten people lived in the surroundings.

Four years later in 1907 the Alberta Government opened up district between Grassy Lake and Winnifred for homesteading.

Settlers from Eastern Canada and the Mid-western States flooded the area taking up almost every quarter section of land for miles, unaware of the drought-ridden nature of the area. With lack of water and wood, settlers relied on wells for water and small coal deposits in the area for heating.

The first few businesses in Winnifred came in 1908 and the spring of 1909. P.J. Demarce opened a store on the south side of the tracks; William Hickmore imported lumber from Lethbridge for a Hotel and eating house; while J.S Fisher, of Whitefish, Montana, opened the Fisher Mercantile.

In 1913, most the businesses expanded and moved across the tracks, where they joined F.W. Brown's Hardware; Quong Chon's combination laundry and café. The Fritz Sick brewery of Lethbridge built an up-to-date hotel. The site of the Union Bank was diagonally across from the Fisher Mercantile building.

The boom years for Winnifred were 1915-1916, when heavy rains produced bumper crops. It was to good to be true, in 1918 the Fisher Mercantile went bankrupt and the first of many homesteaders started moving away. The hotel went the same year and was moved to Brooks. The news paper The Winnifred Record, which started out so bravely to chronicle the development of the community, folded shortly after.

The 1920's were harsh years for the remaining settlers, with drought, clouds of grasshoppers and finally hordes of rabbits who ate everything that looked like grain. More settlers packed up and left and with the help of the government moved to homesteads in central and Northern Alberta.

By the mid 1930s, dust storms completed the task and farm after farm was abandoned. It took thirty years for the determined homesteaders to appreciated that without irrigation the land was best suited for ranching.

Winnifred Cemetery

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Twp Rd 112 – 113

Rge Rd 95

Between Alberta Street and Gate Avenue

Winnifred

County of Forty Mile

NAME	Memorial Information
Agar, E. Cecil R.	1888 - Sep 1912
Barnall, William Oliver P.	08 Oct 1839 - 15 Jun 1915
Begg, Florence Ethel	16 Oct 1889 - 1918
Begg (nee UMBER), Nora	23 May 1893 - 15 Nov 1941
Beren, Infant	Died Aug 1919
Brehmer, Infant	1912 - 1912
Brehmer, Infant	Died 1916
Brehmer, Ernest Arthur	22 Dec 1918 - 30 Mar 1919
Burgh, William H.	06 Jan 1872 - 04 Feb 1922
Cannaday, Donald C	09 Dec 1920 - 18 Dec 1920
Chisholm, Walter Ross	1921 - 23 Apr 1923
Chong, Allen	19 Apr 1927 - 11 Dec 1927
Christopherson, Clifford Eugene	18 Jan 1917 - 22 Mar 1917
Christopherson, John	24 Oct 1885 - 20 Nov 1918
Christopherson, Viola lone	29 Jul 1913 - 13 Feb 1914
Clunette, Morris	05 Nov 1915 - 14 Mar 1916
Collins, Cecelia M.	18 Jun 1903 - 07 May 1911
Craig (nee Parkeman), Helen Gertrude	Died 16 Feb 1918
Crawford, James	Died 1912
Dahl (nee Halseth), Gurine	1872 - 01 Jan 1943
Dahl, John	1868 - 1917
Davis, Harvey	1872 - 06 Jul 1934
Dokken, John	Died 01 Dec 1909
Dawdle (nee Parker), Eva Mae	02 Dec 1903 - 05 Dec 1929
Elliott (nee McWilliams), Isabel	1853 - 23 Sep 1929
Elliott, William Harrison	11 Mar 1853 - 25 Aug 1933
Emerick (nee Parker), Susan	29 May 1833 - 07 Nov 1923
Galpin, Herbert William	02 Apr 1845 - 29 Jan 1913
Green, Dee	Died 1916
Harris, Dolly	1867 - 23 Jul 1919
Halliday, Elizabeth	1864 - 27 Jan 1914; 50y2d
Helland, Carl Sevald	10 Aug 1908 - 14 Mar 1911
Helland, Gladys Adeline	18 Feb 1910 - 20 Mar 1911
Helland, Ole Erick	26 Dec 1906 - 17 Mar 1911
Helseth, Endre	Died 1915
Hodgson, Delia M	1935 - 17 Dec 1935
Horrics,	Died Jul 1919
Huet, Richard J	no data available
Hutchins, Elmer Elsworth	1869 - 04 Mar 1942
Hutchins, Harriet Lydia "Hattie"	28 Aug 1874 - 29 Jul 1959
Hutchins, Theodore Sherwood	28 Aug 1903 - 11 Jul 1928
Johnson, Gilbert	04 Jul 1882 - 17 Feb 1917
Johnson, Wilbur	Died 1916
Jones, Albert	10 Sep 1835 - 05 Mar 1912
Kearns, Thomas L.	no data available; 70y
Keeler, Gordon	15 Jun 1914 - Jul 1924

Kendall, Myron	1848 - 1919
LaMarsh, Herbert Bailey	13 Dec 1886 - 01 Oct 1915
Krokom, Delia Maxine	no data available
Larson (nee Halliday), Elizabeth	1864 - 27 Jan 1914
Losy,	Died 1916
Luther,	Died 1914
Leppard, John	Died 9 Apr 1911
McDonald, unknown	16 Oct 1846 - 1911
McDonall, David	1846 - 1911
McLean (nee Switzer), Ella Maria	02 Jun 1859 - 07 Jun 1940
McLean, William	1854 - 13 Sep 1916; 62y
Morris, Cluette	05 Nov 1915 - 14 Mar 1916
Morris, Opal	no data available
Mortinson	Died 1912
Nicholson (nee Stevens) Sara	07 Sep 1868 - 06 Jul 1924
Nickel, Justin Peters	2003 - 04 May 2017
Odney, Charles Christian	1847 - 1912
Odney, Ella	1895 - 1918
Odney, Rose Evans	1854 - 1927
Olson, John Peter	1844 - 1933
Olson, Mainer	1895 - 1918
Olson, Margaret	1854 - 1937
Ostrich, William	Died 1914
Parker, Ada Dell	Died 02 Dec 1923; 12y
Parnell (nee Rapson), Fannie	11 May 1842 - 26 Apr 1918
Parnell, William Oliver	08 Oct 1839 - 15 Jun 1915
Pederson,	Died 1913
Percival, Shirley Ann	27 May 1954 - 22 Aug 2016
Powlan, George	Mar 1916 - Mar 1916
Powlan, Norman	1916 - Apr 1916
Reardon, Charley Clarence	26 May 1892 - 18 Feb 1927
Reardon, Myrtle May	02 Oct 1895 - 31 Jul 1928
Redknap, Elizabeth Alice	1887 - 14 Nov 1934
Redknap, Ruby Elizabeth	1922 - 19 Feb 1935
Sager, Arlis	15 Dec 1916 - 15 Dec 1916
Routhier, Kate	Died 12 Aug 1916
Schmelzer, Infant	Died 1917
Schmelzer (Zuberbier), Emma	22 Jun 1892 - 17 Jan 1971
Schmelzer, Frederick Carl	13 Mar 1892 - 01 Nov 1944
Schnee, August	Died 11 Aug 1911
Scott, Earl	1907 - 16 Jan 1933
Scott (nee Detlor), Mytle Ethel	Oct 1881 - 25 Jan 1929
Settington, Louis	24 Feb 1856 - 18 Mar 1937
Settle, David	1874 - 02 Jul 1921
Shanel, Charles Orville	Jan 1918 - 16 Nov 1918
Shaw,	Died 1914
Simanton, Henry William	13 Mar 1878 - 15 Apr 1915

Simanton (nee Works), Otha	no data available
Smith (nee Carlson), Agnes Marjorie	05 Feb 1910 - 24 Aug 1992
Smith, Frederick Ernest	22 Sep 1878 - 10 Oct 1922
Smith, Harriet	1846 - 1912
Smith, James	1839 - 1912
Smith, Ralph James	23 Jun 1906 - 19 Apr 1987
Smith, Stanley	1918 - 1918
Smith, Walter Nicholas	06 Jan 1891 - 07 Jun 1917
Spurgeon, Ronald A.	Sep 1908 - 14 Jul 1911; 2y11m
Sutter, J J	Died 1922
Stephens (nee Barton), Anna B.	1844 - 1916; spouse: James Stephens
Umber (nee Fetterley), Cora	26 Apr 1871 - 24 Mar 1910
Umber, Harry Arthur	07 Jan 1864 - 10 Dec 1941
Vibbert, Oswell J	06 Mar 1852 - 03 May 1931
Walker, James	Died 1912
Webb, Mrs.	Died 03 Apr 1915; 68y
Williams, Edna	16 May 1911 - 21 Feb 1913
Williams, Infant	1909 - Dec 1909
Winchcombe (nee Quinton), Alice	07 Feb 1859 - 19 Apr 1913
Workes, Elizabeth A.	1837 - 1915
Weibe, Frank Reimer	1996 - 06 Sep 2013
Williams, Infant Boy	1913 - 08 Mar 1913
Winchcombe, Ted	Died 1913
Winchcomb, Bernhard	1999 - 04 May 2017
Wolfe, Daniel	2009 - 27 Aug 2016
Workes, Elizabeth A.	1837 - 1915
Works, Ortha	Died 18 Jun 1916
Wright, Infant	1912 - Sep 1912
Zorn, Infant	Died 1911