

On February 20, 1894, the Nanaimo Free Press reported that Theodore was dangerously ill at his Gabriola home. He was, according to the report, attended by friends who sought medical help from Nanaimo; however, no information about the nature of his illness is given. Although he was still registered as a farmer on Gabriola on the 1898 voters' list for the Nanaimo area, he must have left the island sometime prior to the 1901 census. He died of "apoplexy" on November 23, 1903, in New Westminster, aged 68 years.<sup>14</sup>

Richard Gilbert died on November 6, 1918, in Coquitlam at the age of 57 years, one of the many victims of the terrible influenza pandemic of that year.<sup>15</sup> We have so far been unable to trace Caroline, Alese, and their daughters beyond Gabriola. None of the family members were registered in the voters' list of 1898 other than Theodore, but then, it must be remembered, women did not get the vote in Canada until 1918.

*If you can help us fill in the gaps in the story of the LeBœufs, have questions about any of our information, or would like more information about this family, please contact us or the Gabriola Historical and Museum Society History Committee. ◇*

<sup>14</sup> British Columbia Vital Statistics Reg. No.1903-09-081169; BCA No.B13088; GSU No. 1927116. "Apoplexy" would nowadays be called a stroke.

<sup>15</sup> British Columbia Vital Statistics Reg. No.1918-09-098401; BCA No.B13091; GSU No.1927119.

## Early settlers

A good source of information on the early settlers of Gabriola and surrounding islands is the museum's web site. Go to the home page [www.island.net/~gm\\_chin](http://www.island.net/~gm_chin) and click Archives–Families.

The names of families that we know were here by or before 1881 are listed below. Spelling in those days was not as consistent as it is now, partly of course because many more people were illiterate. Some in the list may have been absentee landowners rather than settlers. The list is always changing as more research is done and more information comes in. Sources of information in compiling the list were the Nanaimo Free Press newspaper and the 1881 census. See also June Harrison's book, page 279, where there is an 1888 voters list.

Brady	Jones
Burrell	Kemp
Caulfield	LeBoeuf
Chapple (Chappel)	Lewis
Degnen (Degnan)	Manly (Manley)
Dick	Martin
Dombrain	McFarlane
Easson	McGuffie
Easthom	McLay (McClay)
Edgar	Mounce
Fletcher	Norris
Flewett (Flewitt) <sup>1</sup>	Penberthy (Pemberthy, Pemburthy)
Foster	Provier
Goss	Roberts <sup>2</sup>
Gray	Roe
Hall	Seneker <sup>3</sup>
Heath	Silva
Hoggan	Stubbings (Stubbins)
Hunter	Wake <sup>4</sup>
Jamieson	
Jefferies	

1. on De Courcy
2. on Mudge
3. a teacher only here for a short while
4. Captain Wake lived on Valdes, but he rowed across every day, just as the McDowells and others on Mudge do today.