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North Vancouver BC—Funeral services were to be held here Monday for William Pierre, one of the last links with British Columbia's legendary Lost Creek gold mine. He died Thursday at his home on Mission Indian reserve here.

Pierre, oldest member of the Squamish Indian band may have been more than 100 years old.

Maizie Hurley, publisher of the Native Voice, said Saturday Pierre was one of an Indian family that knew the secrets of the mine, and has seen its discoverer James Slumach, make bullets of gold.

More than 20 white prospectors have died searching for the mine, which legend places in the Pitt Lake country 45 miles northeast of Vancouver.

It was said to have been found by Slumach who, according to legend, was hanged for murder more than 50 years ago after he arrived at New Westminster with some gold nuggets of immense value.

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