

Frenchtown Cemetery

On the south side of the new Highway 12 between Whitman Mission and Lowden, on a low hill overlooking the grounds of the Battle of Walla Walla, stand a stone monument and cross marking the site of the Frenchtown/Saint Rose Cemetery.

The cemetery was established here in 1876 along with the Saint Rose of Lima Mission church.



Those buried at the Frenchtown Cemetery were primarily French-Canadians employed by the Hudson's Bay Company, their wives and descendants. Church records show that the first official burials in the immediate area were in 1863, closer to the river. Those were moved to this site due to flooding, and new burials also took place here.

Burials at the final Frenchtown Cemetery include members of the following families, including tribal members Suzanne Cayouse Dauphin, Marie Baptiste Beauchemin, and Marianne Walla Walla Beauchemin, among others (spellings may differ):

Allard	Depot	Lucier	Poirier
Bellenge	Dobson	Martin	Raymond
Beauchamp	Farron	McBean	Remillard
Beauchemin	Foret	Morais	Renford
Bergevin	Gagnon	Murphy	Rainville
Bonenfant	Gardipe	Normandin	Reymond
Braden	Gravelle	Pain	St. Denis
Brechtel	Groves	Parrent	Tellier
Brisbois	La Course	Pereygne	Vial
Dauphin	Lefebvre	Pichet	Webber

Help with the protection and interpretation of the Frenchtown Historic Site

The Frenchtown Historical Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, has acquired title to the upper 27 acres of the Frenchtown Historic Site, and has installed trails, parking areas, interpretive signage, and a small overlook shelter. The cemetery has been rehabilitated, and the site is being restored to native grasses and woody plants as wildlife habitat and to recreate the natural vegetation.

Additional plans have been approved for a log building to provide a shelter for events, and space for displays, restrooms, and equipment.



Please Donate

Please help with Frenchtown capital and maintenance costs by making tax-deductible contributions to:

Frenchtown Historical Foundation

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Suzanne Cayouse Dauphin (R.) and daughter Catherine, c. 1866, at home of Mathieu & Suzanne Dauphin, Frenchtown. Suzanne was one of the first Native woman to receive title to land in the West. Photo courtesy of Judy Fortney, great-great-granddaughter of Suzanne.



Looking from the corner of the Frenchtown Cemetery east toward the overlook shelter. Native bunchgrass has been restored to the site, and markers placed to delineate the approximate original boundaries of the cemetery.

Frenchtown Historic Site



**Battle of
Walla Walla, 1855**



**St. Rose of Lima
Mission and Cemetery**



Historic Frenchtown



**8364 Old Highway 12
Eight miles west of Walla Walla
Three miles east of Lowden**

**Open Daily, Sunrise to Sunset
No admission charge**

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