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OVER 100 YEARS OLD: LINK TO FABULOUS MINE, WILLIAM PIERRE BURIED

Requiem mass was said today for William Pierre, one of B.C.'s oldest Indians, reputed to be one of the last links with the fabulous Lost Creek gold mine.

He was presumed to be over 100. He lived all his life with the Squamish tribe in North Vancouver. According to Andy Paull, president of the Native Brotherhood, Pierre saw the great fire of 1886 and saw Vancouver and North Vancouver grow from a wilderness.

Miss Maisie Hurley, publisher of *Native Voice*, said the old man was related to the Pierre family of Silver Creek in Coquitlam. She also said Chief August Jack Khatsahlano claimed William Pierre was present when Slumach, discoverer of the Lost Creek Mine, made bullets of gold.

More than 20 white prospectors have died looking for the mine. Slumach was hanged for murder more than 50 years ago.

Mr. Pierre was a relative of Chief Moses Joseph of North Vancouver.

He was a skilled cabinet maker and carpenter.

He is survived by a son, Isadore, and a daughter, Mrs. Emma Batt, North Vancouver, and five grandchildren.

Mass was held at 10 a.m. by Rev. Father Frank Price in St. Paul's Roman Catholic church. Burial was in the cemetery on No. 1 Reserve.

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