

Introduction

The Catalog is a current listing of all the roses in the part of Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery designated as the Historic Rose Garden. The majority of roses in this garden were found growing on sites throughout California, many brought by pioneers and Forty-Niners as they settled in the west. The collection includes roses known to be grown and available in commerce in the 19th century and early 20th century as well as a few more modern cultivars. Roses that were planted by cemetery plot owners also remain in place, regardless of era.

Many of the roses are listed under their Study Names. The Study Name serves to identify the rose until the cultivar is known. Study Names may include some form of the location from which the cutting was taken or perhaps a name from a nearby headstone (if found in a cemetery) or the person who took the original cutting. Some roses are chance seedlings or sports of known roses and may never have a name other than the study name.

How to use the catalog

The main section of the catalog is divided into two parts: an alphabetical listing by the name of each rose and a numeric listing by Plot number. Plot numbers can be found on a stake in the southeast corner of each Cemetery plot. Letters after the plot number refer to the location within the plot, (e.g., SE = Southeast corner of the plot, N = North side, etc.)

Sample Entry of a named rose

Pink Pet

China found rose from Dallas, TX
1928 Lilley
Collected by Mattie Lou Westfall
Donated by Fred Boutin
Study name: "Caldwell Pink"

Name in **boldface** type

"China" is the class of rose, "found rose" and source (location where found)

"1928 Lilley" is the date and name of rose breeder

"Collected by" is the person who collected the original cutting

"Donated by" is the person who donated the rose to the garden

"Study name" is the name under which the rose came to the cemetery.

Sample Entry of a rose listed under a study name

"Sawyer Plot Tea"

Tea found rose from Angels Camp, CA
collected by Fred Boutin
Possibly **Mme. Lombard family**

Study names are listed in **bold** with quotation marks

"Tea" is the class of rose, "found rose" and source (location where found)

"Collected by" is the person who found the rose and took the cutting

"Possibly Mme. Lombard family" refers to a possible identification of this rose. It is similar to **Mme Lombard**.

NOTE: Study names are sometimes called 'found names'.

Abbreviations and Definitions Used in this Catalog

Class	The type of rose (see classes on page 61). Often, rose class can be learned before the specific cultivar is known, thus many roses are listed by class even when their names are not known.
Class/class	Some entries have two classifications listed separated by a slash. These are unnamed roses with characteristics of both classes of rose.
CRL	Combined Rose List – An authoritative international resource which lists roses in commerce and rose registration names and the nurseries from which they can be purchased. It is compiled by Beverly R. Dobson & Peter Schneider and includes more than 15,000 known roses.
Found rose	A rose located on a site which has been abandoned or on an old property such as a cemetery, ranch or homestead. Rosarians take cuttings of these (with permission) grow them into plants, attempt to identify and, if appropriate, plant them in the cemetery.
FPI	Foreign Plant Introduction. Frank N. Meyer and others traveled the world to locate plants for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. They were brought to the Plant Introduction Station in Chico, CA and tested there before being introduced into commerce.
NOT	Following a name, this designation indicates that although the rose appears similar to the named cultivar, we have determined that the rose is not that cultivar. The name will appear with “NOT” following until we can determine the correct identification of the rose.
Possibly	This may be the possible identification of the rose. The rose is similar, but we’re not sure yet.
Remontant	Just a fancy way of saying re-blooming – these roses bloom in waves throughout the season.
Study name	A name given to a found rose while attempting to identify the rose. Study names usually reflect the collector, or the place from which the rose was collected.
Synonym	Another name by which this rose is known. Sometimes this is a popular name (e.g., Sweetheart Rose)

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