

*“The Rose Of  
Many  
Names”*

*“The Rose Of Many Names”, North San Juan, CA*





*Above, L&R:*

## **“Gilbert Plot”**

I first encountered *“The Rose Of Many Names”* in the small *“Protestant”* cemetery in North San Juan. There, the family plots of the Gilbert, Hildreth,

and McBride families were all distinguished by roses. Vigorous despite decades of neglect, all propagated willingly.



*North San Juan Protestant Cemetery*

Eventually, all three turned out to be the same probable Hybrid Perpetual, its wiry stems liberally bedecked with many small prickles — and frustratingly changeable as to bloom color. All were, clearly, the same rose.

Thus *“Gilbert Plot”* (see above), *“Hildreth Plot”* and *“McBride Plot”* joined an already long list of Study Names for an often-found rose which continues to defy any and all attempts to match it to a known historic rose.

What in the world is *“TROMN”*? (*“The Rose Of Many Names”*)



*Collecting “McBride Plot”*

**“Many Names” puts it mildly. Study names we’re aware of include:**

- “McBride Plot”** (NSJ, Jennings/Gold Coast Rose Rustle)
- “Jeri’s Mystery”** (Jeri Jennings, Mare Island Rose Rescue)
- “Bud Jones”/“William Daniels”** (Placerville Union Cemetery)
- “Huckins Plot”** (NSJ, Jennings/Gold Coast Rose Rustle)
- “Lizzie Cannon”** [i.e., **“Elizabeth Cannon”**] (Cherokee Cemetery)
- “Cerise Cup”** (Pescadero Cemetery)
- “Lime Kiln”** (Santa Cruz, CA)
- “Mrs. Parker’s HP”** (Esparto, CA)
- “Johnson Family”** (Pine Grove Cemetery, Stuart Lauters)
- “McCarty Plot”** (Nevada City, Gold Coast Rose Rustle)
- “Sam Hill”** (El Dorado Cemetery, Jill Perry)
- “Ruby Cayere’s Unknown”** (Huntington Botanical Gardens)
- “Legacy of Eva Zeiner”** (Placerville Union Cemetery)
- “Jackie Schmidt’s Mystery”**
- “Pena Cottage”** (Collected For San Jose Heritage Rose Garden)
- \*\*“Requa Homesite” (See below)**



**“Bud Jones”  
OR  
“William  
Daniels”**

*Found near the  
grave of William  
Daniels, b. 1870,  
d. 1934*



**“Jeri’s Mystery”**



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**“Jeri’s Mystery”**

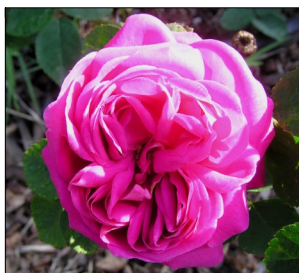
**\*\*“Requa Homesite”** — There seems to be some uncertainty regarding **“Requa Homesite.”** Based upon its color (which appears consistently to be more purple than others listed) this may be a separate rose. (Or, not . . .)

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*“Huckins Plot” — Collected, North San Juan, CA*



*“McBride Plot”*

*Collected,  
North San Juan  
Protestant Cemetery,  
North San Juan, CA*

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“McCarty Plot”  
(Cass Bernstein Photo)

“McCarty Plot” . . .

. . . was collected in June, 2006 (by members of the Gold Coast Heritage Roses Group) — growing in the old St. Canice cemetery, in Nevada City, CA.

Days later, they found it once again — this time, in a hillside cemetery in remote Down-



ieville.

It’s only 14 miles North, from Nevada City to North San Juan. 57 more winding miles lands you in Downieville. It’s tempting to think this rose was a local phenomenon.



Mary Mead Downieville Photos by Anita Clevenger

**Think again!** “The Rose Of Many Names” has been found as far west as San Francisco, not to mention Mare Island, and all up and down Highway 49 and environs. But . . . **WHERE ELSE HAS IT BEEN FOUND?**

We know of no discoveries out of Northern California. Do you? Does this rose look familiar to you? Has it been found in your area? Your state? Your country? A clue to the true identity of “TROMN” may lie in its distribution. So — PLEASE — share this story.

Pass it along! Permission to reprint is gladly given! Simply share back anything you learn. Send information to us via:

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